2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETINGS
November 29–December 10

Society of Biblical Literature

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

2021
San Antonio, TX
November 20–23

2022
Denver, CO
November 19–22

2023
San Antonio, TX
November 18–21

2024
San Diego, CA
November 23–26

2025
Boston, MA
November 22–25
TABLE OF CONTENTS

Annual Meetings Information
2020 Virtual Annual Meetings .................. 4
How to Use the Program Book .................. 5
SBL Society Information ......................... 7

SBL Program Sessions
Sunday, November 29 ........................... 17
Monday, November 30 ........................... 17
Tuesday, December 1 ............................. 25
Wednesday, December 2 .......................... 32
Thursday, December 3 ............................ 41
Sunday, December 6 ............................... 48
Monday, December 7 ............................... 49
Tuesday, December 8 ............................... 56
Wednesday, December 9 ........................... 65
Thursday, December 10 ............................ 73

AAR Academy Information ..................... 81

AAR Program Sessions
Sunday, November 29 ............................. 89
Monday, November 30 ............................. 92
Tuesday, December 1 ............................... 102
Wednesday, December 2 ............................ 115
Thursday, December 3 ............................. 127
Friday, December 4 ................................. 139
Sunday, December 6 ............................... 139
Monday, December 7 ............................... 142
Tuesday, December 8 ............................... 155
Wednesday, December 9 ........................... 166
Thursday, December 10 ............................ 177

Sunday, November 29 ............................. 89
Monday, November 30 ............................. 92
Tuesday, December 1 ............................... 102
Wednesday, December 2 ............................ 115
Thursday, December 3 ............................. 127
Friday, December 4 ................................. 139
Sunday, December 6 ............................... 139
Monday, December 7 ............................... 142
Tuesday, December 8 ............................... 155
Wednesday, December 9 ........................... 166
Thursday, December 10 ............................ 177

Other Events (Additional Meetings) .......... 186

Spotlight on Publishers Events ................. 190

Advertising ........................................ 196

Note: Due to the changing nature of the program this year, session and participant indices are not included in the printed book. Please reference the online program books on the SBL and AAR websites as well as the mobile app for that information.

THANKS TO OUR PUBLISHERS FOR SUPPORTING THE 2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

Baker Academic & Brazos Press
Baylor University Press
Beacon Press
Bloomsbury Academic
Cambridge University Press
Church Publishing Inc
Columbia University Press
Duke University Press
Eerdmans Publishing Co.
Fortress Press
Gorgias Press LLC
HarperOne
Harvard University Press
Hendrickson Publishers

InterVarsity Press
Kregel Academic
Langham Publishing
McMaster Divinity College
Mohr Siebeck
NYU Press
Orbis Books
Oxford University Press
Paulist Press
Penn State University Press
Peter Lang
Princeton University Press
Project MUSE

SBL Press
Scholar's Choice
Sheffield Phoenix Press
Stanford University Press
Templeton Press
University of California Press
University of Chicago Press
University of North Carolina Press
University of Notre Dame Press
Villanova University
Westminster John Knox Press
Wipf and Stock Publishers
Yale University Press

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
The SBL and AAR are proud to partner with ATIV Software to bring you our Virtual Annual Meeting on their EventPilot Virtual Meetings platform. Annual Meeting attendees from prior years will be happy to learn this, since EventPilot is the mobile app provider that SBL and AAR have used for almost a decade. They have built a virtual event platform on top of their mobile app and desktop planner, and this will allow us to coordinate and manage hundreds of sessions across the two weeks of the Virtual Annual Meeting.

The Event Pilot Virtual Events platform integrates all of the virtual sessions, which will be Zoom webinars or meetings. This will allow features like screen-sharing for slides or, virtual backgrounds, in-meeting chat and “hand-raising” for Q&A, host controls to mute or unmute attendees, breakout rooms, and more.

SBL and AAR will provide tech support to participants and attendees having difficulties.

Please watch your email for the announcement that we have launched the Virtual Annual Meeting platform, with instructions on logging in. Once we do, you can start selecting the sessions to build into your schedule, just like you do with the Mobile App. Your login will be tied to your Virtual Annual Meeting registration credentials.

### BEST PRACTICES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE AT THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

SBL and AAR promote the academic study of religion and sacred texts across many channels: print, online, and the Annual Meeting. Social media outlets, especially “live-tweeting,” can be an important means for continuing the conversation beyond the audience of an Annual Meeting session. These guidelines are intended to craft a forum that encourages an open discussion while maintaining the integrity of the scholar’s work.

1. Attendees are encouraged to live-tweet at the Annual Meeting using the official 2020 Annual Meeting hashtag (#sblaar20).
2. Program unit chairs are invited to create hash tags for their units.
3. Presenters may request that the presentation not be broadcast across social media. Similar to a presenter’s requests not to be filmed or recorded, attendees are asked to respect the presenters’ wishes.
4. Attribution is key. List the speaker’s name and presentation title; refer to a social media handle, if known.
5. Clearly define where the idea originated. Note direct quotes within quotation marks. Make it clear when you are summarizing an argument and when you respond with your own opinion or interpretation of it. Note when the presentation is over.
6. Be respectful, even if you disagree.
7. Keep the dialogue going — bring responses from social media into the meeting session (e.g., ask questions posed to the author from the Twittersphere) and remember to use the meeting hashtag (#sblaar20) so you can see who is responding to the same session you are.
HOW TO USE THE PROGRAM BOOK

This Program Book contains the scheduled times for all sessions. All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). We anticipate that there will be some changes from the time of this publication until the Virtual Annual Meeting. The most up-to-date information on all sessions will be reflected in the SBL and AAR Online Program Books, in the Mobile App, and in the Virtual Annual Meeting platform.

All SBL, AAR, Program Affiliates, Related Scholarly Organizations (RSOs), and Other Events sessions are listed in this Program Book. The sessions have been divided into four sections:

- SBL sessions (designated by an S#) and SBL Program Affiliate sessions (designated by a P#)
- AAR sessions (designated by an A#) and AAR RSO sessions (designated by a P#)
- Other Events sessions (designated by an M#)
- Publisher Spotlight events (designated by a B#)

There is some overlap between the SBL’s Program Affiliates and AAR’s RSOs, and in these cases, the sessions are listed in both the AAR and SBL sections.

The A/S/P/M/B numbers will tell you the date and time of a session. For example, S30-102 is an SBL session that occurs on Monday, November 30 and begins before noon EST (UTC-5).

Session Number Key:

100–199 Begin before 11:59 AM (EST UTC-5)
200–299 Begin between 12:00 PM–2:59 PM (EST UTC-5)
300–399 Begin between 3:00 PM–5:29 PM (EST UTC-5)
400–499 Begin later than 5:30 PM (EST UTC-5)

Each page has a tab marker on the side indicating the dates located on that page. Additionally, a gray header bar denotes start times.

Symbols located adjacent to the session number indicate sessions which highlight special subjects in the AAR program. A symbol key is provided on the bottom of each even numbered page.

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
ACADEMY INFORMATION

AAR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
With almost 8,000 members, the American Academy of Religion (AAR) is the world’s largest organization dedicated to serving teachers, scholars, and other professionals in the field of religion. AAR members are scholars affiliated with institutions of higher education, media and publishing professionals, clergy, independent scholars, high school teachers, and nonprofit community workers. The professional diversity of the AAR’s membership reflects the substantial and growing role religion plays in the lives of individuals and communities as well as in social, political, and economic events worldwide. Through academic conferences and meetings, publications, and a variety of programs and membership services, the Academy fosters excellence in the scholarship and teaching of religion.

The AAR holds a seat on the American Council of Learned Societies and works cooperatively with other associations to promote the academic study of religion. Membership is open to all who share an interest in this field and in the work of the Academy. AAR members receive the quarterly Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR); Religious Studies News, an online news publication; and e-Bulletins. All members receive discounts on Annual Meeting registration fees and on subscriptions to various publications. Additionally, members have access to Employment Listings, a web-based employment information service.

Membership in the American Academy of Religion can be established by our online membership system at www.aarweb.org/AARMBR/Join-Renew/AARMBR/Membership–Categories–and–Rates.aspx, or by calling our offices at 1-404-727-3049.

AAR SUBSCRIPTIONS
Journal of the American Academy of Religion
Distributed to all AAR members, JAAR includes scholarly articles on the full range of world religious traditions together with studies of methodologies by which they are explored. Each issue contains articles of general interest and importance to the field and a lengthy book review section.

Published quarterly; approximately 300 pages per issue. Editor: Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
Institutional Subscription: US$342 print and online; US$316 for print only; or US$268 for online only

For institutional subscriptions to JAAR, please contact Oxford University Press at academic.oup.com/jaar/subscribe or in North America at 1-800-852-7323 or elsewhere at +44 (0) 1865 353907.

Religious Studies News (rsn.aarweb.org)
Religious Studies News is the web magazine of the American Academy of Religion and is designed as a platform for students and professionals in the field to report on research trends, issues in religious studies and higher education, and apply the academic study of religion to broader public conversations. RSN also examines critical issues in education and pedagogy (especially through Spotlight on Teaching and Spotlight on Theological Education), as well as topics especially relevant to minority scholars in academia. In addition to serving as a resource for people studying in an academic environment, RSN is also intended to be a public face of the scholarly study of religion. It is published throughout the calendar year with new content about every two weeks.

Reading Religion (readingreligion.org)
Reading Religion (RR) is an open book review website published by the American Academy of Religion. Launched in 2016, the site provides up-to-date coverage of scholarly publishing in religious studies, reviewed by scholars with special interest and/or expertise in the relevant subfields. Reviews are concise, comprehensive, and timely.

RR reviews scholarly books about religion. Reviewers do not need to be members of the AAR, or be professional religious studies scholars. We welcome reviewers from diverse fields and viewpoints who engage with the topic of religion.

If you are interested in reviewing books for RR, please complete the form at aar.uwyo.com/forms/z1vbpzlc081wu4j/ and tell us about your areas of expertise. Graduate students are eligible to write reviews for RR and are encouraged to fill out the form and submit their information.

For publishers interested in submitting books for review, please contact Kimberly Davis at kdavis@aarweb.org. RR does not guarantee review of any books received.

Managing Editor: Kimberly Davis

NOMINATION FOR SERVICE IN THE AAR
Much of the work of the Academy is accomplished through its board, committees, and program units. These groups are composed of individuals who contribute their time and talents to the AAR’s mission of fostering excellence in teaching and scholarship in religion. For the ongoing vitality of the Academy’s work, it is important to welcome new voices into the conversation and to achieve a broad and diverse range of member participation in these leadership positions.
Nominations for Elected Office
Each year the Nominations Committee nominates persons for election by members. Because terms of office vary, not every position is open every year. The Nominations Committee seeks the participation of the membership in its processes. Please send your suggestions for nominations for elective office (along with a rationale) to the Nominations Committee in care of the AAR executive offices at nominations@aarweb.org.

Nominations for Appointments to Working Groups
Appointments to working groups are made by the president in consultation with the executive director. If you want to nominate a colleague or yourself, please send a letter explaining interest in serving on a particular committee, participation in the AAR, academic and professional interests, and a C.V. to nominations@aarweb.org. Calls for nominations to elective office and committee appointments are published regularly on the AAR Web site at www.aarweb.org, and in the AAR e-Bulletins.

AAR Executive Staff
- Sarah Cassel, Scholarly Engagement Coordinator
- Kimberly Davis, Senior Editor, Reading Religion
- Alice Hunt, Executive Director
- Elizabeth Hardcastle, Governance and Executive Office Specialist
- Marchell Jackson, Professional Development Specialist
- Sarah Levine, Director of Publications
- Nicholé Jefferson, Chief Finance and Administration Officer
- Jill Marshall, Publications and Communications Coordinator
- Amy Parker, Director of Communications
- Joshua Patterson, Research Fellow
- Marion Pierre, Public Programs Specialist
- Robert Puckett, Chief Scholarly Engagement Officer
- Jane Smith, Accounting Manager
- Sandy Stevens, Events Manager
- Dorrie Toney, Chief Public Engagement Officer
- Matt Vieson, Director of Membership
- Myrriam Zion, Office Operations and Membership Support Coordinator

Board of Directors
The Board of Directors consists of twelve members elected by the membership and the AAR Executive Director, who serves in a nonvoting role. The Board of Directors governs the organization through strategic planning, policy development, assessment, and advocacy, and it oversees the AAR’s working groups as well as the staff.

José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
- President
Marla Frederick, Emory University
- President-Elect
Mayra Rivera, Harvard University
- Vice President
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco
- Secretary
Randall Styers, University of North Carolina
- Treasurer
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
- Program Unit Director
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University
- Contingent Faculty Director
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX
- Regions Director
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
- At-Large Director
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- At-Large Director
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
- Status Committee Director
Aarti Patel, Syracuse University
- Student Director
Alice Hunt, American Academy of Religion
- Executive Director
COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The composition and responsibilities of the Committees of the Board are defined by Article VII of the AAR Bylaws.

Audit
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
Marla Frederick, Emory University
Heidi Hadsett, Hartford Seminary
Mayra Rivera, Harvard University

Committee on Professional Conduct
Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX
Marla Frederick, Emory University
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Herbert Marbury, Vanderbilt University
Aarti Patel, Syracuse University
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

Executive Committee
José Cabezón, Chair, University of California, Santa Barbara
Marla Frederick, Emory University
Mayra Rivera, Harvard University
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco
Randall Styers, University of North Carolina

Finance Committee
Randall Styers, Chair, University of North Carolina
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College
Barbara Holmes, Retired
Nadine Pence, emeritus, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning

Governance and Leadership Development Committee
Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary
Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Jin Y. Park, American University
Laurie Louise Patton, Middelbury College

Program Committee
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
Monica Coleman, University of Delaware
Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina
Tracey Hucks, Colgate University
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College
Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
Mayra Rivera, Harvard University
Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University
Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

STANDING COMMITTEES

The AAR's committees serve the needs of AAR constituents, public programming, and the academic study of religion.

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Kerry Danner, Chair, Georgetown University
Edwin David Aponte, Chair, Louisville Institute
Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury
Jennifer Schepker Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University
Rachel Lindsey, Saint Louis University
Janes Dennis LoRusso, Georgia State University
Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
Gabe Veas, Ashland Theological Seminary

Academic Relations Committee
Susan E. Hill, Chair, University of Northern Iowa
Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College
Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Martha Newman, University of Texas
Jennifer Ryenga, San Jose State University

American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee
Duncan Williams, Chair, University of Southern California
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Scranton
R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, St. Louis

Applied Religious Studies Committee
Cristine Hutchinson-Jones, Chair, Harvard University
Amy Defibaugh, Temple University
Sara Kamali, University of Oxford
Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University
Benjamin Marcus, Religious Freedom Center
Kathleen Moore, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jana Riess, Religion News Service
Annette Stott, University of Denver
Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book •
Graduate Student Committee
Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Chair
James Berry, Claremont Graduate University
Shaunessé Jacobs, Boston University
Abby Kulisz, Indiana University
Kaitlyn Lindgren-Hansen, University of Iowa
Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
Chris Miller, University of Waterloo
Joe Paxton, Claremont School of Theology
Josefryan Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas

International Connections Committee
Olga Kazmina, Chair, Moscow State University
Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University
Kimberly Hill, University of Texas, Dallas
Jon Keune, Michigan State University
James Ponniah Kulantai Raj, University of Madras
Andrea Pinkney, McGill University

Publications Committee
Timothy Beal, Chair, Case Western Reserve University
Anthony Cerulli, University of Wisconsin
Susan E. Henking, Shimer College
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
Margaret Kamitsuka, Oberlin College
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
John Nemec, University of Virginia
Gwendolyn Reece, American University
Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Evan Berry, Chair, American University
Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University
Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University
Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University
Nathan C. Walker, 1791 Delegates
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee
Mary Hunt, Chair, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University
Amanullah De Sondy, University College Cork
W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Activist Theology Project
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University

Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee
Darla Schumm, Chair, Hollins University
Monica Coleman, University of Delaware
Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College
Rebecca Spurrier, Columbia Theological Seminary
Devan Stahl, Baylor University
Raedorah Stewart, Wesley Theological Seminary
Michael A. Walker, North Park Theological Seminary

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
Munir Jiwa, Chair, Graduate Theological Union
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University
Arun W. Jones, Emory University
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University
Angela Parker, Seattle School of Theology and Psychology
C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union

Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Melissa M. Wilcox, Chair, University of California, Riverside
Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
Nami Kim, Spelman College
Vanessa Lovelace, Interdenominational Theological Seminary
Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific University

Teaching and Learning Committee
Brian K. Pennington, Chair, Elon University
Fannie Bialek, Washington University, St. Louis
Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College
Jamil Drake, Florida State University
Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA
Mary T. Stimming, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Jessica Tinklenberg, Claremont University Consortium

Theological Education Committee
Laurl Schneider, Chair, Vanderbilt University
Cláudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary
Ramon Luzarraga, Benedictine University Mesa
Nevin Reda, University of Toronto
Angela Sims, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
Mark G. Toulouse, Fort Worth, TX
TASK FORCES
Task Forces are convened for a limited time with a narrow charge to work on a specific issue.

AAR/SBL Regions Task Force
Katherine Downey, American Academy of Religion
Cynthia Hogan, Washington and Jefferson College
Joe Paxton, Claremont School of Theology

Hiring, Evaluation, and Promotion Task Force
Marla Frederick, Chair, Harvard University
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Lerone Martin, Washington University, St. Louis
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
Martha Newman, University of Texas
Jin Y. Park, American University
Richard A. Rosengarten, University of Chicago

Presidential Futures Task Force
Kathryn McClymond, Chair, Georgia State University
Warren G. Frisina, Hofstra University
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
Aarti Patel, Syracuse University
Mayra Rivera, Harvard University
Rohit Singh, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Amy Elizabeth Steele, Vanderbilt University
Randall Styers, University of North Carolina
Matthew Wesley Williams, Interdenominational Theological Center

JURIES
The AAR’s juries select the winners of various grants and awards.

Annual Meeting Travel Grants Jury
Liza Anderson, College of Saint Scholastica
Gil Ben-Herut, University of South Florida
Joseph Caldwell, Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies
Elissa Cutter, Georgian Court University
Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College
Zhiru Ng, Pomona College

Book Award Juries
Analytical-Descriptive Studies Jury
Russell T. McCutcheon, Chair, University of Alabama
Leslie Dorrough Smith, Avila University
Adil Hussain Khan, Loyola University New Orleans
Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University

Constructive-Reflective Studies Jury
John Thatamanil, Chair, Union Theological Seminary
Emily Bailey, Towson University
Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University

Historical Studies Jury
Paul Lim, Chair, Vanderbilt University
Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University
Ray F. Kibler, Claremont, CA
Anna Sun, Duke University

Best 1st Book in the History of Religions Jury
Robert Campany, Chair, Vanderbilt University
Stephen Angell, Earlham School of Religion
Christopher Moreman, California State University, East Bay
Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis

Textual Studies Jury
Aaron W. Hughes, Chair, University of Rochester
Emily Filler, Earlham College
Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Andrew Quintman, Wesleyan University

Graduate Student Awards Jury
Anne Joh, Chair, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University
Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

Religion and the Arts Award Jury
Jason C. Bivins, Chair, North Carolina State University
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University
Anthony Petro, Boston University
Aaron Rosen, Rocky Mountain College
Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
Research Grants Jury
Ki Joo Choi, Seton Hall University
Antoinette E. DeNapoli, Texas Christian University
Philip Freeman, Pepperdine University
Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University
Scott Paeth, DePaul University

REGIONAL COORDINATORS
The AAR’s ten regions are each represented by a Regionally Elected Coordinator who promotes the work of the regional group.

Ronald Bernier, Wentworth Institute of Technology, New England Maritimes
Cynthia Hogan, Washington and Jefferson College, Eastern International
Mari Kim, Everett Community College, Pacific Northwest
Terry Kleven, Central College, Upper Midwest
Philippa Koch, Missouri State University, Midwest
Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia, Southeast
Hester Oberman, University of Arizona, Western
Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life, Austin, TX, Southwest
Zachary Smith, Creighton University, Rocky Mountains–Great Plains
Matthew Vaughan, Columbia University, Mid-Atlantic

PROGRAM UNIT CHAIRS
Each AAR Program Unit has two co-chairs who oversee the Program Unit’s activities. Program Unit chairs provide the leadership needed to conduct the AAR’s Annual Meeting. Without them, there simply would not be an Annual Meeting. We are grateful for their service on behalf of the AAR and the field.

For the full list of Program Unit Chairs, please visit: aarweb.org/AARMBR/Events-and-Networking-/Program-Units-/Thank-you-to-2020-Program-Unit-Chairs.aspx.

RELATED SCHOLARLY ORGANIZATIONS
The American Academy of Religion cooperates with organizations that have similar missions to its own, which is to foster excellence in the academic study of religion and enhance the public understanding of religion. Such organizations may be recognized as Related Scholarly Organizations (RSOs). Learn more about our RSOs at aarweb.org/AARMBR/Who-We-Are-/Partnerships/Related-Scholarly-Organizations.aspx.

☞ Adventist Society for Religious Studies
☞ African Association for the Study of Religions
☞ Association of Practical Theology
☞ Association of Social Scientists of Religion of MERCOSUR
☞ Center for Interdisciplinary Study of Monotheistic Religions
☞ College Theology Society
☞ Colloquium on Violence and Religion
☞ European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism
☞ Feminist Studies in Religion
☞ Hagiography Society
☞ Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought
☞ International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion
☞ International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies
☞ International Bonhoeffer Society-English Language Section
☞ International Society for Chinese Philosophy
☞ International Society for Science and Religion
☞ International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture
☞ Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
☞ Karl Barth Society of North America
☞ La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars
☞ Manchester Wesley Research Centre
☞ Niebuhr Society
☞ North American Association for the Study of Religion
☞ North American Paul Tillich Society
☞ Polanyi Society
☞ Public Religion Research Institute
☞ Religious Education Association
☞ Société internationale d’études sur Alfred Loisy
☞ Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
☞ Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
☞ Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts (SCRIPT)
☞ Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
☞ Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
☞ Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
☞ Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
☞ Society for the Study of Japanese Religions
☞ Søren Kierkegaard Society
☞ Theta Alpha Kappa
☞ Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
☞ William James Society
Member Benefits

The AAR serves as the largest learned society dedicated to the academic study of religion. Through the AAR’s many programs and services, members from around the world can connect at in-person events, through online communities, and as volunteer leaders on committees, task forces, and juries.

NETWORKING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
For more than a century, the AAR has convened scholars of religion for discussion, collaboration, and professional development. The AAR’s Annual and Regional Meetings bring together scholars from around the world for presentations and critique, workshops, networking, and conversation with publishers. Scholars can also engage through the AAR member directory and online communities.

PUBLICATIONS
Members enjoy online access to the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, the monthly Member News, *Religious Studies News*, the AAR book series, *In the Field*, the *Reading Religion* book review website. The AAR also has partnerships with JSTOR and academic presses to help members without strong library privileges continue their research.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
AAR members enjoy access to numerous career resources, including *Employment Listings*, the most comprehensive listings of job postings within the field, online training for job seekers, funding opportunities for research projects and travel to the Annual Meeting, and promotion of professional accomplishments through official AAR channels.

VOLUNTEER
Serving on a committee, task force, or jury offers meaningful opportunities to connect with scholars who share similar interests or expertise. Becoming a volunteer leader also helps advance the AAR’s work and strengthen the overall membership.

GRANTS
The AAR maintains several grant programs for members, awarding tens of thousands of dollars each year. Eligible applicants can seek funding for regional development grants, travel grants to attend the AAR Annual Meeting, public engagement fellowships and seed grants, and research grants for international dissertation work, collaboration with other scholars, and individual projects.

DISCOUNTS
AAR’s partner in publishing, Oxford University Press, offers members a 30% discount on academic and trade books across all disciplines. More than twenty academic journals and book publishers offer discounts to AAR members. In addition, all members receive a discount on registration to the Annual Meetings hosted by the AAR and SBL.

Join the AAR Community and Become a Member Today at aarweb.org/AARMBR/Membership-/Membership-Categories-and-Rates.aspx
Support the

AAR ACADEMY FUND
Contributions to the Academy Fund provide much needed support for AAR general operations, program support, international initiatives, and more.

Donate today at
aarweb.org/AARMBR/Give_to_the_AAR_Academy_Fund.aspx

ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANTS
To broaden participation in the Annual Meeting, the AAR has developed a generous grant program to defray costs and make attending the Annual Meeting a reality for members who would otherwise struggle to attend.

Donate today at
aarweb.org/AARMBR/Give-to-Annual-Meeting-Travel-Grants.aspx

AAR COVID-19 CRISIS FUND
The AAR recognizes that some members have been adversely impacted financially by the pandemic. With this in mind, the 2020 AAR COVID-19 Crisis Fund was established to provide mini grants to members who have lost a significant portion of their income. While this fund cannot provide continuing sustenance for members in crisis situations, the hope is to provide a small financial bridge during a difficult situation.

Donate today at

The AAR is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization recognized by the IRS. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
Arts Series

Theme: Protest In Word and Music
The year of 2020 marks the 55th anniversary of Detroit’s Broadside Press, one of the country’s first black publishing houses, which co-launched the Black Arts Movement, and the 50th anniversary of Black Forum. The latter was Motown Records’ spoken word label that released material from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., former Black Panther leader Elaine Brown, Huey P. Newton and Stokely Carmichael, to name a few. Together, these two entities provided outlets for a city in pain to cry out its woes and angsts through music and literature. During the tumult of the historic 1967 Detroit riot, the city was at a pinnacle stage of societal challenges, with white flight on the rise, urban blight and the loss of residential property reaching a peak, while black-owned businesses went up in flames, along with the morale of many of its loyal residents. This virtual exhibit looks at how art, in the form of literature and music, served as an avenue for espousing feelings of anger, frustration and dashes of hopefulness in the midst of an oppressed population in inner cities during a series of civil unrests. Through an exemplary exhibition of Detroit during the period of 1965 to 1970, the virtual exhibit reflects upon the impact of discrimination, racial suppression and inner city struggles for fair housing and employment. This exhibit is a mini virtual gallery of video from the riots, images and music from Black Forum and spoken word material from Broadside Press. Conveniently, some of the published authors on Broadside Press were released on Black Forum.

Panelist:
Marilyn Batchelor, Claremont Graduate University

PROGRAM SESSIONS

Although the American Academy of Religion cooperates with Related Scholarly Organizations (RSOs) that have similar missions as the AAR, and provides them space for their meetings (sessions marked with a P#), the content of these sessions is not reviewed by either the AAR’s Program Units or its Program Committee.

Sunday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A29-200
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–3:00 PM
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

A29-201
Academic Relations Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–3:00 PM
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

A29-202
Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–3:00 PM
Evan Berry, Arizona State University, Presiding

A29-203
Regions Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–1:30 PM
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX, Presiding

A29-204
Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–3:00 PM
Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Presiding

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
A29-206

Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts Workshop: Media Training and Work Outside the Academy
Sunday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Join the Applied Religious Studies Committee for this two-part workshop that will empower scholars of religion to communicate about their work in the public sphere. During the first session, a panel of experts will discuss the ways that several scholars of religion are engaging with the general public, emphasizing social impact. During the second session, panelists will join registrants in small groups to discuss registrants’ current projects. This workshop is designed for those seeking an opportunity to talk to experienced public scholars about reaching general audiences through various media. We will pay particular attention to challenges faced by scholars off the tenure track and outside the academy who are committed to communicating about the relevance of religious studies scholarship to interdisciplinary and general audiences.

Panelists:
- Brad Braxton, Saint Luke’s School, New York

A29-207

Graduate Student Committee Meeting
Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

A29-208

Motherhood and Religion Workshop: A Comparative, Interdisciplinary, Matricentric Feminist Approach
Sunday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Pascale Engelmaier, Carroll University, and Florence Pasche Guignard, Université Laval, Presiding

The intersection of motherhood and religion remains rarely studied even within research on gender in religious studies. Yet, under the influence of matricentric feminism, topics on motherhood and mothering (as institution and experience) or parenting are being brought to the foreground in religious studies and in theology, with references to contemporary maternal theory and recent developments in motherhood studies.

This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to discuss their ongoing work and to network with other researchers in religious studies or theology who focus on common research themes such as alternative forms of motherhood and mothering in religion, divine and human mothers, or (non-religious) feminist perspectives that consider both the patriarchal institution of motherhood and religion as oppressive. Designed from a comparative and interdisciplinary approach, this workshop will also give an opportunity for networking to scholars, including emerging researchers, specializing in a variety of religious contexts and using different methodologies.

Panelists:
- Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas
- Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College

A29-209

Pandemic Rituals Workshop
Sunday, 1:30 PM–5:30 PM
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

This workshop will be concerned with rituals or ritualized practices linked with the Covid 19 pandemic and lockdown. Some new ritual practices, such as the daily 8 o’clock PM applause for health workers in France, are easy to identify. Others, consisting in subtle yet systematic shifts in behavior that reconfigure social relations (disinfecting, handwashing, masking, social distancing, the accelerated circulation of jokes and videos on the Internet, etc.), or in new forms of collective interaction (“virtual” classes or meetings), are more difficult to pin down. One of the theoretical issues raised by these new practices has to do with the differences that are worth making (or not) between habits and rituals, and more generally, between ceremonial performance and equally conventional everyday activity. How can taking these recently introduced Covid 19 related practices into consideration shed light on these questions and others? Panelists will provide detailed accounts of such practices from their own observations and self-observations, and offer speculative interpretations. All participants will be expected to contribute both material of their own and to get involved in discussions.

Panelists:
- Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico
- Ronald L. Grimes, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Barry Stephenson, Memorial University
- Marika Moisseeff, The French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)/Laboratoire d’anthropologie sociale, Université Paris Sciences & Lettres
- Tyson Herberger, Inland Norway University
- Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études

This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to discuss their on-going work and to network with other researchers in religious studies or theology who focus on common research themes such as alternative forms of motherhood and mothering in religion, divine and human mothers, or (non-religious) feminist perspectives that consider both the patriarchal institution of motherhood and religion as oppressive. Designed from a comparative and interdisciplinary approach, this workshop will also give an opportunity for networking to scholars, including emerging researchers, specializing in a variety of religious contexts and using different methodologies.

Panelists:
- Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas
- Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College
Sunday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A29-210
Centers for Religion and Public Life Workshop: Continuing Collaborations
Sunday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM
Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham, Presiding
This annual gathering of leaders and members of our global network of centers working, in some capacity, on religion and public life seeks to find common cause, share best practices (and pitfalls), and discuss the future of our work and build strategic collaborations. The meeting is open to everyone who is involved in the leadership, management or support of one of these centers.

A29-211
Reading Religion Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Kimberly Davis, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

A29-212
Regional Officers Meeting
Sunday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX, Presiding

A29-213
Religion, Memory, History Unit Business Meeting
Sunday, 2:00 PM–2:30 PM
Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University, and Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding

A29-214
Tour: Mapping Malcolm's Boston
Sunday, November 29, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Kayla Renée Wheeler, Xavier University, Presiding
This presentation will provide a virtual tour of my digital humanities project, Mapping Malcolm's Boston: Exploring the City that Made Malcolm X. Participants will be introduced to sites within the Greater Boston area that were important to Malcolm X's political development between 1941 and 1953. Through showing what these sites looked like when Malcolm X was alive and what they look like now, I will discuss the role that gentrification and urban renewal has played in shaping Black Muslim life in Boston. This presentation will also provide participants with tips on how they can engage in digital humanities and incorporate it into their classrooms.

A29-300
Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Sunday, 3:00 PM–6:00 PM
Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

A29-301
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
Sunday, 3:00 PM–5:00 PM
Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding

A29-302
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER) Workshop: Racism and Anti-Racism in Science and Theology
Sunday, 3:30 PM–5:00 PM
Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
The Dialogue on the Science, Ethics, and Religion Program (DoSER) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) invites religious scholars to join us in discussing the role of racism in the past and present of science and theology. How have racist ideas affected the development of both scientific and theological thought, and how does that history affect how the intersection of the two subjects is discussed today? After presentations by several scholars on the topic, the panel will open a moderated discussion about pedagogies, practices, and goals for moving forward. Topics will include climate change, evolution, and public health. We hope to see you there!
Panelists:
Curtis Baxter, American Association for the Advancement of Science
Augustín Fuentes, Princeton University
Sharon Grant, Hood Theological Seminary
Melanie Harris, Texas Christian University
Terence Keel, University of California, Los Angeles
John Slattery, American Association for the Advancement of Science

A29-303
Publications Committee Meeting
Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

A30–100
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit
Theme: Bodies Divine: Art, Agency, and Body in Daoist and Buddhist Images
Monday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
Aaron Reich, Saint Joseph’s University, Presiding
Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee
Michael Naparstek, University of Wisconsin
About Face: The Body Multiple and Icon Agency in Zhou Jichang’s 周季常 (fl. 12th c.) “Lohan Manifesting Himself as Eleven-Headed Guanyin”
Ziyun Liu, University of Wisconsin
Truth of Daoist Visualization: Transforming Inner Alchemical Vision into Landscape Painting in Huang Gongwang’s 黃公望 (1269-1354) Nine Peaks After Snow
Responding:
Noelle Giuffrida, Ball State University

A30–101
American Academy of Religion
Theme: New Members’ Welcome and Virtual Annual Meeting Orientation
Monday, 9:45 AM–10:45 AM
Matt Vieson, American Academy of Religion, and Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
New (first-time) AAR members in 2020 are cordially invited to a welcome event hosted by the AAR Staff and Board of Directors, including a brief orientation to the AAR Virtual Annual Meeting.

A30–102
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Theme: Breaking the Guild Open
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
James Dennis LoRusso, Georgia State University, Presiding
Panelists:
Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

A30–103
Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Theme: Self-Promotion, Collective Promotion
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kathryn Phillips, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
In a time when presses are scaling back their marketing departments and the job market is as cutthroat as ever, many of us are being told to self-promote in whatever way we can. But what are the best ways to do this, especially for people without degrees in marketing? Which forms of self-promotion are effective and which backfire — and how is the line between the two shaped by gender, race, gender expression, sexuality, and other factors? How can we address these challenges through collective promotion of each other’s work, and what limitations might this approach have? This panel brings together women scholars from a range of positions in the academy for a practical conversation about promoting ourselves and our work in the 2020s.
Panelists:
Nyasha Junior, Temple University
Kimberly Majeski, Anderson University
Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University
Tammy Ho, University of California, Riverside
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology

A30–104
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit
Theme: Bonhoeffer’s Ethics
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Clifford Green, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Koert Verhagen, University of Saint Andrews
“Confessing its Dangerous Concessions”: Bonhoeffer’s Problematization of the Sacred Autonomy of the Church
Derek Taylor, Whitworth University
Resistance Beyond the Two Kingdoms: Can Bonhoeffer's Theology of Resistance Speak Today?
Karola Radler, Stellenbosch University
*Navigating a Road Through Law, Faith, and Justice*

William Boyce, University of Virginia
*The Unnatural in Bonhoeffer’s Ethics*

---

**A30-105**

**Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit**

Theme: *Joanna Macy and the Work of Our Time* (Shambhala, 2020)

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, Presiding

Panelists:
- Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University
- William Edelglass, Barre Center for Buddhist Studies, Marlboro College
- Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College
- Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University

Responding:
- Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont
- Joanna Macy, Work That Reconnects Network

Business Meeting:
- Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy, and Sid Brown, University of the South, Presiding

---

**A30-106**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and History of Christianity Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit**

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Celebrating Ronald Hutton’s Contribution to the Academic Study of Religion*

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

David Frankfurter, Boston University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Michael Ostling, Arizona State University
- Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia
- Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University
- Chris Miller, University of Waterloo
- Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

Responding:
- Ronald Hutton, University of Bristol

---

**A30-107**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**

Theme: *Accountability as a Theological Virtue*

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Aaron Griffith, Sattler College, Presiding

C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University
*Accountability and the Fear of the Lord*

Andrew Torrance, University of St. Andrews
*A Baptismal Theology of Accountability*

Brendan Case, Duke University
*“The Doers of the Law Will Be Justified”: Resolving a Pauline Dilemma*

Responding:
- Joanna Leidenhag, University of Saint Andrews

---

**A30-108**

**Hinduism Unit**

Theme: *New Books in Hindu Studies*

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Marko Geslani, University of South Carolina
- Hamsa Stanton, McGill University
- Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College
- Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma

---

**A30-109**

**Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit**

Theme: *Movement Chaplaincy*

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Micky Scottbey Jones, Faith Matters Network, Presiding

Panelists:
- Hilary Allen, Faith Matters Network
- Jennifer Bailey, Faith Matters Network

Responding:
- Aly Benitez, Faith Matters Network
- Kirstin Boswell Ford, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:
- Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University, and Michael Skaggs, Brandeis University, Presiding

---

**A30-110**

**North American Religions Unit**

Theme: *Blackness, Indigeneity, and the Arts in North American Religions*

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Samira Mehta, University of Colorado, Presiding

Justine Bakker, Rice University
*Blue Humanities, Blue Religion*

Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto
*From Discovery Park to Pimisi Station: Public Art and the Spiritual Politics of Commemorating Colonial Violence and Indigenous Survivance in the City*

Janan Graham, Harvard University
*Cutts and Crossroads: Religion–Horror, Secularism, and the ‘Supernatural’ in Black Cinema*

Responding:
- Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College
- Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
A30-112

Religion and Disability Studies Unit
Theme: 25 Years On: Re-Imagining, Expanding, Enriching Nancy Eiesland’s *The Disabled God* (Abingdon Press, 1994)
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Stephanie Addenbrooke Bean, Yale University
This Body Executed for You: The Crucifixion of Jesus and the Murder of People with Disabilities
Lisa Hancock, Southern Methodist University
Moving Beyond The Disabled God: Christology in Disability Theology
Lisa Powell, Saint Ambrose University
Queer Crip Christology
Miriam Spies, University of Toronto
Liturgalic Imagination: Leadership of Ministers with Disabilities
Responding:
Mary Jo Iozzo, Boston College

A30-113

Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin, Presiding
Panelists:
S. Mark Heim, Yale University
Michelle Voss Roberts, Emmanuel College, Toronto
Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Responding:
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

A30-114

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit
Theme: Tillich and Health
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding
Kirk MacGregor, McPherson College
*Tillichian Courage as Theologically Foundational to the Treatment of Obsessive–Compulsive Disorder*
Taylor Thomas, Boston University
*A Tillichian Analysis on Substance Abuse*
Katharina Opalka, Evangelische Theologie; Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
*’New Being’ After Crisis: Paul Tillich’s Contribution to Current Research on Resilience*
Business Meeting:
Bryan Wagoner, Davis and Elkins College, Presiding

A30-115

Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar
Theme: Interreligious Reflections on Forced Migration: Memories, Histories, and Willful Ignorance
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Loye Ashton, Aoyama Gakuin University, Presiding
Kaia D. S. Ronsdal, University of Oslo
Borderland Religion and A World of Neighbours
Victoria Perez, University of Southern California
Borderland Religiosity: The Subversive Religion of Immigrant Communities
Bryan Ellrod, Emory University
The Bones in the Sonoran: Law, Violence, and the Political Afterlife of the Dead
Helen Bourrier, College of Saint Scholastica
Examining the Role of Willful Ignorance and the Christian Church’s Silence on the Human Rights Violations at the US-Mexico Border
Responding:
Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University
Silas Allard, Emory University
Michael Canaris, Loyola University, Chicago
Kirsteen Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University, Presiding
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

**A30-200/S30-210**

**Cognitive Science of Religion Unit and SBL Mind, Society, and Religion: Cognitive Science Approaches to the Biblical World Unit**

**Theme:** Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Historiography

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Rikard Roitto, Stockholm School of Theology, Presiding

Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University

*The Cultural Evolution of Early Christianity via Prestige-Biased Transmission of Cooperative Norms*

Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki

*Cultural-Evolutionary Analysis of the Reception of the Gospels of Luke and John*

Ronit Nikolsky, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

*The Rise of Rabbinit Judaism in Light of Cognitive and Cultural Evolution*

Colleen Shantz, University of Toronto

*Constructing Heaven: The Cultural Adaptation of Afterlife Belief*

Jarkko Vikman, University of Helsinki

*Mister Worldwide? Areal Prominence in the Prestige of Ephesian Religious*

---

**A30-202**

**Buddhism Unit**

**Theme:** New Work in Buddhist Studies

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Jeff Schroeder, University of Oregon

*Is Buddhism Democratic? Discourse from Postwar Japan*

Kati Fitzgerald, Ohio State University

*No Pure Lands: Theological Understandings of Impurity from the Perspective of Tibetan Lay Women*

Gilbert Chen, Towson University

*The ‘Lustful Nun’: Sexual Transgression Committed by Buddhist Nuns in Nineteenth-Century Chongqing*

Lang Chen, University of Michigan

*Repressed Modern Buddhism? Gong Zizhen (1792 – 1841)’s Buddhist Thoughts and Praxis*

---

**A30-203**

**Christian Spirituality Unit**

**Theme:** Spiritual Dimensions of Memory

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Jessica Smith, United Methodist Church, Presiding

Nathan White, Institute for Faith and Resilience

*Dangerous Memory? TBI, PTSD, and the Nature of Forgetfulness and Remembrance in Paul Ricoeur’s Thought*

Michelle Marvin, University of Notre Dame

*Writing as a Spiritual Practice for those with Alzheimer’s Disease*

Business Meeting:

*Beringia Zen, Saint Agnes Medical Center, and Margaret Benefiel, Shalem Institute For Spiritual Formation, Presiding*

---

**A30-204**

**Comparative Theology Unit**

**Theme:** Jewish–Christian Comparative Theology: Engaging Ideas of Divinity, Love, and Eschatology

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Kristin Johnston Largen, United Lutheran Seminary, Presiding

Alan Brill, Seton Hall University

*A Jewish Understanding of the Trinity*

Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago

*Can God Love All of Us? Reading Origen’s Song of Songs Commentary from a Jewish Theological Perspective*

Matthew Tapie, Saint Leo University

*A Thomistic Reflection on the Biblical Eschatology of Nahmanides*

David Maayan, Boston College

*Hermeneutic Hope in Judaism and Christianity*
A30-205
Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion
Theme: Bringing Back the Social into the Sociology of Religion (and Religious Studies) (Haymarket Books, 2019)
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Rebecca Catto, Kent State University, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Katja Rakow, Utrecht University
  - J.P. Reed, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
  - Fareen Parvez, University of Massachusetts
Responding:
  - Veronique Altglas, Queen’s University, Belfast

A30-207
Nineteenth Century Theology Unit
Theme: Women Shaping Theology and Religion in the Nineteenth Century: I
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology
    *Rahel Varnhagen as Radical Theorist of a Distributed Self*
  - Emilie Casey, Yale University
    Enfleshing the Spirit: Performances of Objecthood in 19th-Century Women Preachers
  - Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University
    Virginia Woolf, the Long Nineteenth Century, and the Ministry of Women
Responding:
  - Thandeka Thandeka, Love Beyond Belief, Inc.

A30-208
North American Hinduism Unit
Theme: The Search for Communal Identity and the Making of Digital Hindu Publics in North America
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding
  - Bhakti Mantora, College of Wooster
    Digital Media and Religious Programming in the Swaminarayan Sampradaya During the Covid-19 Pandemic
  - Venu Mehta, University of Florida
    From Digital Hindu Nationalism to the Construction of Material Hindu Identity: Facebook and Hindu International Student Communities in North America
  - Prathiksha Srinivasa, Harvard University
    Technical Traditions: Public Hinduism and American Secularism in Silicon Valley
  - Moumita Sen, MF, Norwegian Institute of Theology, Religion, and Society
    Why Hindu Techies Post: Tracking Islamophobia from Silicon Valley Back ‘Home’
Business Meeting:
  - Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University, and Shana Sippy, Centre College/Carleton College, Presiding

A30-209
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Theme: Psychology, Religion and Politics: Responding to the Coronavirus Pandemic and Presidential Election of 2020
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
  - John Blevins, Emory University
  - Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theological Seminary
  - Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Azusa Pacific University

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- New Program Unit
- Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book
A30-210

Queer Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Queer Secularities
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Kori Pacyniak, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
  Marco Pflanzen, University of Alabama
  Sexualisms
  Eric Stephen, Harvard University
  "To Excite Agreeable Sensations": The Knowlton Affair, the Victorian–Era Secularist Movement, and the Shaping of Sexual Subjectivities Within Modern Secularity
  Daniel Miller, Landmark College
  Secularization and the Queer Social Body

A30-211

Religion and Food Unit
Theme: New England, Thanksgiving, and the American Context
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding
  Jonathan D. Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College, Massachusetts
  Myths, Micro-practices, and Identity in Th American Civil Religious Meal Ritual: What’s Cooking for Thanksgiving Now?
  William Schanbacher, University of South Florida
  Norman Rockwell, Alice Brock and Arlo Guthrie Walk into a Bar… What’s on the Menu for Conversation?
  Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University
  "Not-so Forbidden Fruits": Wild Apples, Thoreau, and the Tasteful Sacrament of Healing
Responding: Daniel McKanan, Harvard University

A30-212

Religion, Memory, History Unit
Theme: Religion, Memory, and the State: Commemorating Power from Inquisition to Empire
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding
  Pamela Stevens, Graduate Theological Union
  Ghostly Effigies, Suspended Shame: Assemblages of Garments of Shame in Churches During the Spanish Inquisition
  Rubina Salikuddin, Bryn Mawr College
  Saintsly Shrines in Timurid Iran and Central Asia: Issues of State, Religion, and Collective Memory
  Maayan Raveh, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
  Witness in the Holy Land: The Formation of the Palestinian–Christian Narrative
  Verena Meyer, Columbia University
  The Agency of Memory: Modernism, Traditionalism, and Islamic Graves in Java
Responding:
  Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

A30-213

Ricoeur Unit
Theme: Ricoeur, Feminism and Intersectionality
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Hille Haker, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding
  Nathan Pederson, Loyola University Chicago
  Ricoeur, Opacity, and Intersectionality: Multi-Dimensional Pathologization of the Symbol
  Georg Kalinna, Georg-August-University Goettingen
  Concepts of Metaphors — Liberal-Feminist and Hermeneutical Readings of Paul Ricoeur and Their Consequences for a Concept of Religious Innovation
Responding:
  W. David Hall, Centre College, and Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University

A30-214

Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Theme: Catholicism and the Formation of Conscience
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Katherine Dugan, Springfield College, Presiding
  Benjamin Peters, University of Saint Joseph
  "A Presumption of Injustice": Franz Jägerstätter, Gordon Zahn, and the Formation of Conscientious Resistance
  Kathryn Lilla Cox, University of San Diego
  Conscience as Metaphor: Breaking Open the Dialogical Nature of Moral Formation
  Mary Gratton, Villa Maria Academy
  Forming Consciences: A Modern Consideration for Conscience as a “Dimension of the Self”
  Marcus Mescher, Xavier University
  Toward a "Restorative Church:” Moral Injury, Conscience Formation, and Restorative Justice in Response to Clergy Sexual Abuse
Responding:
  Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

A30-215

Exploratory Session: A Public-Focused Religious Studies
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Sandra L. Gravett, Appalachian State University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University
  Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University
  Anandi Silva Knuppel, Lawrence University
  Amanda Mbuvi, High Point University
  Brian K. Pennington, Elon University
  Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
  Joseph Witt, Mississippi State University
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

P30-200
Manchester Wesley Research Centre
Theme: Global British Methodism and Nonconformity in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Geordan Hammond, Nazarene Theological College, and David Bundy, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding
This session highlights the research of recent Visiting Research Fellows of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre. The first presentation will focus on increasing global awareness in British Methodist hymnbooks published in the 19th century. A case study of the theological convictions on liberty and justice of six persecuted Methodist agricultural labourers who founded one of the first British trade unions in 1833 is the subject of the second presentation. The final presentation will explore Methodist and wider Nonconformist efforts to offer aid to persecuted Ottoman Armenians in the later 19th and early 20th centuries. Collectively the presentations serve as examples of the wide-range of research possibilities on Methodism that may be undertaken utilizing resources in the UK (particularly in Manchester).

- Alan M. Guenther, Briercrest College
  "Deserts shall rejoice with singing": Global Awareness in British Methodist Hymnody

- Ulrike Schuler, Reutlingen School of Theology
  Liberty and Responsibility in the Spirit of Wesley: A Case Study of Methodist Agricultural Labourers in the 19th century

- Stéphanie Prévost, Université Paris Diderot
  "Not being past feeling": Practical Christianity for Ottoman Armenians and International Conciliation (1894–1915)

A30-300
American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee Meeting
Monday, 3:00 PM–5:00 PM
Duncan Williams, University of Southern California, Presiding

Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A30-301
African Diaspora Religions Unit
Theme: African Diaspora Religion, Embodiment and Survival Amidst an Eshu/Legba/Anansi Moment
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Scott Alves Barton, New York University, Presiding

- Carol Marie Webster, Columbia University
  Fall/Rise...Repeat: Bringing Down Babylon, An Embodied Exploration of African Diaspora Spiritual Resilience as Warfare Against Oppression

- Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver, Presiding
  Business Meeting:
  Business Meeting:

A30-302
Buddhist Philosophy Unit
Theme: Buddhism and Animal Ethics
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Geoffrey Barstow, Oregon State University, Presiding

- Daniel Capper, University of Southern Mississippi
  American Buddhist Ethics and the Search for Unknown Life Forms

- Alka Arora, California Institute of Integral Studies
  Toward an Integrated and Engaged Buddhist Vision of Animal Ethics

- Rachel Pang, Davidson College
  Dissolving Anthropocentrism through Impartiality: Shakhar's (1781–1851) Contribution to Tibetan Buddhist Animal Ethics

- Jeffrey Nicolaïsen, Duke University
  Protecting Life in Taiwan: Can the Rights of Nature Protect all Sentient Beings?

- Guangshuo Yang, Northwestern University
  Protecting the Mind, Civilizing the World: Buddhist Pro-Animal Activism in Republican China

- Geoffrey Barstow, Oregon State University
  Re-Thinking Buddhist Perspectives on the Human / Animal Divide

Symbol Key:

- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Wildcard Sessions

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Session</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Theme</th>
<th>Date and Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Presenters</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| A30-303 | Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit | On Brown and Yellow Labor: Immigrant Bodies in/and US Religious Traditions | Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM | | Jeremy V. Cruz, Saint John’s University, New York, Presiding  
Ashlee Andrews, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University  
Francisco García, Vanderbilt University |
| A30-304 | Christian Systematic Theology Unit | Participation and Life in God | Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM | | Natalia Marandiuc, Southern Methodist University, Presiding  
Kirsten Guidero, Indiana Wesleyan University  
Charles Guth, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Eric Mabry, Christ the King Seminary |
| A30-305 | Gay Men and Religion Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit | Explorations of A Post-Queer Worldly Aesthetic | Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM | | Nina Hoel, University of Oslo, Presiding  
Timothy Jones, La Trobe University  
Wei-Jen Chen, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Tristan Carwile, Princeton Theological Seminary |

*See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book*
A30-308
Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Elizabeth Palmer, University of Chicago, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin
  - Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University
  - Anthony M. Batza, St. Olaf College
  - Sigridur Gudmarsdottir, VID Specialized University
Responding:
  - John D. Caputo, Syracuse University

A30-309
Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit
Theme: Guarding Virtue and/or Garnering Respectability: Holiness Dress Codes and Female Pentecostal Bodies
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Zachary Michael Tackett, Southeastern University, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills
  - Leah Payne, George Fox University
  - Dara Delgado, University of Dayton
  - Erica Ramirez, Drew University
  - Kimberly Alexander, Regent University
Business Meeting:
  - Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills, and Leah Payne, George Fox University, Presiding

A30-310
Political Theology Unit
Theme: Political Theology and Imagination
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Inese Radzins, California State University, Stanislaus, Presiding
  - Maria Tedesco, Seattle University
  - Travis LaCouter, University of Oxford
  - Joseph Harroff, Temple University
  - Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University
Responding:
  - An Yountae, California State University, Northridge
Business Meeting:
  - Inese Radzins, California State University, Stanislaus, and David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

A30-311
Reformed Theology and History Unit
Theme: Reformed and Always in Need of Reform
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University, Presiding
  - Craig Meek, University of Edinburgh
  - Chelsea Williams, Princeton Theological Seminary
  - Henry Kuo, Greensboro College
Responding:
  - Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University
Business Meeting:
  - Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University, Presiding
A30-312
Religion and Human Rights Unit
Theme: Orthodox Christianity, Human Rights, and the State
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding
  Paul Ladouceur, University of Toronto
  Ethno-Theology, Human Rights and Orthodoxy in Romania
  Vebjorn Horsfjord, Inland Norway University of Applied Science
  "The Russian Orthodox Church on Human Rights, Dignity and a
   Dignified Life — A Critical Analysis"
  Philip Lemasters, McMurry University
  "Liberal Democracy, Human Rights, and Eastern Orthodox
   Christianity"
Business Meeting:
  Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

A30-313
Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit
Theme: Roundtable: The Futures of Postcolonialism and Religion
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding
  Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
  Prea Persaud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
  Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston
  Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax
  Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College
Business Meeting:
  Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, and Prea Persaud,
  University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

A30-314
Teaching Religion Unit
Theme: Building A “Public-Focused” Future for Non-Sectarian
  Undergraduate Religious Studies Programs
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Sandra L. Gravett, Appalachian State University, Presiding
  Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University
  Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University
  Anandi Silva Knuppel, Lawrence University
  Andrew Monteith, Elon University
  Amanda Mbui, High Point, University
  Brian K. Pennington, Elon University
  Joseph Witt, Mississippi State University
  Cuong Mai, Appalachian State University

A30-315
Vatican II Studies Unit
Theme: Structural Reform for a New Epoch
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Peter De Mey, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Presiding
  Peter Folan, S.J., Georgetown University
  "Concerns About 'Sharing the Concerns': A Critical Re-Examination
   of the Office of Auxiliary Bishop"
  Julia H. Brumbaugh, Regis University
  "Vatican II, Reform & Continuity of Tradition: As We have [Not] Always Taught"
  Elyse Raby, Boston College
  "The Missionary Body of Christ: Merleau-Ponty and Postconciliar
   Ecclesiology"

P30-300
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Theme: After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Nancy Lynne Westfield, Drew University, Presiding
The conversation will consider the implications of Dr. Jennings’ book
After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging for teaching and learning in
North American college, university, and theological school contexts.
The session will begin and end with comments by the author, Dr.
Jennings, about his book and its implications for pedagogy in the 21st
century. The bulk of the session will involve a conversation among
peers, moderated by Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield, about how the book
raises specific questions about contemporary higher education practice
and the implications of these questions for the future of higher
education, particularly as it relates to theological education.
In the book, Dr. Jennings asserts, “Theological education has always
been about formation: first of people, then of communities, then of
the world. If we continue to promote whiteness and its related ideas of
masculinity and individualism in our educational work, it will remain
diseased and thwart our efforts to heal the church and the world. But
if theological education aims to form people who can gather others
together through border-crossing pluralism and God-drenched
communion, we can begin to cultivate the radical belonging that is at
the heart of God’s transformative work.” (Eerdmans.com)
Panelists:
  M. Craig Barnes, Princeton Theological Seminary
  Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University
  M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
Responding:
  Willie J. Jennings, Yale University
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A30–400

Japanese Religions Unit

Theme: Beyond Kami and Buddhas: Demons, Ghosts, and Vengeful Spirits in the Study of Japanese Religions

Monday, 6:15 PM–7:45 PM

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Eric Swanson, Loyola Marymount University
Addressing the Spirits of the Heian Capital Through Buddhist Doctrines and Rituals of Salvation
Caleb Carter, Kyushu University
Beyond and Betwixt: Situating the Demonic and Dragonesque in Japanese Religions
Takashi Miura, University of Arizona
Peculiar the Powerless: Sakura Ōmote and the Rise of Peasant Onryō in Early Modern Japan
Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University
Transformations of Earthbound Spirits: The Japanese Reception and Adoption of Jibakurei from Spiritualism to Masukomi to Modern Ethnography

Responding:
Norika Reider, Miami University

P1-101

Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies Board Meeting

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A1-101

Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting

Tuesday, 10:15 AM–10:45 AM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding
Attention graduate students! We will be holding our annual business meeting in the Student Lounge. We encourage you to attend the meeting, connect with your regional AAR student directors, and share your requests, concerns and/or suggestions for AAR’s 2021 Annual Meeting with the Graduate Student Committee. If there are items you want to be sure are discussed, email Aarti Patel, AAR Student Director, before the meeting: aartipatel16@gmail.com.

A1-102

Academic Relations Committee

Theme: Strategies for Creating Successful Religion Programs

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding
This session asks: what does it mean for a religion program to be successful? What kinds of programs generate positive attention from students and administrators? What are effective strategies for recruiting students to courses and programs? How can we partner with non-academic units on campus to increase departmental visibility? Especially with COVID, how can we use online tools most effectively? Join us to explore ways that religion departments are maintaining and increasing their viability and visibility during a time of instability in higher education.

Panelists:
Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University
Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University
Grant Potts, Austin Community College
Joanne Maguire, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

A1–100

Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit and Ritual Studies Unit

Theme: The Concept of Zhen 真 (True, Real) and Its Potential Contributions to Ritual Theory: A Roundtable on Poul Andersen’s The Paradox of Being: Truth, Identity and Images in Daoism (Harvard University Press, 2019)

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Tobias Zuern, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding
Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University
David Mozina, Boston College

Responding:
Norika Reider, Miami University

Symbol Key:

AAR Award Winners
Arts Series
Books Under Discussion
Business Meeting
Films
Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
Professional Development
Professional Development — Employment
Professional Development — Mentoring
Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
Professional Development — Publishing
Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book
A1-103

Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Theme: 2020 AAR Award-Winning Religion Journalists: Covering the Religion Beat in an Election Year
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Nathan Walker, 1791 Delegates, and Jacqueline Charles, Miami Herald, Presiding
The 2020 AAR Best In-depth Newswriting Award winners will engage some of the most provocative news and religion-related stories of 2019. Emmy Award-winning Correspondent Jacqueline Charles of the Miami Herald will join the three award recipients. Charles' celebrated reporting on the Caribbean has brought attention to issues of health, migration, and natural disasters, especially in the Republic of Haiti. Given the importance of religion in contemporary U.S. politics, the panel will also discuss religion reporting and campaigning in 2020, the presidential election, and religion-related “hot topics” that may emerge in the coming year.

First-place finisher Peter Smith, religion editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, is part of the Post-Gazette team that won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news coverage of the Tree of Life synagogue massacre. Smith's winning submission includes articles about the Amish community, sexual abuse in the Mennonite community, aftermath of the Tree of Life shootings, and Notre Dame's fire in Paris.

Second-place finisher Jaweed Kaleem, a national correspondent at the Los Angeles Times, writes about how race, ethnicity, and faith shape the evolving understanding of what it means to be American. Kaleem's series takes readers on a ride along a Punjabi American highway while seamlessly integrating the story of the trucking industry with substantial and much-needed education about Sikhism.

Third-place finisher Kalpana Jain, a senior editor, who heads the ethics and religion desk at The Conversation, writes on religion and rise of Hindu nationalism in India. Jain offers articles surrounding a study of women warriors within the Durga Vahini movement, Interreligious Resilience, and the path of Kabir, a 15th century mystic, and the attraction of India's millennials to him.

At the beginning of the session, the AAR will hold the 2020 award ceremony.
Panelists:
Peter Smith, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Jaweed Kaleem, Los Angeles Times
Kalpana Jain, The Conversation

A1-104

Theological Education Committee
Theme: Creating and Teaching Seminary Courses Online: A Workshop
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
This will be a workshop for theological educators thrust into online and distance teaching by the COVID-19 crisis in the spring. Dr. Ken Stone, professor of Hebrew Bible at Chicago Theological Seminary, is an experienced theological educator who has been developing and teaching online courses for the seminary for ten years. He describes himself as an online skeptic-turned-convert, and will lead participants through the process of developing and conducting a course online, especially geared toward students in theological education. In the workshop Dr. Stone will focus on key differences between online and in-person curriculum, and provide practical instruction in online course development, teaching, evaluating, and student participation. He will lead the participants through his own process of course development from beginning to end, focusing on the practical wisdom he has gained through trial and error. Participants may be asked to bring laptops to do some work on their own syllabi in a workshop format.
Panelists:
Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary

A1-105

Buddhism in the West Unit and Buddhism Unit
Theme: Buddhism and Racism Across Asia, Europe and North America
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Joseph Cheah, University of Saint Joseph, Presiding
Paride Stortini, University of Chicago
The Buddha as an Aryan Samurai: Julius Evola's Spiritual Racism and its Legacy on Italian Buddhism
Bruce Grover, University of Heidelberg
Race, Ethnic Nationalism and Power in Modern Japanese Buddhism, 1880–1945
Melyn McKay, Oxford University
Risk Mitigation as a Moral Undertaking in Modern Myanmar
Adeana McNicholl, Vanderbilt University
Shades of Whiteness in American Buddhism
Responding:
Duncan Williams, University of Southern California
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A1-106

Contemporary Islam Unit
Theme: The Ethics of Critique and Care
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College, Presiding

Sayed Hassan Hussaini Akhlaq, Coppin State University
"The Islamic (Sunnī-Shīa) Unity and the Contemporary Mujtahids, (Case Study of Ayatollahs Mobseni and Salehi Najafabadi)"

Donohon Abdugafurova, Emory University
"Adab and Elder Care: Islamic Values of Elder Care in Central Asia"

Adel Hashemi, McMaster University
"Martyrdom, Messianism, and Sectarianism in the Contemporary Twelver Shī’ism: The Case of Martyred Shrine Defenders"

Iman AbdoulKarim, New York, NY
"Black Feminist Theory and Analyzing Contemporary Muslim Ethics on Race and Gender"

Business Meeting:
Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College, Noah Salomon, Carleton College, and Kayla Renée Wheeler, Xavier University, Presiding

A1-107

History of Christianity Unit and Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: The History of Religion in U.S. Elections
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Elias Ortega, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding

Andrew D. Walsh, Culver-Stockton College
"William Jennings Bryan, Evangelicals, and the Democratic Party"

Isaac Sharp, Union Theological Seminary
"The Election of 1976: The Year of the Evangelical and its Ongoing Implications for Religion and Elections in the U.S."

Scott Culpepper, Dordt University
"The Religion Thing": The 1988 Presidential Election and the Shaping of Conservative Evangelical Political Activism

Caroline Matas, Princeton University
"Laughing with God: American Evangelical Political Satire and the 2020 Election"

A1-108

Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit
Theme: Rising the Feathered Serpent: A First Flight Over Indigenous Contemplative Traditions
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College, Presiding

Guilhem Olivier, Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
"Divination, Conception of Time and Body Among the Mexico"

Juan Santoyo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
"Weaving Indigenous Traditions and Contemplative Research in Colombia"

Tenzin Namdul, Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing University of Minnesota
"Familiarizing Consciousness with the Unfamiliar World: Death Rituals Among a Tibetan Refugee Community in Mundgod, Southern India"

Yuria Celidwen, Pacifica Graduate Institute
"Mictlán, Our Shared Home: Funerary Rites, Ethics of Belonging, and Contemplative Science in Indigenous Mexico"

Responding:
Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

A1-109

New Religious Movements Unit
Theme: White Supremacy, Race, and New Religious Movements
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Alexandria Griffin, Arizona State University
"African Americans in the Israelite House of David and Mary’s City of David"

Jefferson Calico, University of the Cumberlands
"American Völkisch: White Nationalism and the Performance of Religion in Heathenism"

Tessa Harmon, University of California, Riverside
"Straight But Not Narrow: “Greg Johnson on Gay Inclusion and Masculinity Within Academic White Nationalism in the United States"

Colette Walker, Graduate Theological Union
"Engendering the “Transparent Race”: Mazdaznan in the Context of Lebensreform, Aryanism, and the International Eugenics Movement"

Responding:
Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University
A1-110

Qur'an Unit
Theme: Issues in Qur'anic Interpretation
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Aisha (Ash) Geissinger, Carleton University, Presiding
Syed Zaidi, Emory University
The Use of the Qur'an in the Brethren of Purity's (Ikhwan al-Safâ')
Conception of Theurgy and Magic
Zarif Rahman, University of Virginia
Al-Maturidi's Topology of Wahi: Towards a Nuanced Understanding
of a Central Islamic Term
Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University
Islamic Mary: Between Prophecy and Orthodoxy
Business Meeting:
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, and Lauren Osborne, Whitman College, Presiding

A1-111

Religion and Ecology Unit
Theme: Religion and Ecological Futures
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Terra Schwerin Rowe, University of North Texas, Presiding
Jeremy Sorgen, University of Virginia
By Faith and Fossil Fuels: Cultural Strategies of Christian Life
Joseph Viola, Boston University
Baptism in the Jordan: Christian Zionist Theology Perpetrating
Environmental Injustices
Hans Olsson, University of Copenhagen
Restoring the Divine Order of Creation? Christian Food Production,
Class and Sustainable Profitability in South Africa

A1-112

Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Theme: 100 Years After Prohibition: Temperance and Alcohol in
Popular Culture
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding
David Grumett, University of Edinburgh
Christian Responses to Spirits: Medicine or Poison?
Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College
"Booze"
Taylor Dean, Florida State University
John Barleycorn Must Die: The Trial and Execution of Alcohol in
Juvenile Temperance Literature
Responding:
Gary M. Laderman, Emory University
Business Meeting:
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, and Elijah Siegler, College
of Charleston, Presiding

A1-113

Religion in Europe Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit and
Critical Research on Religion
Theme: Faith, Knowledge, and Rational Freedom: A Roundtable
on Jürgen Habermas' Also a History of Philosophy (Suhrkamp, 2019)
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion, Presiding
Panelists:
Eduardo Mendieta, Pennsylvania State University
Francis Schussler Fiorenza, Harvard University
Maev Cooke, University College Dublin

A1-114

Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Theme: Catholicism, Colonialism and Ambulant Devotion in the
Global Imperial Church
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Panelists:
Karin Velez, Macalester College
Jessica Delgado, Ohio State University
J. Michelle Molina, Northwestern University
Kelsey Moss, University of Southern California
Business Meeting:
Daisy Vargas, University of Arizona, Presiding

A1-115

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Theme: Responding to COVID-19: A Comparative Religion &
Healing Perspective
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding
Panelists:
William McGrath, Manhattan College
Marcus Harvey, University of North Carolina, Asheville
Matilde Moros, Virginia Commonwealth University
Shin Kwon Kim, Ajou University Medical College
Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University
Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University
Rahimjon Abdugafurov, Emory University

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A1-116

Ritual Studies Unit
Theme: Strategies of Ritual Performance
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding
Kie Man Bryan Mok, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Revisiting Ritual in Public Protests in the Light of Recent Hong Kong Protest Movements and Confucian Perspectives
Jacob Latham, University of Tennessee
Roman Strategies of Ritualization and the Performance of the Pompa Circensis
Kenny Schmitt, Al-Quds Bard College
Disruption, Improvisation, and Resonance: A Productive Frame for Theorizing Ritual
Responding:
Paul-Francois Tremlett, Open University
Martin Pehal, Charles University
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
Business Meeting:
Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Presiding

A1-117

Navarātī Seminar
Theme: Rethinking Navarātī
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona, Presiding
Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University
Celebrating Vasant Navarāṭi: Kaival Devi, ‘Vaishnavization,’ and Divine Polarity
Moumita Sen, MF, Norwegian Institute of Theology, Religion, and Society
From Demon to Deity: The Changing Iconography of Mahishasur
Venu Mehta, University of Florida
Men Embodying Women: Using Navarāṭī to Invent an Indigenous Theology and Ritual in Ahmedabad
Business Meeting:
Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

A1-118

Exploratory Session: “Things That Go Bump in the Night”: Folklore, the Supernatural, and Vernacular Religion
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College, Presiding
Patrick Polk, University of California, Los Angeles
When Legends Die: Local Lore and the Spiritualist Resurrection of a Renowned Black Bostonian
Kelly E. Hayes, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis
Enchanted Landscapes: Materializing the Imagined World of Brazil’s Valley of the Dawn
Lo Valk, University of Tartu
Ghosts and Disenchantment: Vernacular Strategies and Theories of Dealing with the Supernatural in Contemporary Estonia
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University
“The Best Place to Bury St. Joseph”: American Vernacular Religion, the Plastic Votive, and the Power of Intercession in Residential Real Estate
David Hufford, Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine
The Extraordinary Spiritual Experiences of Combat Veterans and the Future of Supernatural Belief
Business Meeting:
William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

P1-102

Society for the Study of Japanese Religions
Theme: Old Paths and New Directions in Zen Studies: Celebrating Over Four Decades of Scholarship by Steven Heine
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University, Presiding
Join the Society for the Study of Japanese Religions as we raise a virtual glass to celebrate the scholarly contributions of Steven Heine upon his retirement this year. Five leading scholars of Japanese and East Asian religions will focus on selected works from his oeuvre of 35 books and edited volumes, and reflect on how they have influenced the field in terms of interregional flows, historical period studies, and methodological approaches. Following these prepared remarks and Dr. Heine’s response, online participants are welcome to offer their own brief tributes that speak to Dr. Heine’s scholarship, mentorship, and continued influence in the field. A final toast will close out the session (we encourage you to prepare your own drink of choice at home in advance!)
Panelists:
Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University
Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University
Albert Welte, University of Arizona
Morten Schlutter, University of Iowa
Michaela Mross, Stanford University
Responding:
Steven Heine, Florida International University

A1-216
Publications Committee
Theme: Meet the Editor: Vincent Lloyd, Editor of AAR-OUP Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series
Tuesday, 12:00 PM–2:30 PM
New and prospective authors interested in learning more about publishing in the Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion series published by Oxford University Press are encouraged to email Vincent Lloyd, series editor, to schedule a time to between noon and 2:30 PM Eastern to share conversation. Learn more about the series at aarweb.org/reflection-theory-series. Contact Vincent Lloyd at vincent.lloyd@villanova.edu.
Panelist:
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

A1-119
Religion and Human Rights Unit Business Meeting
Tuesday, 12:50 PM–1:45 PM
Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, and Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

P1-103
Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
Theme: T. F. Torrance’s Soteriological Suspension of the Ethical
Tuesday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Gary Deddo, Grace Communion Seminary, Presiding
Dr. Speidell (Ph.D. Fuller Theological Seminary) serves as the Editor of Participatio: The Journal of the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship. His most recent book is Fully Human in Christ: The Incarnation as the End of Christian Ethics. He has served as editor, contributor or co-editor of several books including Trinity and Transformation; J.B. Torrance’s Vision of Worship, Mission, and Society; T. F. Torrance and Eastern Orthodoxy: Theology in Reconciliation; and Incarnational Ministry: The Presence of Christ in Church, Society, and Family. Now retired, he has most recently served as Director of Education for Acadia Healthcare Corporation and Instructor in Theology at Montreat College.
This year we have invited Dr. Chris Kettler to offer a response to Dr. Speidell’s paper. After a time of exchange between them, we will have a time for Q&A from the online participants.
Responding:
Christian D. Kettler, Friends University

A1-200
Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Theme: Centering the Guild: The Role of Academic Centers in the Field of Religion
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University, Presiding
Academic research centers play distinct and important roles within scholarly guilds and as bridges to other guilds and the broader public. This panel, organized by the Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion, the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University, and the Centers on Religion and Public Life, brings together representatives from academic research centers whose missions include the public understanding of religion to discuss the presidential theme: “The AAR as a Scholarly Guild.”
Panelists will address questions such as: What do academic research centers contribute to the study of religion as a scholarly guild? What are the opportunities and challenges of running centers for the study of religion, especially interdisciplinary or interprofessional ones? What are the public questions these centers address? What does it take to pitch their mission to wider publics outside of the guild? How do centers impact the scholarship, teaching, and research of their affiliate scholars? How does participating in the life of a center, particularly an interdisciplinary center, affect scholars’ sense of their guild(s), their field(s) of study, and their public(s)?
Panelists:
Zahra Jamal, Rice University
Shaun Casey, Georgetown University
Debra Mason, University of Missouri
Justin Latterrell, Emory University
Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

A1-201
African Religions Unit
Theme: Teaching African Religions
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding
Panelists:
Devaka Premawardhana, Emory University
Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University
David Ngong, Stillman College
Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
Corey Williams, Leiden University

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Conferences_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

A1-202

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Cognitive Science of Religion Unit

Theme: The Ethology of Religion and Art: Potential Avenues of New Research

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

John Allison, Rice University, Presiding

Zoe Anthony, University of Toronto
The Ethics and Ethology of Religion and Art

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University
Religion, Art, and our Animal History

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University
Case Studies in the Visionary Nexus of Religious Ecstasy and Artistic Creativity: Howard Finster & Mr. Imagination (Gregory Warmack)

Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University
Religion and Art as Behavior: Reflections on Evolutionary and Neurocognitive Mechanisms

Responding:
Bryan S. Rennie, Westminster College

A1-203

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Women and Religion Unit

Theme: Asian and Asian American Women in Theology and Religion

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:
Rita Brock, Volunteers of America
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology
Sharon A. Suh, Seattle University
Lisa Cunningham, Drew University

Responding:
Kelly Brown Douglas, Episcopal Divinity School
Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University

A1-204

Body and Religion Unit

Theme: Sensing Religion: Smell, Touch, Perception, and Sight

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Iva Patel, University of Iowa
Sensory Engagement as Authentic and Authenticating Experience: An Argument for Knowing Versus Approximating God in Hindu Songs from Nineteenth Century Gujarat

Sinah Kloß, University of Cologne
Teaching Deities: Offerings, Energies, and the Notion of Touch in Guyanese Hinduism

Kira Ganga Kieffer, Boston University
What does Exodus II Smell Like?: Essential Oils and the Scent of Spirituality

Matthew Drew, University of Virginia
The Feeling of Perception: Affect, Sensation, and Truth in the Work of Jon Kabat-Zinn

Business Meeting:
Megan Adamson Sijapati, Gettysburg College, and Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Presiding

A1-205

Buddhism in the West Unit

Theme: Transnationalism, Secularization, and Hybridity: Adapting Buddhisms in the West

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Hospice by the Bay, Presiding

Alexander Rocklin, Otterbein University
Buddhism, Race, and the Magic of Secularism in Antebellum America

Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barbara
Beware the Curse of the Buddha: Race, Gender, and Religious Xenophobia of Buddhism in Early Twentieth Century American Media

Jason Ellsworth, Dalhousie University
Buddhist Social Enterprise or "Corporate Buddhism": The Commodification and Consumption of Discourses of Social Change

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida
Translating Korean Zen in America: Hybridization in Seung Sahn's Kwan Um School of Zen

Business Meeting:
Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies, and Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Hospice by the Bay, Presiding
A1-206

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit

Theme: Reconciling Latinx Identities Post-Genocide
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding

Rita Rodriguez, University of Chicago
Reconciling Indigeneity for a Decolonial Mujerista Theology: La Preservacion de los Taínos en Puerto Rico

Mary Diggin, Velarde, NM
The Albuquerque Quartocentenario Memorial: Contestation and Dissent in NM

Responding:
Matilde Moros, Virginia Commonwealth University

A1-207

Practical Theology Unit

Theme: Vulnerability, Dignity and the Ecological Crisis
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Sabrina Mueller, University of Zurich, Presiding

Pamela McCarroll, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto
Living in the Anthropocene: Embracing Eco-Anxiety and the Vulnerability of Being

Allison Covey, Villanova University
Cats on the Crossing: Dignity and Relationality in the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Wilson Dickinson, Lexington Theological Seminary
Out of the Mouths of Infants: Parenthood, Climate Change, and a Practical Theological Aesthetics of the Psalms

Responding:
Christian Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary

A1-208

Qur'an Unit

Theme: Boundaries and the Qur'an
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Lauren Osborne, Whitman College, Presiding

Johanne Louise Christiansen, University of Southern Denmark
"I Would Just Light a Fire in my Backyard and Burn It" (Imām from Arab Mosque in Denmark, 2018): A Qualitative Study of the Material Qur'ān

Pieter Coppens, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Tafsir and a Silent Print Revolution: Book Culture in Early 20th Century Damascus

Shuaib Ally, University of Toronto
Policing the Discipline in late 8th C Mamluk Cairo – Sirāj al-Dīn al-Bulqīnī and Qur’ānic Interpretation

Omer Awass, American Islamic College
The Quran and Its Structural Influences on Early Islamic Theological Discourse

A1-209

Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit

Theme: Religious Education in the Context of Digital/Social Media and Religious Nationalism
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

Jussi Ikkala, University of Helsinki, Arto Kallioniemi, University of Helsinki, and Arniika Kuusisto, Stockholm University
Digital Medias in Religious Education: The Need for Powerful Knowledge and Religious Literacy Skills

Shino Yokotsuka, University of Massachusetts Boston
Breaking the Taboo: the Rise of Global Religious Nationalism and Public School Teachers’ Struggles Over School Prayer in the USA and Japan

Business Meeting:
Jenny Berglund, Stockholm University, Presiding

A1-210

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit

Theme: A Critical Reassessment of Religion and Nonviolent Praxis in Populist Times
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

Rasheed Rabbi, Hartford Seminary
An Interconnected and Iterative Framework to Deconstruct American Mosques and Acculturate Muslim Identity

Purvi Parikh, Muhlenberg College
Gandhian Satyagraha and Hindu Nationalism in Contemporary India

Tsz Him Lai, Drew University
Hong Kong Theology: After the 2019 Protests

Responding:
Heather M. DuBois, Stonehill College

A1-211

Secularism and Secularity Unit

Theme: African American Secularism and Freethinking: Recent Work in the Field
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College, Presiding

Panelists:
Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University
Joseph Winters, Duke University
Nathan Alexander, Max Planck Institute

---

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book •
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A1-212

Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit
Theme: Works in Progress
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College, Presiding
Panelists:
An Yountae, California State University, Northridge
Brandy Daniels, University of Portland
Biko Gray, Syracuse University
Business Meeting:
Adam Kotsko, North Central College, and Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College, Presiding

A1-214

Wildcard Session: Breaking Boundaries: A Roundtable Discussion on the Scholar-Practitioner
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jacob Kyle, Embodied Philosophy, Presiding
Panelists:
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i
Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union
Marcy Braverman Goldstein, Queens University of Charlotte
Stephanie Corigliano, Embodied Philosophy
Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College
Zoe Slatoff, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies

A1-215

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Reformed Theology and History Unit
Theme: Reformation Theologies: Continuities and Transformations
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Mary Philip, Martin Luther University College, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding
Edward Watson, Yale University
Conceiving Nothingness: Calvin Warren, Karl Barth, and Total Depravity as Antiblackness
Caryn D. Riswold, Wartburg College
Luther/an(d) Theological Treatises Today
Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki
Masculinity and Transgender Language in Luther

P1-200

Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
Theme: Reconsidering the Catholic Church: A Special Film Screening of Holy Silence
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

P1-201

International Bonhoeffer Society Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**A1-300**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: Religious Studies as Part of a General Education (GE) Curriculum: Aligning Threshold Concepts in Information Literacy, Writing Studies, and Religious Studies

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

I have been thinking and writing for several years now about the challenge of integrating an information literacy program—along with other general education (GE) goals—into specialized disciplines—in this case, specifically religious studies and the newly developing “worldview studies” discipline, which expands on the interdisciplinary nature of religious studies to embrace a wider range of comparable phenomena. My roundtable will explain how I have used tools like threshold concepts, backward course design, and the related decoding of disciplines (the first two being central to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy and its application in instruction and the third being a kind of extension of the first two grounded in other evidence-based pedagogical literature) to try to help the religious studies discipline be more successful as part of GE curricula by integrating its subject matter with the information literacy goals of LIS and the rhetoric and composition skills cultivated in writing studies, thereby continuing the integration of information literacy skills beyond first-year writing and similar introductory classes.

Panelists:
- Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara

**A1-301**

**Anthropology of Religion Unit and Body and Religion Unit**

Theme: Purification and its Discontents: On Contagions and Practices of Containment

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Jon Bialecki, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Panelists:
- Hanna H. Kim, Adelphi University
- Maria Turek, University of Toronto
- Gopal Sukhu, Queens College, City University of New York
- Laurel Kendall, American Museum of Natural History

Responding:
- Brian A. Hatcher, Tufts University

**A1-302**

**Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**

Theme: Buddhist Philosophies of the Material / Tibetan Buddhist Philosophies of Materiality

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Ana Cristina Lopes, Stanford University, Presiding

Panelists:
- David Germano, University of Virginia

Responding:
- Devin Zuckerman, University of Virginia, and Adam Liddle, University of Virginia
- The Sound of Earth, Water, Fire and Wind: Elemental Theory and Practice in 12th Century Great Perfection Literature
- James Gentry, Stanford University
- Theorizing Buddhist Amulet Practice in Tibet: What does it Mean to be Liberated Through Wearing?
- Catherine Hartmann, Harvard University
- Don’t Throw Away These Favorable Conditions for Nothing: Place, Materiality, and Agency in Tibetan Pilgrimage

**Business Meeting:**
- Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, and Karin Meyers, Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Presiding

**A1-303**

**Chinese Christianities Unit**

Theme: Negotiating Politics and Religion

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Zhixi Wang, Shantou University
- A Jesus-Centered Public Theology: Scripturalization of Three Peoples’ Principles and the Politics of Jesus in China, 1920s–30s
- Jesse Sun, Duke University
- For God and a New China: Cai Yongchun’s Fateful Return in 1950
- Justin Tse, Singapore Management University
- A lot of Lawsuits There: Evangelical Recollections of Chong v. Lee Among Vancouver’s Conservative Cantonese Protestants

Responding:
- Chloe Starr, Yale University

**A1-304**

**Comparative Religious Ethics Unit**

Theme: Postcolonialism, Race, and Critical Theory in the Study of CRE

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Devin O’Rourke, University of Chicago
- Ideology and the Study of Religion: Revisiting a Troublesome Concept
- Eun Hwang, University of Chicago
- Methodological Implications of Post-Colonial Approaches for Comparative Religious Ethics
- Nicholas Andersen, Brown University
- Race, Empire, and (Comparative) Religious Ethics
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A1-305

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Darwinism in Asia: Panel Discussion of the Book, Asian Religious Responses to Darwinism (Springer, 2020)
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
C. Mackenzie Brown, Trinity University, Presiding
Panelists:
Justin R. Ritzinger, University of Miami
Brianne Donaldson, Rice University
Roger Jackson, Carleton College
Taner Edis, Truman State University
Kuan-yen Liu, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen
Responding:
Hyung Park, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Business Meeting:
Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas, and Ivette Vargas-O’Bryan, Austin College, Presiding

A1-306

Ecclesiological Investigations Unit and Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit
Theme: LGBTQ+ Experience as an Ecclesial Issue
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Cindy K. Wesley, University of Northern Colorado, Presiding
Lynne Gerber, San Francisco, CA
Justice, Doctrine, or Participation?: Debating Ecclesiology and Sexuality in the 1970s and 80s
Victoria Slabinski, Yale University
Justice and the United Methodist Church: A Queer Response to a Global Denomination’s Crisis
Ian B. Straker, Healing of the Nations Foundation
What If It’s Not Really About LGBTQ? The Long Simmering Crisis in the United Methodist Church

A1-307

History of Christianity Unit
Theme: Teaching the One Term History of Christianity Course
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Trish Beckman, Saint Olaf College, Presiding
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri
Christianities at a Public University
Douglas Jacobsen, Messiah College
Follow the Numbers: Globalizing the One-Semester History of Christianity Class
John McCormack, Aurora University
Un-Syllabus-ing Tradition: A Student-Centered, Reverse-Diachronic Approach to the Survey Course
Dan Wells, Florida State University
Reframing the Christian History Survey Course Through Religious and Racial Identity and the Digital Humanities
Business Meeting:
Trish Beckman, Saint Olaf College, and Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding

A1-308

Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit and Religion and Disability Studies Unit
Theme: Broken Bodies, Sacred Rituals, and Public Theological Imagination
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Adam McDuffie, Emory University
This is the Body, Broken for You: The Warrior Image, Soldier Bodies, and the Scars of WWI
Ann Duncan, Goucher College
#VibrateHigher: Baltimore Ceasefire, Sacred Ritual, and Remembrance in the Midst of Baltimore’s Homicide Epidemic
Hee-Kyu Heidi Park, Ewha Womans University
Trauma-Ridden Body Lifted High: Forming Theological Imagination in the Public Square
Business Meeting:
Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, and David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Symbol Key:

♀ AAR Award Winners
♂ Arts Series
📖 Books Under Discussion
🧠 Business Meeting
🎬 Films
✱ Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
🔧 Professional Development
🔧 Professional Development — Employment
🔧 Professional Development — Mentoring
🔧 Professional Development — Publishing
🔧 Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
Wildcard Sessions

∗ See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book ∗
A1-309

**Mysticism Unit and Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit and Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit**

**Theme:** Mysticism and Ecology: On Willemien Otten’s *Thinking Nature and the Nature of Thinking: From Eriugena to Emerson* (Stanford University Press, 2020)

**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

Adrian Guiu, University of Chicago, Presiding

**Panelists:**
- Catherine Keller, Drew University
- Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto
- Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Australian Catholic University
- Junius Johnson, Baylor University

**Responding:**
- Willemien Otten, University of Chicago
- Dermot Moran, Boston College

---

A1-310

**Religion and Cities Unit**

**Theme:** Emerging Scholarship in Religion and Cities

**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

Elise Edwards, Baylor University, Presiding

Fatimah Fanusie, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies

*Mapping Islam and Justice onto the City of Boston: Mohammad’s Temple No. 11 and the Economic and Social Empowerment of 1948–1998*

Joe Pettit, Morgan State University

*Blessing Oppression: The Support Given by Churches for Housing Apartheid and Racial Inequality*

Sher Afgan Tareen, Florida State University

*Rhythmanalysis of Cities and American Islam*

Christy Randazzo, Haddonfield Friends Meeting

*The Place of Reconciliation in Divided Cities: A Theological and Practical Framework for Reconciliation in Baltimore*

Abel Gomez, Syracuse University

*Defending Indigenous Sacred Places: Perspectives from Ohlone Territory/San Francisco Bay Area*

Katie Day, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia

*Emerging Themes and Methods in the Routledge Handbook of Religion and Cities*

**Business Meeting:**
- Elise Edwards, Baylor University, Presiding

---

A1-311

**Study of Islam Unit**

**Theme:** *“Physiology is Theology”: Gendered Bodies in Sufi and Islamic Discourses of the Self*

**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

Laury Silvers, University of Toronto, Presiding

Rose Deighton, Emory University

*Reading the Self Through a Sufi Hermeneutic of Divine Immanence: A Case Study of Shaykhka Fariha al-Jerrahi*

Sara Abdel-Latif, University of Toronto

*Emaciation and Menstruation in Sufi Hagiographies of Women: Men Reading Female Piety and Self-Discipline in Corporeal Terms*

Arpan Bhandari, University of North Carolina

*A Space for the Truth: Mansur Hallaj, His Utterances, and His Attempts at Deconstructing and Redefining the Physical Body Through Sound and Space*

Garrett Kiriakos-Fugate, Boston University

*“Be Content with the Decree of Allah”: The Cisgendered Nafs in Shi'i and Sunni Fatwas on Transsexuality and Intersexuality*

---

A1-312

**Study of Judaism Unit**

**Theme:** The "Negative" Emotions in Halakha: Despair, Grief, and Jealousy in Jewish Legal Thought

**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

Yonatan Brafman, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding

Sarah Zager, Yale University

*There is No Sickness Greater than the Feeling of Despair": Halakhah, Emotion, and Virtue in Musar Literature*

Shira Billet, Yale University

*Between Halakha, Jewish Philosophy, and Leidensgeschichte: Mourning Children, and the Legal and Philosophical Containment of the Passions*

Sarah Wolf, Jewish Theological Seminary of America

*The Language of Kinnui: The “Spirit of Jealousy” and Its Rabbinic Reception*

**Responding:**
- Martin Kavka, Florida State University
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**A1-313**

**Women and Religion Unit**

Theme: #MeToo and #ChurchToo

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland, Presiding

Leah Thomas, Lancaster Theological Seminary

R. C. Thomas, University of Chicago

Hilary Scarsella, Memphis Theological Seminary

When Survivors Come Forward: Analyzing Patterns of Institutional Response and Proposing Transformative Interventions

Seong Hyun Lee, Drew University

When Empathy Meets Digital Activism: A Response to Sexual Violence in Church Community

Rebekah Gordon, Florida State University

#BelieveWomen: The Gendered Constructions of Guilt and Innocence in American Jurisprudence

---

**P1-303**

**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies**

Theme: Contemplative Practices and Religious Experiences: Buddhist-Christian Perspectives

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Contemplative practices and religious experiences are at the core of much of religious life in both Buddhist and Christian religious life. Yet, they are often overlooked in the academic study of these religions and in religious studies generally. First, contemplative practices are often subsumed under the rubric of “ritual practices,” where the ritual forms are often emphasized at the expense of two facets of contemplative practices: 1) the subjective dimensions including the content of religious experiences, and 2) the spontaneity, dynamism, and fluidity often associated with contemplative practices. Instead, contemplative practices are often reduced to the overdetermined terms of a rigid set of predetermined actions. Second, contemplative practices are often understood in relative isolation from society and the religious forces of social transformation. In this panel, four presenters examine these overlooked dimensions of contemplative practices such as Buddhist meditation and Christian contemplation within a dialogical and comparative framework of religious experience in interreligious perspective.

Panelists:

Peter Feldmeier, University of Toledo

Kevin Hunt, Trappist Monastery, St. Joseph's Abbey

Kristin Johnston Largen, United Lutheran Seminary

Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University

---

**P1-302**

**Manchester Wesley Research Centre and Pentecostal Theological Seminary**

Theme: Social Engagement in the American Holiness and Pentecostal Traditions

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Geordan Hammond, Nazarene Theological College, and David Han, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Presiding

The Holiness and Pentecostal traditions have complicated relationships with American society; however, both historically and presently, they have been engaging with it in conventional and creative ways. The concept of “social engagement” as developed in the social sciences provides a considered framework for this session. This session will examine these engagements using specific cases and comparative analysis.

Daniel Alvarez, Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Social Engagement of the Holiness Movement among Immigrants and the Urban Poor of New York City at Five Points

---

**A1-400**

**Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit Business Meeting**

Tuesday, 5:30 PM–6:00 PM

Business Meeting:

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame, and Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

A 2-100

Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit
Theme: Debating Consciousness from Abhidharma to Contemporary Philosophy
Wednesday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
Jingjing Li, Leiden University, Presiding
Eyal Aviv, George Washington University
Cognitive Parallelism and Sequentialism in the Buddhist Scholastic Tradition
Ching Keng, National Chengchi University
From “One Type of Consciousness at One Moment” to “Multiple Types of Consciousness at One Moment”
Ernest Brewster, Iona College
Reflections in the Mirror: Transformations in the Theories of Sensory Perception and Cognition in Three Chinese Renderings of the Lāṅkāvatāraya Sūtra
Jiyun Kim, Dongguk University
Is the Source of Cognition the Eighth or the Ninth Consciousness?: An Interpretation on the Amala-vijñāna in East Asia Buddhism

A 2-101

Religion in Europe Unit
Theme: Jewish Identity on the Margins in Modern Europe: Two Cases
Wednesday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
John McCormack, Aurora University, Presiding
Shannon Quigley, University of Haifa
The Culmination of Christian Dejudaization Efforts in the Nazi Era
Tyson Herberger, Inland Norway University
Jewishness Negated: An Intersectional Look at Marginalized Jews in Norway

P 2-102

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
Theme: Natal and Convert Christians and Buddhists
Wednesday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Karen Enríquez, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
In examining the membership of religious communities, a large percentage are natal in character, often belonging to the same institution for many decades, sometimes centuries. Yet, religious institutions cannot be sustained without the influx of new converts. Some communities are predominantly natal in their demographics, others are predominantly convert. While studies of either natal or convert populations are widespread, the similarities and differences between natal and convert religious belonging have not received sufficient attention. Furthermore, there are often different dynamics among the natal and convert populations within the same church, temple, or community.

By examining the diverse patterns of religious life in terms of religious ideals, praxes, and social organization in Buddhist-Christian dialogical context, one can gain new insights into the specific challenges faced by, and the strengths and weaknesses of, natal versus convert religious belonging and the interaction between these demographics.

Business Meeting: 11:30 AM–12:00 PM
Panelists:
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
Natalie Quli, Institute of Buddhist Studies
Mark Unno, University of Oregon
Andre Van Der Braak, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

P 2-103

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
Theme: Politics and Religions in India: Religious Freedom for all Citizens of India
Wednesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
This panel will address the issue of religious freedom in a political climate in which a version of Hinduism is being promoted which seems to delegitimize other well-established religions and to increase social conflict. How should religion scholars understand and respond to this situation?
Ted Ulrich, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
The Emergence of the Rhetoric of Hindu-Muslim Strife in India’s Independence Movement
Jose Abraham, Concordia University, Montreal
Victimisation and Ghettoisation: A Girardian Reading of Recent Communal Violence in Delhi
Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College
The Legacy of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar Examined
Responding:
Michael T. McLaughlin, Old Dominion University

P 2-104

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Presidential Address and Annual Meeting
Wednesday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Barbara Quinn, University of San Diego, Presiding
9:00 AM–10:15 AM 2020 Presidential Address Timothy H. Robinson, Brite Divinity School, President, “He Talks to Trees! Interpreting Howard Thurman’s Nature Mysticism.”
10:30 AM–12:00 PM
Annual Meeting. All are welcome. For more information on the Society and its events, please visit https://sscs.press.jhu.edu/; please send additional questions to Rachel Wheeler, Secretary, at wheelerr@up.edu.
Timothy Robinson, Brite Divinity School
He Talks to Trees! Interpreting Howard Thurman’s Nature Mysticism
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5).
Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

P2-105
Niebuhr Society
Theme: Reflections from the New Oxford Handbook of Reinhold Niebuhr
Wednesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

P2-106
Colloquium on Violence and Religion
Theme: Mimetic Theory and Christian Spirituality
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Brian Robinette, Boston College, Presiding
The Colloquium on Violence & Religion will use this panel to explore the connection between the mimetic theory of René Girard and Christian Spirituality. With particular interest in how Girard’s seminal insights may be integrated into Christian spiritual practice, this panel will explore ways Christian spirituality can be illumined or informed by Girard’s understanding of mimetic desire. It will also consider how mimetic theory itself might be enhanced or critically developed in light of Christian spiritual practices/traditions.

Jared Price, Multnomah Biblical Seminary
Aline Lewis, Graduate Theological Union
Mimetic Desire in Ignatius of Loyola’s Autobiography
Joseph Rivera, Dublin City University
Eucharist as Contemplative Action: A Girardian Perspective

Business Meeting:
Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University, Presiding

A2-102
Academic Relations Committee
Theme: Managing Crises on Campus
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
As we have all learned in 2020, no campus is immune from crisis: natural disasters, campus shootings, campus unrest, and national crises can all affect our lives and those of our students. Panelists will speak briefly from their experience responding to situations that were both genuinely unprecedented (9/11) and more predictable (natural disasters and campus shootings). Panelists will facilitate a discussion about preparation and response to managing campus crises.

Panelists:
Joanne Maguire, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Brian M. Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Kate McCarthy, California State University, Chico
Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico

A2-103
Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Theme: Religious Literacy and K-12 Education: Opportunities for Successful Partnerships
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University, Presiding
Since the publication of the AAR’s 2010 “Guidelines for Teaching About Religion in K-12 Education in the United States,” there has been significant innovation in religious literacy efforts: curricular standards about the teaching of religion have become stronger and new opportunities for scholars of religion to partner with K-12 educators have emerged. This panel features religion experts working to foster religious literacy through primary and secondary education across a variety of regional contexts. The roundtable conversation will explore the interface between religion scholars and educators, with an eye to best practices, interesting cases, and creative possibilities. K-12 education is a critical aspect of the public understanding of religion and this panel aims to help AAR members envision and enact collaborative projects.

Panelists:
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University
Gayle Pagnoni, Rice University
Kate Soules, Boston College
Celene Ibrahim, Groton School
A2-104

Baha’i Studies Unit
Theme: Changing Identities in a Global Society
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Julia Berger, Baha’i International Community, Presiding

- Layli Maparyan, Wellesley College
  Planetary Identity and Spiritual Identity: Expanding Human Identity for Global Citizenship

- Loni Bramson, American Public University System
  Contrasting Baha’i Paradigms of Womanhood

- Mikhail Sergeev, Ph.D., University of the Arts
  The Issue of Self-Identity in Transhumanism and the Baha’i Writings

- Shahrzad Sabet, New York University
  Social Identity and the Oneness of Humankind: Reconciling the Universal With the Particular

Business Meeting:
Julia Berger, Baha’i International Community, and Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding

A2-105

Bioethics and Religion Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit
Theme: Religion, Race, and the Embodied Health and Well-Being of Black Women: Bioethics and Womanist Perspectives
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Terri Laws, University of Michigan, Dearborn, Presiding

- Shaunesse’ Jacobs, Boston University
  Black Maternal Morality as a Health and Human Rights Issue

- Darcy Metcalfe, University of Iowa
  The Rootedness of “White Normativity”: Heightened Dangers for Black Women in a New Era of Genetic Technologies

- Wylin Dassie Wilson, Harvard Medical School
  A Conceptualization of Womanist Bioethics as a Theoretical and Practical Response to the Black Woman’s Health Crisis in the U.S.

- Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Vanderbilt University
  Knowing Full Well: Ethics of Care, Womanist Ethics, and the Biomedical Gaze

A2-106

Confucian Traditions Unit
Theme: Confucian Approaches to Education
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, Presiding

- Naiyi Hsu, Indiana University, Bloomington
  Taciturn Exemplar: Silence, Speech, and Moral Cultivation in the Lanyu

- Timothy Gutmann, University of Chicago
  Exhortations: Mass Education and Confucian Traditions

Business Meeting:
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University, and Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, Presiding

A2-107

Contemporary Islam Unit and Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Islamic Mysticism Unit and Qur’an Unit and Study of Islam Unit and Constructive Muslim Thought and Engaged Scholarship Seminar
Theme: Mentoring and Networking Session
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont, and Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

A2-108

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit
Theme: I Know the Feeling: Affect in the Academic Guild
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Amy R Barbour, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:
- Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado
- Donovan Schaefer, University of Pennsylvania
- Samantha Kang, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Marvin Wickware, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
- Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:
J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto, and Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College, Presiding

A2-109/S2-114

Evangelical Studies Unit and SBL Bible and Practical Theology Unit
Theme: Evangelical, Biblical, and Political Views on the Election
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Johnny Ramirez-Johnson, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:
- Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University
  A Battle Between Good and Evil: Ethnographic Reflections on the Election from First Baptist Dallas

- Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary
  Evangelical No More: Latinx Pentecostals within US Evangelicalism

- Anna Hutchinson, University of Birmingham
  The Role of Theological Education in Evangelical Bible Reading and Interpretation

Business Meeting:
Jason Sexton, University of California, Los Angeles, and Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois, Presiding

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A2-110

Hindu Philosophy Unit
Theme: Ways of Knowing (I): Debating Perception
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Nalini Bhushan, Smith College, Presiding
Alex Watson, Ashoka University
Do the Perceptions of Non-Enlightened People Weigh in Favor of, or Against, Momentariness?
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College
Viṣṇuṇā as a Pramāṇa: The Experiential Foundation of Sri Ramakrishna’s Religious Pluralism
Responding:
Rosanna Picascia, Swarthmore College
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

A2-111

Japanese Religions Unit and Society for the Study of Japanese Religions
Theme: Shinto Epistemologies in Global Perspective: Rethinking Gender, Nation, and Ritual
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University
Uses of “Shinto” in Nippon Kaigi: Coming to Terms with an Elusive Category
Dana Mirsalis, Harvard University
“What’s the Value of Female Priests?”: Discourses on the Gendered Priesthood in Postwar Shinto
Aike Rots, University of Oslo
Shinto Kami Are Not Special: Methodological Nationalism, Translatability, and the Necessity of Intra-Asian Comparison
Kaitlyn Ugoretz, University of California, Santa Barbara
Altared Ontologies: Sacred Anxieties in the Glocalization of Shinto Traditions
Responding:
Helen Hardacre, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
Asuka Sango, Carleton College, and Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University, Presiding

A2-112

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit
Theme: Women with 2020 Vision: Boston and the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Panelists:
Barbara McClure, Brite Divinity School
Teresa Snorton, The CME Church
Kimberly Detherage, St. Mark AME Church, Jackson Heights, NY
Sophia S. Park, Neumann University
Insook Lee, New York Theological Seminary
Francesca Nuzzolese, Eastern University
Beth Toler, Moravian Theological Seminary
Michelle Oberwise Lacock, Advocate Aurora Health Care
Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World

A2-113

Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: New Directions in the Religious Left and the Religious Right
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Katharine Batlan, University of Alberta, Augustana, Presiding
Chad Moore, Boston University
Isaac Sharp, Union Theological Seminary
The “Other” Evangelicals: Complicating Canonical Histories of 20th Century U.S. American Evangelicalism
L. Benjamin Rolsky, Rutgers University
The Religious Left: A History, and a Reckoning
Stephen Waldrum, Boston University
U.S. Denominational Beliefs and Political Affiliations from the Perspective of Moral Foundations Theory
Hannah Waits, Harvard University
Missionaries and Failed Missionaries: The Shifting Politics of US Evangelicals and Ex-evangelicals

Symbol Key:
☞ AAR Award Winners  ❀ Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
❖ Arts Series  ☷ Professional Development
❖ Books Under Discussion  ☷ Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
❖ Business Meeting  ☷ Professional Development — Employment
❖ Films  ☷ Professional Development — Publishing
❖ New Program Unit  ☷ Professional Development — Mentoring
❖ Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild  ❇ Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book
A2-114

Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: Hong Kong Protests and Political Theology

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Siu Pun Ho, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Shin-Fung Hung, Duke University
- Albert Sui-Hung Lee, Evangel Seminary
- Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Nami Kim, Spelman College
- Sharon Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School

A2-115

Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: Methodology in the Study of Space, Place, and Religion

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Katie Oxx, Saint Joseph's University, Presiding

Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia
- Using Online Travel Reviews to Understand Religious Places

Daniel Murray, McGill University
- Big Spaces and Little Places: Integrating Mapping and Fieldwork in the Study of Religion in China

Amidu Elabo, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Ancestral Land Rights, Indigeneity and the Concerns of De-spatializing the Identity of Jus North

Madeline Gambino, Princeton University
- “Ripping the Heart Out”: Methodological Approaches to Parish Closures in Catholic Philadelphia

Business Meeting:
- Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter's University, and Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College, Presiding

A2-116/S2-115

Study of Judaism Unit and SBL Jewish Christianity/ Christian Judaism Unit

Theme: Loving Judaism Through Christianity? A Roundtable Discussion of Shaul Magid's R. Elijah Zvi Soloveitchik's Commentary on the Gospels (Yale University Press, 2019)

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Panelists:
- Randi Rashkover, George Mason University
- Eric Gregory, Princeton University
- Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Princeton University
- Matt Jackson-McCabe, Cleveland State University
- Eliyahu Stern, Yale University

Responding:
- Shaul Magid, Dartmouth College

A2-117

Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: Intentional Tech: A Conversation about Teaching, Learning, and Technology

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Kathleen Fisher, Assumption College, Presiding

Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barbara
- New School Tech in the Old School Religious Studies Classroom: Thinking Through Derek Bruff’s Intentional Tech

Kelsey Lambright, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Keyboards and Culture Change: Implementing Digital Technology for Enhanced Learning at a Residential Seminary

Beaverly Fouks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
- Creating Learning Communities and Addressing Authentic Audiences Through ePortfolios

Erika Nelson, Vanderbilt University
- Promoting Critical Historical Learning Through Online Annotation Technology

Business Meeting:
- David B. Howell, Ferrum College, and Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

A2-118

Buddhist Pedagogy Seminar

Theme: Innovative Techniques for Teaching Buddhism in Modern Classrooms

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Todd T. Lewis, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
- Teaching Buddhism Alongside Islam in the Intro to Asian Religions Class

Elizabeth Guthrie, University of Waterloo
- North American Religious Studies and “Built Pedagogy”

Alyson Prude, Georgia Southern University
- Engaging Buddhist Ethics to Engage Students

Andrew Housiaux, Tang Institute at Andover
- Mahāpajāpatī, Misconceptions, and Religious Literacy: Reflections on an Early Buddhist Story

Ivory L. Lyons, University of Mount Union
- The Mandala Project: A Class Activity

Responding:
- Jonathan Young, California State University, Bakersfield
- Ben Van Overmeire, Duke Kunshan University

Business Meeting:
- Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University, and Trung Huynh, University of Houston, Presiding
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A2-119
Exploratory Session: Expanding the Guild: Why Video Games Matter for the Study of Religion and Vice Versa
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
John Borchert, Syracuse University, Presiding

Jason Anthony, Brooklyn, NY
The Divine Game: The Challenge of Holy Play, Game as Ritual, and The Design Of The “Ten-Year Game”

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Beyond Belief: How a Video Game’s Procedural Rhetoric Models How Rituals Make Arguments

Owen Gottlieb, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Dheepa Sundaram, University of Denver
Integrating and Negotiating the Globalizing of Religion in the Mobile Video Game Florenee

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen
“No One is Forced to Join a Cult”: Researching the Mediatization of Religion from the Perspective of Game and Religious Studies

Responding:
Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

A2-120
Women’s Caucus
Theme: Re-Engaging Praxis Through Publication: New Books on Gender and Religion
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

Christina Garcia Lopez Lopez, University of San Francisco
Calling the Soul Back: Embodied Spirituality in Chicanx Narrative

Courtney Pace, Memphis Seminary
Freedom Faith: The Womanist Vision of Prathia Hall

Amanda Benckhuysen, Calvin Theological Seminary
The Gospel According to Eve: A History of Women’s Interpretation

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University
I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision of Racial Reconciliation

Jill Peterfeso, Guilford College
It’s Not You; it’s Them: Escaping Bad Publishing Relationships and Re–Respecting Your Project

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A2-200
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Theme: Meet with a Union Rep Discussion on Contingent Faculty and Related Labor Issues
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University, Presiding

Please join the Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty (ALCF) Working Group for this open discussion about labor in the academy. ALCF will update you on AAR's efforts and facilitate structured yet wide discussion on what matters to you. All are welcome: contingent faculty, tenured faculty, deans, those who no longer work in the academy, graduate students—we really mean everyone and anyone who cares about this issue. Drop-in or stay for the whole time.

A2-201
Teaching and Learning Committee
Theme: Online Education as a Social Justice Issue
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Online education has recently jumped into the spotlight, with institutions worldwide trying to hastily implement online solutions to address educational needs remotely during the pandemic. This rapid adoption of online teaching has divided perceptions of its role and efficacy, overshadowing the contexts in which online education has developed and the pedagogies which have been established to serve different student populations. Online education initiatives are still frequently derided by faculty as administrative attempts to place profits over educational quality. The exploitation of minorities by for-profit educational institutions has also negatively impacted the reputation of the modality. In today's environment, we need to acknowledge online education as an important strategy for increasing inclusion and reaching underserved and at-risk populations. This discussion session includes seasoned online educational professionals who will address the important social justice implications of online education, and consider how online learning, when well and thoughtfully implemented can drastically increase outreach to people who struggle to get on the higher education ladder.

Panelists:
Matthew Bingley, Georgia State University
Mary E. Hess, Luther Seminary
African Religions Unit and Body and Religion Unit
Theme: **Embodiment of African Religions**
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Wesley Barker, Mercer University, Presiding
Georgette Ledgister, Emory University
*Wrestling the Spirits: ‘Catch Fétiche’ and Congolese Women’s Embodiment of Ritual Power*
Douglas Bafford, Brandeis University
*African Bodies Out of Place: Evangelical Discourses of Material Religion in Contemporary South Africa*

Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Theme: **Metaphysical and Pragmatic Perspectives on Participation and the Church**
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Natalie Carnes, Baylor University, Presiding
Joanna Leidenhag, University of Saint Andrews
*Participatory Metaphysics and the Corporate Body of Christ: Participation in the Theology of Gottfried von Leibniz and Dietrich Bonhoeffer*
Alex Fogleman, Baylor University
*Participation and the Church as Totus Christus: Nicene Responses to Contemporary Criticisms*
Rory Misiewicz, Eastern University
*Semiotic “Withing”: Recovering a Theory of Signs Through Bonaventure, Aquinas, John of St. Thomas for a Concept of Participation*

Comparative Theology Unit
Theme: **The Whence, Whither, and Wherefore of Comparative Theology: A Conversation Across Generations, Schools, Traditions, and Continents**
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding
Panelists:
Katie Mahowski Mylroie, Boston College
Jerusha Rhodes, Union Theological Seminary
Bin Song, Washington College
Axl Marc Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University
Bethany Slater, Boston College
Nougoutna Litoing, Harvard University
Daniel Soars, University of Cambridge
David Maayan, Boston College
Yongho Francis Lee, Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome
Responding:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Chad Seales, University of Texas, Presiding
Panelists:
Rachel Cantave, Swarthmore College
N. Fadeke Castor, Northeastern University
Brendan Jamal Thornton, University of North Carolina
Funlayo Easter Wood, African and Diasporic Religious Studies Association
Responding:
Alexander Rocklin, Otterbein University
J. Crosson, University of Texas

Evangelical Studies Unit
Theme: **Evangelical Political Identities**
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jason Sexton, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding
Emma Long, University of East Anglia
*Lobbying for the Lord: The National Association of Evangelicals and Post-war Evangelical Political Activism*
Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Religious and Political: A Study of Evangelical Identities During the Cold War*
Caleb Brown, University of Oxford
*Liberty University and the Ecological Import of “Fill the Earth, and Subdue it”: A Dialogue Between Two Nexus of Evangelical Identities*
Responding:
Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois

Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit
Theme: **Narrative Crossing: From Literary to Visual Arts**
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Gudrun Buhnemann, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Albert Welter, University of Arizona
*An Indian Buddhist Imaginaire in Hangzhou China and the Transformation of East Asian Buddhism*
Dessislava Vendova, Columbia University
*Bodily Characteristics and Four Distinct Types of Identities in the Buddha’s Last Life*
Yi Ding, Stanford University
*From Blood Sacrifice to Bloodless Sacrifice: The Buddhist Rhetoric of Ritual Supersession and Its Reception in Medieval China*
Responding:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, and Karen O’Brien-Kop, University of Rochester, Presiding
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

**Wednesday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM**

### A2-208

**Music and Religion Unit**

**Theme:** Book Panel on Alisha Lola Jones’ *Flaming?: The Peculiar Theopolitics of Fire and Desire in Black Male Gospel Performance* (Oxford University Press, 2020)

Wednesday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University
- Josef Sorett, Columbia University
- Quincy Rineheart, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Braxton Shelley, Harvard University

### A2-209

**Nineteenth Century Theology Unit**

**Theme:** Women Shaping Theology and Religion in the Nineteenth Century: II

Wednesday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Emily Dumler-Winckler, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Ashley Reed, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University
- Michael Putnam, Brown University
- Rebecca Copeland, Boston University

Responding:
- Ann Braude, Harvard University
- Sharon V. Betcher, Langley, WA

### A2-210

**Open and Relational Theologies Unit**

**Theme:** Moral Injury, Interdependence, and Nature: Open & Relational Perspectives

Wednesday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Elaine Padilla, University of La Verne, Presiding

Panelists:
- Rebecca Copeland, Boston University
- Allison Covey, Villanova University
- Andrea Robinson, Fordham University
- Ann Braude, Harvard University

Responding:
- Sharon V. Betcher, Langley, WA

### A2-211

**Religion and Ecology Unit**

**Theme:** Looking Back to Move Forward: The Legacies of McFague, Edwards, and Ruether

Wednesday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Kimberly Carfore, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Panelists:
- Jim Robinson, Fordham University
- James Dechant, Fordham University
- John L. de Dios, Loyola Marymount University
- Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico

Responding:
- Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University
- Luke Bretherton, Duke University

Symbol Key:

- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at [www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37](www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37) and [papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book](papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book)
A2-213

Religion and Sexuality Unit
Theme: Queer Cases of Transition
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Bee Scherer, INCISE - Intersectional Centre for Inclusion and Social Justice, Presiding

Haley Petersen, University of North Carolina
*Trans Macabre: Reproduction and Wrath in Koji Suzuki’s “Ring” Series*

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University
*The Queer Case of Father Seraphim Rose: Conversion, Homophobia, and Masculine Spirituality in the Russian Orthodox Church*

Lynne Gerber, San Francisco, CA
*Gay Refugees and the Gay Church: Homonationalism, the Metropolitan Community Church, and the Resettlement of Gay/ Lesbian Marielitos*

Responding:
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida

Business Meeting:
Nina Hoel, University of Oslo, and Jennifer S. Leath, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

A2-214

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Theme: Padmasambhava’s Traces
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Dominique Townsend, Bard College, Presiding

Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley
*Padmasambhava in the Tibetan Canon (Bstan ’gyur)*

Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College
*Blazing Transformation: Dorjé Drolö’s Geographic Embodiment*

Jue Liang, Denison University
*The Guru’s Beautiful Body: The (Ir)relevance of Attractiveness and Masculinity in Tantric Consortship*

Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia
*The Eleven Acts of Padmasambhava*

A2-215

Women’s Caucus
Theme: Women’s Religious Biographies – A Call to Action: Raising Up the Marginalized Voices and Contributions of Women in the Academy
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Mary Hamlen, Harvard University, Presiding

Jonathon Eder, Mary Baker Eddy Library
*Florence Alden Gragg – Groundbreaking Translator of a Renaissance Pope*

Julia Berger, Baha’i International Community
*Biography of Dr. Azza Karam*

Kimberly Carter, California Institute of Integral Studies
*Biography of Dr. Chenoqua Walker-Barnes*

Carolyn Brattober, Columbia University
*Biography of the Rev. Dr. Traci West*

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
*Biography of Buddhist Scholar Paula Robinson Kane Arai*

Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University
*“Dr. Carolyn Tennant, Prophet and Mystic at the Helm of Pentecostal Education: A Ballast in the Current of Change”*

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University
*Marginalized Leader: Sr. Mary Milligan, R.S.H.M.*

Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD
*Stephanie Y. Mitchem: The R/evolutionary Brain in the Academy*

Responding:
Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project

A2-300

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Advocate for Yourself Instead of Fighting Yourself: Succeeding in Graduate School with as a Neurodivergent Scholar
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Succeeding in graduate school with neurodivergence can feel like a constant battle to force ourselves into the mold of (neuro)typical scholars. Based upon my own experiences being diagnosed with ADHD midway through my graduate school career as well as my subsequent research into strategies and resources for neurodiverse scholars, my workshop will discuss the difficulties and stigma related to navigating graduate school with neurodivergence—including, but not limited to, ADHD, autism, dyslexia, and other neurodevelopmental disorders—as well as how we can carve out the space we need to do our best work. Learn about advocating for your needs with faculty and colleagues, how best to utilize student disability services as well as other university-run student services, understanding the Americans with Disabilities Act, and accessing a wealth of resources online and in your community to support you in your scholarship.

Panelists:
Andrea Scardina, University of Iowa
### A2-301

**Afro-American Religious History Unit**  
**Theme:** From Sun Ra to Grace Jones: A Roundtable on African-American Performers and Religious Identity  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, and Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College  
- Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College  
- Brett Grainger, Villanova University  
- Matthew Harris, University of California, Santa Barbara  
- M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University  
Business Meeting:  
Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, and Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

### A2-302

**Religion and Politics Unit**  
**Theme:** Weaponizing Religious Authenticity: Religious Freedom and National Identity Across the Pacific Divide  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Tisa Wenger, Yale University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania  
- K. Healan Gaston, Harvard University  
- Carleigh Beriont, Harvard University  
- Jason Josephson-Storm, Williams College  
Business Meeting:  
Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, and Damon Berry, Saint Lawrence University, Presiding

### A2-303

**Christian Spirituality Unit**  
**Theme:** Apocalyptic Spirituality  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Leonard McMahon, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding  
Aline Lewis, Graduate Theological Union  
*The Apocalyptic Spirituality of Anne Wentworth*  
Derek Taylor, Whitworth University  
*Bonhoeffer’s Spirituality in a World Come of Age: Practicing Christ’s Apocalypse as the World Warms*

### A2-304

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit**  
**Theme:** Diverse Perspectives on Heathenry  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Damon Berry, Saint Lawrence University, Presiding  
Barbara Jane Davy, University of Waterloo  
*Sacrifice and Feast in Heathen Blot and Husel*  
Fredrik Gregorius, Linkoping University  
*The Landscape of the Gods: Scandinavian Heathenism and the Role of Cultural Memories*  
Bran Stigile-Wright, Graduate Theological Union  
*Social Destruction, Social Purpose: Narratives of Trans Identity in American Heathenry*

### A2-305

**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit**  
**Theme:** Kierkegaard, the Problem of Patriarchy, and Related Social Ills, Part 2  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Aaron Edwards, Cliff College, Presiding  
Frances Maughan-Brown, College of the Holy Cross  
*Without Authority: Kierkegaard’s Resistance to Patriarchy*  
Thomas Millay, Baylor University  
*An Equal Chance to Make Our Lives Miserable: Kierkegaard’s Paradoxical Feminism*  
Troy Wellington Smith, University of California, Berkeley  
*Material Traces of a Kierkegaardian Confrontation with the Patriarchy*

Business Meeting:  
Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary, and Jennifer Veninga, Saint Edwards University, Presiding

---

**Symbol Key:**  
- **AAR Award Winners**  
- **Arts Series**  
- **Books Under Discussion**  
- **Business Meeting**  
- **Films**  
- **Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform**  
- **Professional Development**  
- **Professional Development — Employment**  
- **Professional Development — Mentoring**  
- **Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching**  
- **Professional Development — Publishing**  
- **Wildcard Sessions**
### A2-306

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

**Theme: Moral Injury and Sexual/Gender Violence**  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

- Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry, Presiding
  - Kate Jackson-Meyer, Boston College  
    - *Institutional Moral Injury: A Facet of Harm Caused by Sexual Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church*
  - Jeehyun Baek, Boston University  
    - *Rethinking the Theological Task of Grieving and Resistance from Korean Yanggongju’s Experience of Wartime Sexual Violence*
  - Timothy Jones, La Trobe University  
    - *Spiritual Harm and Recovery from LGBT Conversion Practices*

**Business Meeting:**  
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

### A2-307

**Philosophy of Religion Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit**

**Theme: *Hope in a Secular Age* Book Panel (Cambridge University Press, 2020)**  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

- Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding
  - Panelists:
    - Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge
    - Noreen Khawaja, Yale University
    - Andrew Prevot, Boston College
    - Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago

**Responding:**  
David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University

**Business Meeting:**  
Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College, and Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College, Presiding

### A2-308

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit**

**Theme: Eros and Ascent**  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

- Derek Michaud, University of Maine, Presiding
  - Ryan Darr, Princeton University  
    - *Two Visions of Eros in Cambridge Platonism: Henry More and Ralph Cudworth*
  - Michael Ennis, Harvard University  
    - *Mary, Divinization, and the Ascent to God*
  - Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University  
    - *Anne Carson and the Poetics of Erotic Ascent*
  - Daniel Fishley, McGill University  
    - *Beauty In J.R.R. Tolkien’s The Silmarillion: A Neoplatonic Reading*

**Responding:**  
Samuel Kigar, University of Puget Sound

---

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at [www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37](http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37) and [papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book](http://papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book) • 125
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A2-311

Religion in South Asia Unit
Theme: The Implications of Being Earnest: Sincerity in South Asian Contexts
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Sophia Nasti, Harvard University, Presiding
Shiv Subramaniam, Columbia University
Learning to Read Earnestly
Meghan Hartman, University of Virginia
Sincere Scholarship: Miraji’s Cultivation of Earnestness and Theory of Translation
Kenneth Valpey, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies
Earnestness in Hearing and Reading the Bhāgavata Purāṇa
Seth Ligo, Duke University
The Importance of Bhairava’s Earnestness
Responding:
James Reich, Pace University
Business Meeting:
Jennifer Ortegren, Middlebury College, and Sarah Pierce Taylor, University of Chicago, Presiding

A2-312

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit
Theme: Gaming the System: Death, Memory, and Community in Video Gaming Culture
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Jennifer Caplan, Towson University, Presiding
John Borchert, Syracuse University
'Re-Presenting Death in Video Games: “That Dragon, Cancer” and Christian Images of Suffering and Grief”
Daniel Wyche, University of Chicago
The Lonely Goddess: Religion, Memory, and History in The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild
William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jeremy Hanes, University of California, Santa Barbara
‘Choose Your Destiny!’: Approaching the Mortal Kombat Gaming Culture as Religion

A2-313

Sikh Studies Unit
Theme: Sikh Approaches to Gender, Embodiment, and Space
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Nikky Singh, Colby College, Presiding
Panelists:
Anneeth Kaur Hundle, University of California, Irvine
Francesca Cassio, Hofstra University
Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College
Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University
Business Meeting:
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, and Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

A2-314

Teaching Religion Unit
Theme: Teaching after Traumatic Events
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego, Presiding
Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College
Teaching After Traumatic Events: 9/11’s Indelible Landscape
Christopher Jones, Washburn University
"But Everybody Got Gede": Studying Vodou in the Midst of Shared Trauma
Michelle Wolff, Augustana College
Killjoys and Myth-Busters: Uses of Affect for Pedagogy

A2-315

Women and Religion Unit
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Brittany Landorf, Emory University, Presiding
Kayla Renée Wheeler, Xavier University
Saadia Yacoob, Williams College
Traci C. West, Drew University
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina
A2-316
Yogācāra Studies Unit
Theme: Text Panel: Yogācāra in Dharmakīrti: Pramāṇavārttika 3.194–224
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
A3-100
Daoist Studies Unit
Theme: Mountains, Cliffs, and Inscriptions: Explorations in Daoist Epigraphy
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
A3-101
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Theme: Reports from the Field: COVID and Contingency
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
A3-102
Applied Religious Studies Committee
Theme: Another Plan A: Religious Studies Education and Careers Beyond the Academy
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). 
Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify 
session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A3-103

Program Committee and Regions Committee
Theme: Regions Forum
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX, and Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

If you are interested in the AAR 365 mission, and specifically with how the AAR Annual Meeting program and the regions might work together to advance that, then please come to this forum. We will have members of the AAR Program Committee, the Regions Committee, Regional Officers, and Program Unit Chairs there to think together about such opportunities. For instance:

- Might Program Units Chairs send robust but not accepted paper/panel proposals to the Regional Coordinator where the proposer resides? Where the proposed topic might fit with a region’s emphasis?
- How might we see the Regions as both an extension of the work done at the annual program and as a way of doing pre-work prior to the annual program?
- How might Program Unit Chairs work with Regional Coordinators to connect regional scholars with local presses?
- How might the Regions and the Program Units develop region-specific public forums throughout the year?

Please come help us think about these and other questions, and bring your own creative ideas to the table.

Panelists:
- Elizabeth Coody, Morningside College
- Matthew Vaughan, Columbia University

A3-104

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Theme: Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Samuel Bak’s Paintings, Holocaust Memory, and Icons of Loss
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University, Presiding

Mark Celinscak, University of Nebraska
Religious Iconography in the Art of Samuel Bak

Gary A. Phillips, Wabash College
Beauty, Barbarity, and Bak: Aesthetics of Loss and the Art of Tikkun Olam

Isabelle Mutton, University of Exeter
Loss, Redemption and the Star of David: The Artwork of Samuel Bak and Daniel Libeskind’s Canadian National Holocaust Monument

David Tollerton, University of Exeter
Multidirectionalizing Memory: Samuel Bak, British Holocaust Education, and Jewish-Christian Relations

Responding:
Samuel Bak, Pucker Gallery

Business Meeting:
Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University, Presiding

A3-105

Bioethics and Religion Unit and Ethics Unit
Theme: The Plague of Darkness: Ethics, Justice, and Faith in the COVID-19 Pandemic
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago, Presiding

Panelists:
Jeffrey P. Bishop, Saint Louis University
Gaymon L. Bennett, Arizona State University
Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University
Marc Lipsitz, Harvard University
Stephen Zoloth, Northeastern University
Laurie Garrett, Princeton University
### A3-106
**Black Theology Unit**

**Theme:** Undying Love: Black Theology and Anti-Colonial Movements

**Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Michele Watkins, University of San Diego, Presiding

- Joshua Bartholomew, Harvard University
  *Black Theology and the Black Panthers: A Methodologically Womanist Consideration of Praxis*

- Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
  *Black Liberation Theology and the “Black Manifesto”: Reflections on Race, Racial Injustice, and Religion a Half-Century Later*

- R. Nick Peterson, Emory University
  *Towards a Theological Liberation of Care in Lena Waithe’s Film “Queen and Slim”*

Responding:
- Jawanza Eric Clark, Manhattan College

### A3-107
**Buddhism Unit**

**Theme:** The Business of Asceticism during the Long First Millennium CE

**Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas, Presiding

- Matthew Milligan, Trinity University
  *Consuming the Robes: Buddhist Monasticism as Brand*

- Johan Elverskog, Southern Methodist University
  *No-Self, Money, and Status*

- Alice Collett, York St John University
  *Are Women Bad for Business? The Advent of Gender Segregation in Buddhist Monasticism*

- Nicholas Witkowski, Nanyang Technological University
  *Caste, Impurity, and Monastic Norms in the Business of Cemetery Asceticism: The Economics of the Impure Vocations Within the Buddhist Monastery*

- Julie Hanlon, University of Chicago
  *Capitalizing on Donations: Economy of Practices at Early Jain Monastic Sites in South India*

- Justin Henry, Georgia College & State University
  *South Indian Diplomatic Buddhism at the Close of the Long First Millennium*

### A3-108
**Cognitive Science of Religion Unit**

**Theme:** Current Theories and Applications of the Cognitive Science of Religion

**Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Jed Forman, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

- Jason N. Blum, Davidson College
  *CSR, Theory, and the Truth of Religious Belief*

- John Teehan, Hofstra University
  *Enactive Cognition, Complex Systems, and Religion as Adaptation*

- Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University
  *Growth and Advances in the Cognitive Science of Religion*

- Alastair Lockhart, University of Cambridge
  *Uncovering Cognitive Pathways in the Study of New Religious Movements*

**Business Meeting:**
- Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, and Claire White, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

### A3-109
**Ecclesial Practices Unit**

**Theme:** Accountability at the Intersections of Theology and Ethnography

**Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto, Presiding

- Helen Cameron, University of Oxford
  *Dual Accountability in a Faith-Based Organization: Critical Reflections on Turning First-Person Action Research into a Text*

- Paul Houston Blankenship, Graduate Theological Union
  *The Dark Night of Ethnographic Theology and What Lucifer Taught Me About How to be a Christian*

- Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University
  *“But You Love Jesus, Right?”: Ethnographic Accountability Across Polarized Worldviews*

- Ken Chitwood, Freie Universität Berlin
  *“I’ve Seen You”: Reflections on Ethnographic Theology, Accountability, & Christian-Muslim Relations*

**Business Meeting:**
- Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden, Presiding
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A3-110

Gay Men and Religion Unit
Theme: Drag, Ballroom, Celibacy, and BDSM: LGBTQ Religious Histories, Rituals, and Public Performances
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Or Porath, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Drake Konow, University of Texas
Lip-Syncing Religion: Queer Theories of Religion in Drag Performances of the “God Warrior” Monologue
Heather White, University of Puget Sound
Meghan Beddingfield, Southern Methodist University
Ritualistic Rupture: Transgression, BDSM Piercing Practices, and a Sense of Community
Michael Roberson, Center for Race, Religion, and Economic Democracy
The Trans Sounds of Black Freedom

Business Meeting:
Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University, Presiding

A3-111

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Theme: Decolonial Practices of Naming, Thinking, and Being
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Lauren Frances Guerra, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Natalie Solis, University of California, Los Angeles
Decolonial Aesthetics in Latin(x) America: Mapping Contemporary Border-Crossings and Spiritual Activisms
Alejandro Escalante, University of North Carolina
What We Can Learn from Trans Studies
Responding:
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley

Business Meeting:
Angel Gallardo, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

A3-112

Music and Religion Unit
Theme: Tonality, Time, and Text: Three Aspects of Apocalypticism in Music
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jeffrey Scholes, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Presiding

Panelists:
Carol Symes, University of Illinois
Colin McAllister, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Richard F. Thomas, Harvard University
Lorenzo DiTommaso, Concordia University Montréal

Business Meeting:
Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University, and Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding

A3-113

Philosophy of Religion Unit
Theme: Enrique Dussel and the Task of Decolonizing Philosophy of Religion
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, Presiding

Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College
Dussel, Liberation, and Heterosexuality
Rafael Vizcaino, Rutgers University
Decolonizing the Anti-Fetishist Method
Lucas Wright, University of California, Irvine
La epifanía del Otro y la analogía: Toward an Understanding of Enrique Dussel’s Use of Theological Language and Concepts
Vincent Cervantes, University of Illinois
Reading Dussel Queerly

Responding:
Eleanor Craig, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, and Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Wildcard Sessions
A3-114/S3-113
Qur'an Unit and SBL Qur'an and Biblical Literature Unit
Theme: Qur'an and Bible: Modern Reflections
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK, Presiding
  Halla Attallah, Georgetown University
  Gender Rhetoric in the Qur'an: A Feminist Literary Analysis of the Qur'an's Annunciation Scenes
  Elisabeth Kennedy, American University in Cairo
  Interpreting Sodom in Cairo: Reading Genesis 18–19 and Its Qur'anic Parallels
  Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University
  Can One Be an "Open-Minded Fundamentalist?" Salafi Discourse on the Use of Jewish and Christian Scripture in Qur'an Commentary

A3-116
Schleiermacher Unit
Theme: Love and Power
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding
  Calli Micale, Yale University
  Dependence, Disability, and F.D.E. Schleiermacher
  James Rogers, Claremont Graduate University
  Love and Power in Schleiermacher's Philosophy of Language
  Thandeka Thandeka, Love Beyond Belief, Inc.
  Schleiermacher and American God-Politics
Responding:
  Jennifer A. Herdt, Yale University

A3-117
Sociology of Religion Unit
Theme: Conceptualizing Religion and Rethinking Methods in the Sociology of Religion
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Dusty Hoesly, University of Southern Mississippi, Presiding
  Amidu Elabo, Princeton Theological Seminary
  Gustavo Morello, Boston College
  Modernity and Sacralization Practices: Photographs and the Sacred
  Brenton Kalinowski, Rice University, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University, and Rachel Schneider, Rice University
  Perceptions of Work as Calling
  Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University
  The Value Added of “Holding the Space”: A Case Study of Chaplains in Boston and their Changing Roles over Time
Business Meeting:
  Dusty Hoesly, University of Southern Mississippi, and Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

A3-119
Wildcard Session: (Dis)Armed: American Faiths and American Firearms
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Haley Iliff, Florida State University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Noah Schwartz, Carleton University
  Jessica Dawson, United States Military Academy at West Point
  Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
  Michael Grigoni, Duke University
  Katie Day, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia

P3-101
Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts
Theme: Performing Iconic Texts
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University, Presiding
  Maria Turek, University of Toronto
  Reenacting Ritual Contract: A Tibetan Text Between Buddhist Enlightenment and Local Cosmology
  Bhakti Mantora, College of Wooster
  Rethinking Engagement in Historical and Contemporary Swaminarayan Katha Performances
  David Dault, Sandburg Media LLC
  A Magical Book That Nobody Reads: Expanding Discussions of Iconic Scripture to Include the Dimension of 'Charismatic Technology'
A3-200
Graduate Student Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee
Theme: Effective Teaching Demonstrations
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding
Many colleges and universities ask job candidates to give a "teaching demo" as a part of their campus visits. Unfortunately, with few pedagogical courses in graduate school and a lot of previous classroom experience that equates content delivery with learning, graduate students and other scholars on the job market might not feel prepared to succeed at this aspect of the interview process.
This workshop and panel is an opportunity to learn evidence-based teaching techniques that can be incorporated into teaching demos to make them more engaging, accessible, equity-minded, and learning-centered. Participants will have an opportunity to hear from both established educators and recently successful job-seekers in this session.

Jessica Tinklenberg, Claremont Colleges
Evidence-Based Practices for Engaging Teaching Demonstrations
Iva Patel, University of Iowa
Speaking to Multiple Audiences in a Teaching Demonstration
Bhakti Mamtora, College of Wooster
Strategies for Effectively Structuring Your Teaching Demonstration
Kirsty Jones, Georgetown University
Making Your Teaching Demonstration Accessible

A3-201
Publications Committee
Theme: Women and Publishing
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding
This panel brings together women successful as editors and book authors to discuss some of the unique challenges women face in the publishing process, issues ranging from gender bias in book reviews to juggling teaching, service, or child-rearing while writing books. In addition to sharing about their experiences and how they felt gender shaped or influenced them, panelists will offer advice and support to women with regard to their publishing goals.

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
April D. DeConick, Rice University
Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

Panelists:

A3-202
Animals and Religion Unit
Theme: Animality Racialized: Rethinking the Pedagogies of Subjectivity
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College, Presiding
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University
Teaching Animal Personhood through Comics
Eric Meyer, Carroll College
Constructing Whiteness through Animality: Ownership, Pity, and Violent Identification
Timothy Burnside, Florida State University
"Utterly Miserable and Inefficient": Defecation, Animality, and White Trash Religion
Responding:
Jeania Ree Moore, General Board of Church and Society

A3-203
Anthropology of Religion Unit
Theme: Destruction and Preservation: Ethnographies of Religion and Urban Infrastructure
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Presiding
Tammy Wilks, Colgate University
The Bulldozers are Coming! The Portents, Poetics and Production of Religion in Nairobi
Alanna Cooper, Case Western Reserve University
Preserving Sacred Material Culture: A Cleveland Jewish Congregation’s Gaze to the Past
Heather Mellquist Lehto, University of Toronto
Skinship: Communion and Contagion in South Korea
Responding:
Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto
Business Meeting:
James Bielo, Miami University, and Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Presiding
A3-204
Black Theology Unit and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Unit
Theme: The Prophetic Black Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Montague Williams, Point Loma Nazarene University, Presiding
Shonda Nicole Gladden, Indiana University, Indianapolis
Howard Thurman and the African American Contemplative Preaching Tradition
Yohance Whitaker, Virginia Union University
Social Salvation and Queerness
Responding:
Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

A3-205
Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Hindu Philosophy Unit and Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit
Theme: Roundtable on Roy Tzohar’s A Yogācāra Buddhist Theory of Metaphor (Oxford University Press, 2018)
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding
Panelists:
Jonathan Gold, Princeton University
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College
Joy Brennan, Kenyon College
Richard Nance, Indiana University
Catherine Prueitt, University of British Columbia
Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University
Responding:
Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University

A3-206
International Development and Religion Unit
Theme: Religion, Development and the Secular: Considering Perspectives from Local Faith Actors
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding
Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University
Olivia Wilkinson, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities
The Triple Nexus and Local Faith Actors in South Sudan
David Tittensor, Deakin University
Becoming Secular, Yet Remaining Religious: The Gülen Movement and the Golden Generation

A3-207
Mormon Studies Unit and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit
Theme: Entangled in the Spirit: Mormonism and Charismatic Movements
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, Presiding
Jenny Webb, Woodinville, WA
Glesialalia: Charismatic Convergence and Divergence Within Mormonism and Pentecostalism
Kathryn Davis, Claremont Graduate University
Carving, Sculpting, Training: The Creation of Legible Bodies in Mormon and Pentecostal Communities in America
Responding:
Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University

A3-208
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Theme: Religious and Political Systems of Dehumanization: Long-term Psychological Consequences of Systemic Injustice
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding
Hee Jin Lee, Emory University
Unresolved Historical Trauma and Survival in the Korean Diaspora: Dehumanization of Self and Others
Reamogejet Ngoepe, Union Theological Seminary
Black Pentecostal Women: Praying as Ritual for Healing from Intersectional (Racial) Trauma
Jaecheon Chung, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and Ilsup Ahn, North Park University
Systemic Terror, Silent Mourning, and Postcolonial Hope: The Case of Forcibly Separated Migrant Families

A3-209
Religion and Cities Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogies Unit
Theme: Cities as Sites for Transformative Teaching
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Michael Fisher, San Jose State University, Presiding
Christopher Cantwell, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Gathering Places: Religion, Community, and the Classroom in Milwaukee
Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego
Teaching Catholic Social Thought in the Context of San Diego’s Homelessness Crisis
Business Meeting:
Laura Stivers, Dominican University of California, Presiding

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
A3-210

Religion and Ecology Unit and Study of Islam Unit
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jaclyn Michael, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside
  - Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
  - Nur Amali Ibrahim, Indiana University, Bloomington
  - Lisa Sideris, Indiana University
  - Sarra Tlili, University of Florida
Responding:
  - Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin

A3-211

Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: Thinking About Religious Violence
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Ann Duncan, Goucher College, Presiding
  - Dan-Erik Andersson, Lund University
  - Dragos Stoica, Concordia University
  - A Virtuous Ummah Under Siege: The Mythology of Universal Conspiracy in Sayyid Qutb’s Coranic Commentary
  - David Kirkpatrick, James Madison University
  - The Latin American Bullring: Billy Graham, John F. Kennedy, and the Origins of the “Global War on Christians”

A3-212

Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Theme: Religious Identity Construction and Interreligious Civic Practices
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding
Linda Bredevik, Heidelberg University
  - Discussing the Faith: A Social-linguistic Analysis of Interreligious Dialogues
Valentina Cantori, University of Southern California
  - Civic Engagement as Religious Duty Among American Muslims

A3-213

Ritual Studies Unit
Theme: Ritual at Work: Ritual in Organizational Contexts
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding
  - Dan-Erik Andersson, Lund University
  - Emily Dubie, Duke University
  - Managing Tragedy Through Leaving-Work Rituals: Social Workers and Unmet Human Need
  - Joy Palacios, University of Calgary
  - Ritualization and Worker Autonomy in the Salesforce Ecosystem
  - Nermee Mouftah, Butler University
  - Sacrificial Skins: The Value of Pakistan’s Eid al-Adha Animal Hide Collection
Responding:
  - Clayton Ashton, University of British Columbia

A3-214

Space, Place, and Religion Unit
Theme: Place-Making, Secularism, and Commodification: Courtney Bruntz and Brooke Schedneck’s Buddhist Tourism in Asia (University of Hawai’i Press, 2020)
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Matthew Mitchell, Allegheny College, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Erik Braun, University of Virginia
  - Natasha Heller, University of Virginia
  - Angela Zito, New York University
Responding:
Courtney Bruntz, Doane University
Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College

A3-215

Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: The Religion of the Dance Floor? Queer Techno Beyond the Religious/Secular Divide
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Eva Pascal, Saint Michael's College, Presiding
Panelists:
  Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University
  Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University
  Abdul Rahman Mustafa, University of Paderborn
  Linn Tonstad, Yale University

A3-216

Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit

Theme: Decolonizing our Fields: Women of Color Scholars on Transforming the Guild
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Deborah Rogers, Lane College, Presiding
Panelists:
  Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary’s University
  Merin Shobhana Xavier, Queen’s University
  Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado
  Oluwatomisin Oredein, Brite Divinity School
  Shana Sippy, Centre College/Carleton College

Business Meeting:
  Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary’s University, and Deborah Rogers, Lane College, Presiding

Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A3-300

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: A Foot in Two Worlds but No Real Home: Forging an Interdisciplinary Path in Graduate School
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Interdisciplinary scholarship is ostensibly valued, increasing opportunities for collaboration and including multiple perspectives, but the reality of pursuing a truly interdisciplinary path in graduate school can be discouraging and confusing. This can be especially challenging if your graduate program is not explicitly designed as interdisciplinary or when the fields that you bridge frequently clash. Although this approach can sometimes be lonely and require additional work, creativity, and self-advocacy, forging your own path is also exciting. How do you find, or create, an academic “home” when you don’t quite fit in either field and you are the only person in your program/department/school on this path? This session will discuss strategies for navigating graduate school and beyond while bridging multiple academic fields. These will include tips on developing relationships and communities with colleagues across fields, “translating” between disciplines, choosing a committee, and other topics relevant to participants.

Panelists:
  Kate Soules, Boston College

A3-301

Afro-American Religious History Unit

Theme: Mormon, Muslim, Coptic, Webb: Blackness and Identity in New Religious Movements
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, Presiding
  Judith Huenneke, Mary Baker Eddy Library
  Marietta Webb and the “Colored” Christian Science Churches of Los Angeles
  Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University
  "I Told Jesus it Would be Alright if He Changed my Name": Performative Imagination and Identity Formation as Rituals of Freedom in the Black Coptic Church
  Megan Leverage, Central Michigan University
  Black Mormon Tells Her Story: Religion, Race and Gender in the Post-Civil Rights Era
  Patrick Bowen, Arvada, CO
  Exploring Local Histories of African American Islam Through the Black Press
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A3-302

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit
Theme: Global Formations of Religion and Literature
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding
Craig Tichelkamp, Stonehill College
Mystifying the Letter: Religion and Literature in the Twelfth Century
Micah Hughes, University of North Carolina
Reading Sufism at the University: The Literary Remaking of an Islamic Tradition in Twentieth-Century Turkey
Yunus Dogan Telliel, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
The Untranslatable and its Opposite in Secular Modernity
Christopher Douglas, University of Victoria
“The Failure of the Postsecular”
Responding:
Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College

A3-303/S3-301

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit and SBL Book of Psalms Unit
Theme: Bonhoeffer on the Psalms: New Perspectives on Prayerbook of the Bible (Fortress Press, 1940)
Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Brad Pribbenow, Lutheran Brethren Seminary, Presiding
Brent A. Straw, Duke University
Bonhoeffer on Enemies and Imprecation: A Commentary
Stephen B. Chapman, University of Tubingen
Who Prays the Psalms? Bonhoeffer's Christological Concentration and Psalm 69
Arnold Huijgen, Theological University of Apeldoorn
Bonhoeffer's Approach of the Psalms as Incentive for Reading the Bible Theologically
Michael Mawson, Charles Sturt University
Retrieving Bonhoeffer's Prayerbook: Towards a Post-Holocaust Christological Reading of the Psalms

A3-304

Childhood Studies and Religion Unit
Theme: New Theories of Childhood Religiosity
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Sally Stamper, Capital University, Presiding
Kishundra King, Vanderbilt University
A Kaleidoscope Analysis: Toward a Womanist/ST Theology
Jessica Pratezina, University of Victoria
Disciples by Default: Social and State Interventions with Children in Alternative Religious Movements

A3-305

Comparative Religious Ethics Unit
Theme: Civil Disobedience and Duties to Resist in Comparative Perspective
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University, Presiding
David Gides, University of Providence
Bonhoeffer, Antifa, and the Moral Defensibility of Uncivil Disobedience
Alease Brown, University of the Western Cape
Violence: A Typology Fitting for the South African Context of Entrenched Inequality
Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University
Black Rights Matter: Adjudicating Uncivil Disobedience

A3-306

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit
Theme: Field Notes: Making and Unmaking the Ethnography of Religion
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Kijan Bloomfield, Rhodes College, Presiding
Panelists:
Cody Musselman, Yale University
George Gonzalez, City University of New York
Hillary Kaell, McGill University
Saliha Chattoo, University of Toronto
Eziaku Nwokocha, University of Pennsylvania
Timothy Byram, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
Kristin Scheible, Reed College, Presiding

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Arts Series
- Professional Development
- Books Under Discussion
- Professional Development — Employment
- Business Meeting
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Movies
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Wildcard Sessions

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
A3-307

Evangelical Studies Unit
Theme: Complexities of Evangelical Perspectives
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Peter Choi, Newbigin House, and Gabriela Viesca, George Fox University, Presiding
Jennifer Riley, Durham University
Abortion and Evangelicalism in England: Capturing and Communicating Complexity
Stephen Wolma, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Analytical Tool or Secular Interloper?: The Challenge of Critical Race Theory to the Contemporary White Evangelical Identity
Ronald Porter, Hinds Community College
Fifty Years of Revisioning American Evangelicalism: Reflections of an Older “New Black Evangelical”
Jason Fallin, Fuller Theological Seminary
Do You See What I See?: Operation Christmas Child and Evangelical Aesthetic Formation

A3-308

Mysticism Unit
Theme: Mysticism in the Wild: Ecology and Nature in the Mystic Frame
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University, Presiding
Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University
The Presence of God(s): Mysticism and Ecology in the Big Thicket
Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
Doing Nothing in a World of Wounds: The Place of Mysticism in Ecological Emergency
Russell Powell, College of the Holy Cross
John Muir, Sacred Value, and Environmental Racism: Lessons from Hegel for a Moral Mysticism

A3-309

Native Traditions in the Americas Unit
Theme: Sacred Lands and Waters: Legal Challenges in Indigenous Efforts to Protect Sacred Spaces
Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Abel Gomez, Syracuse University, Presiding
Brennan Keegan, Randolph College
Shifting Legal Boundaries and Indigenous Ecologies at Bears Ears National Monument
Khrystone Wilson, University of Arizona
It’s Not Like Their Church: Problematizing the Practice of Equating American Indian Sacred Land to Abrahamic Sites
Denise Marie Nadeau, Concordia University, Montreal
Decolonizing Water: Revitalizing Indigenous Water Laws
Responding:
Tiffany Hale, Barnard College of Columbia University

A3-310

North American Religions Unit and Religion and Economy Unit
Theme: Religious Liberty Incorporated
Thursday, 4:00PM –6:00 PM
Catherine Brekus, Harvard University, Presiding
Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College
Family Corporation v. Blackface Feminism: Reproducing Religious Freedom from Hobby Lobby to Notorious R.B.G
Erik Nordbye, Harvard University
Liberty of Conscience Becomes Liberty of Estate: Property, Dissent, and the Massachusetts Constitution
Dana Lloyd, Washington University, St. Louis
From Corporate Personhood to Environmental Personhood
Responding:
Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University

A3-311

Queer Studies in Religion Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit
Theme: Queer Lives, Trans Tales, and Marvelous Morphologies in Premodern Christianity
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Georgia Frank, Colgate University, Presiding
Rebecca Wiegel, University of Notre Dame
Acesis as Gender Transition: The Dialogue of Identity and Spirituality in the Life of St Matrona of Perge
Martha Newman, University of Texas
Disguise and Discernment: Constructing the Story of a Transgender Monk
C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University
The Apophasis of (Trans)Gender

Business Meeting:
Andrea McComb Sanchez, University of Arizona, and Suzanne J. Crawford O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A3-312
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Theme: Global Fandoms and Religion: New Case Studies from Scandinavia, Korea and Zimbabwe
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
James Thrall, Knox College, Presiding
Hyemin Na, Emory University
Testing the Limits of Implicit Religion as Research Frame: BTS Fandom Case Study
Lisa Kienzl, University of Bremen
"Pagan Here, Loving It!" Negotiating Norse Mythology and Paganism in Fan Culture Discussed on the Examples of the Television Series "American Gods" and "Jordvik"

A3-313
Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit
Theme: Revolution, Rebellion, and Critique: Dissident Affects in the 19th Century North Atlantic
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Zachary Smith, University of Tennessee, Presiding
Emily Dumler-Winckler, Saint Louis University
Affect and the Formation of Taste: Revolution Debates Then and Now
Jeffrey Wheatley, Iowa State University
Religio-Racial Affectability: Nat Turner and Nineteenth-Century Theories of Fanaticism
Eric Chalfant, Queen's University
The Sensual versus the Sensible in American Irreligion: How to Illustrate Reason's Affects
Business Meeting:
Maia Kotrosits, Denison University, and Tam K. Parker, University of the South, Presiding

A3-314
Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit and Religious Education Association
Theme: Attending to Trauma: Innovative Pedagogies for Teaching on Gender and Sexual Violence in Religious Studies Classrooms
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
From Sympathy to "Sissification": Pedagogical Approaches for Dismantling Sexual Violence
Almeda Wright, Yale University
Radical Ways of Knowing: Education at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Religion
Patrick Reyes, Forum for Theological Exploration
The Purpose Gap: Bodies (That) Matter

A3-315
Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar
Theme: The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion as a Site of Interreligious Friendship
Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Eric Meyer, Carroll College, Presiding
Panelists:
Margaret Gower, Saint Mary’s College
Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University
Mugdha Yeolekar, California State University, Fullerton
Business Meeting:
Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University, and Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding

A3-316
Women’s Caucus Business Meeting
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, and Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding
Come join in the Women’s Caucus Business Meeting. We will be reviewing feedback from this year’s panels, discussing our ongoing projects, establishing the Women’s Caucus leadership team for 2018, and planning for next year's conference. All are welcome.
Panelists:
Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University
Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University
Julia Berger, Baha’i International Community
Julia Enxing, University of Dresden
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**P3-300**

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies  
Theme: The Significance of Sri Ramakrishna for Hindu-Christian Studies: New Perspectives  
Thursday, 4:00PM – 6:00 PM  
Panelists:  
- Pravrajika Vrajaprana, Vedanta Society  
- Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College  
- Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union  
- Christopher Conway, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University  
Responding:  
- Swami Medhananda, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**A4-100**

Publications Committee  
Theme: Journal Editors’ Breakfast  
Friday, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding  
This session is open to all editors of journals in religious studies, theology, biblical studies, and related fields. It is an opportunity for attendees to discuss the different challenges they face, concerns they have, or successes they’ve achieved as journal editors. This session is hosted as a breakfast each year during the in-person conference; this year, attendees are welcome to virtually attend with their own mid-morning refreshments.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**A6-100**

Ritual Studies Unit Business Meeting  
Sunday, 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM  
Business Meeting:  
- Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, and Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Presiding

**P6-400**

Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit  
Theme: Death Over Dinner  
Sunday, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
The Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Death Over Dinner bring you a Virtual Death Over Dinner. How we want to die represents the most important and costly conversation America isn’t having. We have gathered dozens of medical and wellness leaders to cast an unflinching eye at end of life, and we have created an uplifting interactive adventure that transforms this seemingly difficult conversation into one of deep engagement, insight and empowerment. We invite you to gather friends and family and fill a table, or simply bring along a drink and sit with other AAR members as we eat together and talk about death.

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at [www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37](http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37) and [papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book](http://papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book)
A6-200

Plenary Panel: Telling the Truth of Our Lives: Intersectional Coalition Building as Scholars, Educators, and Activists

Sunday, 12:30 PM–1:30 PM
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, Presiding

Are we all telling the truth of our lives? What do we mean by the labels ‘scholar’ and ‘activist’? How have these terms been understood historically and in the present? They often come with loaded meaning, so how do we understand the political power plays that intersect them and separates them? Scholars of religion often find themselves threading together their work mixed between being scholars, educators, and activists. In this Presidential Plenary Workshop, members of the four AAR Status Committees provide an opportunity for all present to explore the complexities that emerge when we discuss what it means to be scholars, educators, and activists, specifically focusing on what becomes ‘foundational’ or ‘center points’ of our fields. Is there a genealogy in how we have constructed the AAR and those who work within it and from it? Does the academy judge those who don’t first and foremost label themselves as ‘scholar’? To what extent are these labels (pre-tenure, precarious, tenured etc.) solidified in the hierarchies of our academy? Panelists will begin by discussing how they understand their work and the complexity of the term ‘scholar activist’. A particular focus of this panel is how they came to be involved in their respective AAR status committees.

Panelists:
Amanullah De Sondy, University College Cork
Devan Stahl, Baylor University
Angela Parker, Mercer University
Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific University

A6-201

Plenary Panel: The AAR as a Crucible for New Fields

Sunday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

A number of new areas of study have emerged in the academic study of religion over the past decades. In this panel two scholars who have been at the forefront of their respective fields—Comparative Theology and Buddhist Philosophy—reflect on the challenges they have faced, the vision they have of their fields, and the role that the AAR has played in creating new disciplines and recreating old ones. Frank Clooney, a scholar of classical Hinduism and the Jesuit missionary tradition in India, is widely recognized as the world’s leading scholar of Comparative Theology. His writings have revived a field that was dormant for decades. Jay Garfield, a scholar of Euro-American and Buddhist philosophy is at the forefront of advocating for the cultural diversification of philosophy and has worked to increase awareness of Buddhist philosophy in contemporary philosophical practice and education.

Panelists:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Jay Garfield, Smith College
Plenary Panel: What Do We, as Scholars of Religion, Value?
Sunday, 3:30 PM–4:30 PM
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Scholars who study religion often disagree strongly over the values that ought to guide their academic work. Researchers within and across disciplines debate which methods to use, which audiences to target, the extent to which an individual’s religious faith should influence his or her scholarship, and even how to define their object of study. This panel will present selected findings from the Values in Scholarship on Religion (VISOR) project, which gathered data over three years from scholars of religion associated with the AAR and many other professional associations. Wesley Wildman will discuss the mission and significance of VISOR, LeRon Shults will describe the measures that were used to assess scholarly values, and Ann Taves will present in more detail some of the key findings that reveal the distinctive values of the AAR (in comparison with other scholarly associations) and some of the differences among various groups within the AAR.

Panelists:
F. LeRon Shults, University of Agder
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

Presidential Address: The Study of Buddhism in the AAR
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:00 PM
Marla Frederick, Emory University, Presiding

The scholarly study of Buddhism in Europe dates to the early nineteenth century, but it did not become institutionalized in North American higher education until the mid-twentieth century. The AAR has played (and continues to play) an important role in the academic study of Buddhism, becoming—just as it has for the study of other religious traditions—the de facto North American home of the discipline and one of the most important scholarly organizations for the study of Buddhism in the world. This year’s presidential lecture traces the history of the study of Buddhism within the AAR, explores the role that the AAR has played in the development of Buddhist Studies, and examines the implications of this.

Panelists:
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

A7-100

Wildcard Session: Religious Responses to COVID-19 and Ritual Innovations
Monday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
Kenneth Dean, National University of Singapore, Presiding
Panelists:
  Natalie Lang, National University of Singapore
  Neena Mahadev, Yale-National University of Singapore College
  Carola Lorea, National University of Singapore

A7-101

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Theme: Unpaid Labor in the Academy
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University, Presiding
Colleges and universities rely heavily upon the unpaid labor of faculty and graduate students, especially of those in contingent positions. This session is designed to start a conversation and to share practical tips about unpaid labor within academic positions and the academy-at-large. We will discuss why the boundary between required tasks and “above and beyond” efforts are often blurred within academic positions, clarifying what is unpaid labor and what is the paid work of research, teaching, service, and professional development. Studies have also shown that women and faculty of color complete more than their share of service loads and are more likely to be in contingent positions. In addition to identifying where and why unpaid labor occurs, we will also explore strategies for making unpaid labor visible, including drawing clearer boundaries between work requirements and unpaid labor and advocating for groups most impacted.
Panelists:
  Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
  Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury
  Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside
  Lauren Horn Griffin, University of Oklahoma

A7-102

Animals and Religion Unit and Study of Judaism Unit
Theme: Roundtable on Critical Animal Studies and Jewish Studies: Intersections, Open Questions, New Directions
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Carol Adams, Richardson, TX, Presiding
Panelists:
  Alex Weisberg, New York University
  Beth Berkowitz, Bard College
  Mira Wasserman, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
  Aaron Gross, University of San Diego
  Naama Harel, Columbia University
  Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
  Noam Pines, State University of New York, Buffalo
  David Shyovitz, Northwestern University
  Jay Geller, Vanderbilt University

A7-103

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit
Theme: Diversity and Unity: Religious Institutions and Asian Pacific Islander American Life
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, Presiding
Hoi San Lu, Vanderbilt University
Examining Gender and Division Among Kachin Baptist Congregations in the U.S.
Tom Park, Concordia University Irvine, CA
The Rise of Hmongism
Albert Shannon G. Toribio, University of California, Santa Barbara
St. Columban’s Church of Los Angeles: The First Filipino National Church
Tejpaul Bainiwal, University of California, Riverside
Stockton Gurdwara: The Political Center of Sikhs in the United States
Emily Yen, Trinity College
The Moral Logics of Religious Advocacy for Chinese Student Refugees
Business Meeting:
  SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, and Melissa Borja, University of Michigan, Presiding
A7-104
Comparative Theology Unit and Mysticism Unit
Theme: The Challenge of Spirituality in a Comparative Perspective
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College, Presiding

Won Jae Hur, Xavier University
Non-duality and the Body: Edith Stein's Contribution to Recent Comparative Theology

Gloria Maita Hernandez, West Chester University
Proximity and Resemblance: Divine Presence in Christian and Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Theology

Jason Welle, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies
"Poverty is My Glory: Comparative Medieval Approaches to Spiritual Poverty"

Veli-Matti Karkkainen, Fuller Theological Seminary
"The Spirit (is) from the Amr of my Lord: The (Holy) Spirit in a Muslim-Christian Engagement: A Little Comparative Exercise"

Responding:
Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston

A7-105
Contemplative Studies Unit
Theme: Contemplative Modes of Knowing and Transforming
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University, Presiding

Shodhin Geiman, Valparaiso University
Why Renunciation (Still) Matters: Lessons from the Buddhist and Christian Desert Traditions

Andre Van Der Braak, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Indigenous and Western Ayahuasca Contemplative Practices

Kythe Heller, Harvard University
Sonic Possible Worlds: Listening and the Political Possibilities of Sound in Arvo Pärt’s Spiegel im Spiegel

Responding:
Harold D. Roth, Brown University

Business Meeting:
Harold D. Roth, Brown University, and Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University, Presiding

A7-106
Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit
Theme: Exploring Modern Discourses of Magic
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Diana Brown, Syracuse University
A Note on the Origins of “Tech” as Metaphor for Magic

Kendra Holt Moore, Boston University
Playing the Witch: The Work of Play in Mainstreaming Witchcraft

Angela Puca, Leeds Trinity University
The Philosophy of Magic. From the Fringe of Society to the Fringe of “Reality”.

Marisa Franz, New York University
Vital and Spectral Things: Ghosts, Magic, and Everyday Objects in Museums

A7-107
Ethics Unit
Theme: New Directions in Religious Ethics
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Caleb Brown, University of Oxford
Acts of God and Humans: Addressing the Monotheistic Tension Between Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility in Ecological Ethics

Sean Lau, Harvard University
Models of the Theology/Ethics Relationship in Modern Christian Thought: A Typology

Ross Moret, Florida State University
Religious Ethics and Empirical Ethics

Fred Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary
Evolutionary Biology, Ecological Crisis, and the Character of Christian Salvation History

Gracdon Zorzi, George Fox University
Toleration and Insurrection: Locke, Winnifred Sullivan, and Global Religious Freedom

A7-108
Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit
Theme: Why Humanities Should Go Global
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding

Nell Hawley, Harvard University
Crisis and the Call to Interpretation: The Sanskrit Mahābhārata in the First Millennium

Jane Mikkelsen, University of Virginia
Crossings: Lyric Meditation and Comparative Religion Early Modern India

Thomas Mazanec, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Practice of Religious Poetry: Buddhist Poet-Monks of Late Tang China

Rafal Stepień, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
'Why Are My Humanities So Black-and-White?' Buddhist Lessons in Undisciplining Religion, Literature, and Philosophy
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**

*All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.*

### A7-109

**Native Traditions in the Americas Unit**  
**Theme:** Teaching Native Religious Traditions with Dr. Inés Talamantez  
**Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Andrea McComb Sanchez, University of Arizona, Presiding

Delores Mondragon, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Indigenous Decolonizing and Rematriating Ways of Knowing per Dr. Inés Talamantez: Moving Forward with Ancestral Knowledge and Responsibilities*

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach  
*Teaching Caxcan Gender, Language, and Place-Names*

Felicia Lopez, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Teaching Inés Talamantez’s Theory of Translation: Poetic Translations of Native and Indigenous Texts*

Lawrence W. Gross, University of Redlands  
*The Pedagogy of Self-Directed Native Language Learning*

Responding:  
Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University

### A7-110

**Philosophy of Religion Unit**  
**Theme:** Ethics, Subjectivity, and Ascetic Practice: A Discussion of Niki Kasumi Clements’s *Sites of the Ascetic Self* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2020)  
**Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Hartford, Presiding

Panelists:  
Biko Gray, Syracuse University  
Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University  
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University

Responding:  
Niki Clements, Rice University

### A7-111

**Religion and Ecology Unit**  
**Theme:** Religion, Ecology, Coloniality and Settler Colonialism: Life at the Intersection  
**Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego, Presiding

Andrew Ronnevik, Baylor University  
*Whipple’s Vision: The Theology of the Land in Nineteenth-Century Episcopal Missions to Minnesota Native Americans*

Tyler Tully, Oxford University  
*Native Futurities in an Age of ’Permanent Settler War’: Conceptualizing Settler Coloniality as an Ongoing Ecological Structure*

Renan Dos Santos, University of São Paulo / Brazil  
*Formation and Development of the Official Catholic Ecotheology in Brazil*

Blair Wilner, University of Virginia  
*This Sad Little Island*: Colonialism as a Racial and Ecological Theodicy

Business Meeting:  
Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University, Presiding

### A7-112

**Religion and the Social Sciences Unit**  
**Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:  
Nicolete Manglos-Weber, Boston University  
Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles  
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University  
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University  
Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Seminary of the Southwest  
Richard Pitt, Vanderbilt University

Responding:  
Gerardo Marti, Davidson College  
Kyle Lambelet, Emory University  
Nichole Phillips, Emory University

Business Meeting:  
Nichole Phillips, Emory University, and Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding
A7-113

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Theme: Alternative Healing, Transnationalism, & Biomedicine
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College, Presiding

Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Vanderbilt University

(II)Legitimate Suffering: Afrocentric Alternative Medicinal Practices

Angela Xia, University of Pennsylvania

Crystals Beyond the New Age: U.S. Mineral Healing and Novel Formations of Science, Medicine, and Religion

Leonard Lowe, College of Charleston

White Doctors Cannot See Everything: Transnationalism, Biomedicine, and Pentecostal Healing in Haiti

Business Meeting:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, and Emily Wu, Dominican University of California, Presiding

A7-114

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Theme: Broadening the Vision of Theology and Science: A Roundtable Session with the Authors of T&T Clark Handbook for Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences (Bloomsbury Academic, 2020)
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

John Slattery, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Presiding

Panelists:

Jessica Coblenz, Saint Mary’s College, Indiana

Rufus Burnett, Fordham University

Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University

J. Richard Middleton, Roberts Wesleyan College

Sarah Lane Ritchie, University of Edinburgh

Paul Schutz, Santa Clara University

Tim Snyder, Warburg Theological Seminary

Stoyan Tanov, Carleton University

A7-115

Study of Islam Unit
Theme: Knowledge, Authority, and Power in Early-Modern and Modern Islam
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Yasmine Flodin-Ali, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Mary Elston, Harvard University

Debating Twelvths: Religious Knowledge in Egypt’s al-Azhar

Naveen Ramamurthy, University of California, Los Angeles

The Canon and the Canonization of Law in Islamicate South Asia (c. 1300s–1500s)

Samuel Kigar, University of Puget Sound

When Map is Territory: Morocco’s Claim for the Western Sahara

Pieter Coppens, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Reassessing the Rise of Salafism in Damascus: A Social Network Analysis

Ermin Sinanovic, Shenandoah University

Theological Innovation on the Edges of Islam: Evidence from the Balkans and Southeast Asia

A7-116

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Theme: New Research in Tibetan and Himalayan Religions
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Nicole Willock, Old Dominion University, Presiding

Rae Dachille, University of Arizona

Counting the Way to Liberation: Distinguishing the Thirteenth Bhum in Fifteenth-Century Tibet

Rachel Levy, Northwestern University

Sartorial Visions: Clothing and Visionary Experience in Seventeenth-Century Tibetan Buddhist Biography

Gideon Elazar, Ariel University, Bar Ilan University

The Sacred Geography of Thangka Scrolls: Cultural Preservation, Buddhist Expansion and Longing for Shangri-la

Maria Turek, University of Toronto

Realm of Meditators: Transnational Visions of Buddhist Belonging

Business Meeting:

Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College, Presiding

A7-117

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit
Theme: Futuring the Womanist Project: Creative, Liberating, Intersectional Visions of Womanist Theory and Praxis, the Next 30 Years
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Candace M. Laughinghouse, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Sakena Young-Scaggs, Arizona State University

LaKeesha Walrond, First Corinthian Baptist Church

Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology

Funlayo Easter Wood, African and Diasporic Religious Studies Association

Responding:

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Conferences_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5).
Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

A7-118
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit
Theme: Provocative Pictures and the Politics of Visual Culture
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Lina Verchery, Harvard University, Presiding
Teng-Kuan Ng, Georgetown University
The Open Road: Zhang Yang’s “Paths of the Soul” and the Contemporary Chinese Quest for Faith
Torin Alexander, Winston-Salem State University
Watchmen: Afro-Speculative Fiction and Africana Religious Reflection
Bryson White, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
What Does Vietnam Have to Do with San Quentin? The Incarcerated Black Poem as Source for Theological Method
Joel Mayward, University of Saint Andrews
Post-Secular Parables and the Social Imaginary of Resistance: Terrence Malick’s A Hidden Life and the Dardenne Brothers’ Young Ahmed
Business Meeting:
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, and Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

P7-100
La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion
Theme: Pandemic and Social Justice
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Lauren Frances Guerra, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
As we continue to shift our ways of being and thinking in light of the ways COVID-19 has impacted our lives, families, communities, workspaces, and beyond, we must take a closer look at how the pandemic has affected the Latinx community specifically. The panelists will explore various aspects of how the pandemic has transformed our world.
Panelists:
Loida I. Martell, Lexington Theological Seminary
Claudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary
Elaine Penagos, Emory University

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A7-200
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Drawing mainly from materials in the AAR archives and past presidential addresses, this plenary panel suggests that there are at least two major transitions prior the current one we are experiencing. The first occurs as the National Society of Biblical Instructors forms out of the Society of Biblical Literature in 1909, and is driven mainly by the implications of evolution for the Bible and how biblical studies should be taught in academic settings. The second happens in the post WWII 1960s, when the study of religion in the United States becomes more than the study of Christianity (and to a lesser extent Judaism), and more about the study of religions in a much more diverse academy. The present transition, a major one, is marked by the context of globalization, and by a rise in the numbers of people who don’t profess any particular religion. Historical comparative approaches to the study of religion (which still shape many religious studies departments) fail to fully capture the realities of what might today be called meaning-making practices, which often draw from a combination of various religious and non-religious (scientific, philosophical, etc.) sources in an effort to make sense of the world. After exploring the earlier shifts through the institutional history of the AAR, the panelists offer some suggestions about how we might weather the more recent shifts in the study of religion.

Panelists:
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
Sarah Cassel, American Academy of Religion
Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion

Symbol Key:
AAR Award Winners
Arts Series
Books Under Discussion
Business Meeting
Films
Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
Professional Development
Professional Development — Employment
Professional Development — Mentoring
Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
Professional Development — Publishing
Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book
**A7-201**

*Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Class, Religion, and Theology Unit*

**Theme:** *Contingent Labor Across Society and Academy*

*Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM*

Joseph Strife, Fordham University, Presiding

Throughout capitalist economies, more and more occupations are being re-structured into predominantly contingent, precarious, and/or gig labor. The papers in this session allow us to more critically understand this shift and see both the problems it is causing and the possibilities for worker resistance it opens up. The first paper presents the overall trend within the US class structure, providing context for the remaining papers, which focus on contingency in the academy. The second paper offers a case-study of an organizing drive among part-time faculty at a private research university. The third paper explicates ways of thinking about labor and solidarity that limit building effective worker power and considers alternatives that can expand them.

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University

*From Adjuncts to Uber Drivers and OnCall Cooks: The New Class System and the Loss of Benefits and Belonging*

Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University

*The Elephant in the Room: Organizing and Sustaining Our Part-Time Faculty Union*

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

*I’m Sticking with the Union Trouble: Territory, Solidarity, and Contingent Academic Labor*

**Business Meeting:**

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, and Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

---

**A7-202**

*Public Understanding of Religion Committee*

**Theme:** *2020 Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion Forum: Khaled Abou El Fadl*

*Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM*

Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

This session celebrates this year’s recipient of the Martin Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion, Dr. Khaled Abou El Fadl. Over the past two decades, public scholarship on Islam has been a critical component in conversations about social inclusion, foreign policy, and interreligious dynamics. Abou El Fadl’s work engages these issues in ways that are accessible to both specialist and non-specialist audiences. This group of distinguished panelists will consider efforts to advance the public understanding at the intersection between Islam and politics in the United States since 9/11, taking up key themes in Abou El Fadl’s scholarship including Islamic ethical approaches to global challenges, religious tolerance, and human rights.

**Panelists:**

Khaled Abou El Fadl, University of California, Los Angeles

Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University

Nader Hashemi, University of Denver

Ziba Mir-Hosseini, University of London

---

**A7-203**

*Student Lounge Roundtable*

**Theme:** *‘A Very Present Help In Trouble’: The Care and Keeping of Self, Soul, Service, and Sanity alongside Pandemics and Other Precarious Times*

*Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM*

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our world irrevocably, and will continue to do so in unpredictable ways that will require creative, compassionate responses. Though our collective understandings of the long-term impacts of the virus are still developing and evolving, what is both evident and demonstrable already is that the virus’ impact on mental health and wellbeing, directly (ill loved ones, recovery statistics showing neurological impacts that precipitate mental health diagnoses, etc.) and circumstantially (through lockdowns, social distancing, virtual learning, working from home, etc.), is significant and life-altering. Thus, as we grapple for a new foothold in the Academy to continue our work as mentors, educators, scholars, and colleagues, we are also faced with a sharp increase in both the incidence and risk of exacerbation when it comes to the already deeply stigmatised issue of mental health. In this conversational workshop, you are invited to join a collaborative discussion in which we collectively decompress—emotionally and practically—in the context of personal and professional (and global) crisis. We will aim to brainstorm how to proceed in terms of being mentors to students who are experiencing the vast transformative shifts of higher education in times of even greater uncertainty, whilst we as practitioners and specialists balance being resources of support and active changemakers in and beyond classrooms and faith communities with maintaining our own wellbeing and self-care amidst a pandemic, as well as numerous other sources of stress and labour demanded in a sometimes-overwhelmingly changing world. Please feel encouraged to bring any elements of self-care to the workshop you feel inspired to: from your knitting project, to a glass or mug of whatever-you-like, to your best-loved oversized hoodie. The only ceremony this workshop stands upon is sharing community in a candid, supportive exchange of ideas to meet the challenges of the present moment.

**Panelists:**

Katelynn E. Carver, University of Saint Andrews

---

*See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book*
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

A7-204

Afro-American Religious History Unit
Theme: Sites, Sources, and the Historical Imagination: Trajectories in Graduate Research of African-American Religion
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, Presiding
Cori Tucker-Price, Dartmouth College
Beyond Azusa: Mapping Black Religion in Los Angeles
Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University
New Orleans 300 Years Later: The Study of African American Religions in a Southern City
Ambre Dromgoole, Yale University
Into the Archive: Excavating the Influence of Twentieth Century Gospel Music Composer Roxie Ann Moore
Krishi Metivier, Duke University
Breaking My Master's Chains: Advancing Intersectional Histories of Black and Hindu
Jacob Havel, University of Iowa
Religion or Culture?: Re-thinking Categories from the Bottom Up with the Five Percenters
Yasmine Flodin-Ali, University of North Carolina
Writing Resistance: The Archives’ Racialization of Omar ibn Said

A7-205

Buddhism Unit
Theme: An Open Conversation on Urban Religiosities in Chinese Buddhism Today
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Esther-Maria Guggenmos, IKGF, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Presiding
Panelists:
Alison Denton Jones, Harvard University
Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University
Robert Weller, Boston University
Yang Shen, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity
Di Di, Santa Clara University

A7-206

Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Teaching Religion Unit
Theme: Teaching Death, Dying, and Beyond
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding
Tanya Walker, Yale University
Framing and Re-Framing Death and Religion: The Discursive Potential of Visual Artworks for Examining Threads of Continuity, Change, and Complexity in Death Education
Laura Simpson, Villanova University, and Naomi Washington-Leapheart, Villanova University
"Do Black Lives Matter to God?": Teaching About Death in a Prison Classroom
Melinda McGarrah Sharp, Columbia Theological Seminary
Writing With Casket Stationary: A Narrative Pedagogy for Teaching and Learning the "Blessed Ambiguity of Dying"

A7-207

Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit
Theme: Decolonizing and Resetting the Interfaith Table
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Margarita M. W. Suarez, Meredith College, Presiding
Matthew Sayers, Lebanon Valley College
A Broader Table: Bringing Missing Voices to the Interfaith Table
Jenny Small, Convergence, J.T. Snipes, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Sachi Edwards, University of Tokyo, and J. Cody Nielsen, Convergence
Emerging Frameworks for Critical Analysis of Religion and Interfaith Studies: Reflections on Pluralism and Decolonization in Higher Education
Yasmine Flodin-Ali, University of North Carolina
Decolonizing Christian-Muslim Relations: Historical Frameworks, Premises, and Power Dynamics
Rachel A. Heath, Vanderbilt University
Decentered Inclusivity: The Limits and Possibilities of Hospitality and Inclusion in Multifaith Models for College and University Chaplaincies

A7-208

Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit
Theme: Kierkegaard, the Problem of Patriarchy, and Related Social Ills, Part 1
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Iben Damgaard, University of Copenhagen, Presiding

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Arts Series
- Professional Development — Employment
- Books Under Discussion
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Business Meeting
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Films
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- New Program Unit
- Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book.
A7-209
Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit
Theme: Pentecostal Movements in the Latinx World
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Justin Doran, Middlebury College, Presiding
Paul J. Palma, Regent University
Bottom-Up Christianity: Grassroots Pentecostalism and the Christian Congregation in Brazil and North America
David Luckey, Richland College
Pentecostal Politicality: Latinx Human Rights and Complicity with Power
Responding:
Nstor Medina, University of Toronto

A7-210
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Theme: Punishment or Treatment? How Substance Abuse, Addiction and Treatment is Shaped by Religious, Political and Racialized Narratives
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Sonia Waters, Princeton Theological Seminary
To Every Disorder a Social Order: Exploring the Theological Traces of “Disorder” Language in the Punitive Treatment of Addiction
Rachelle Green, Fordham University
White Women’s Care, Black Women’s Crime: How Race and Sexism Shaped the Legacy of Care Practice Toward Incarcerated Women of Color

A7-211
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit
Theme: The Ambivalent and Performative Work of Memorialization and Reconciliation
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding
Isabelle Mutton, University of Exeter
Representing the Holocaust at National Memorials: An Ambivalence Towards Jewish Tradition?
Nindyo Sasongko, Fordham University
“The Nature of Our Resistance”—Intercultural or Performative?: Raimon Panikkar and Judith Butler on Nonviolence
Aaron Ellis, Florida State University
The Open Program’s Political and Theatrical Ritual: An Intervention

A7-212
Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Theme: Is Divine Action ‘Natural’ in a Theology of Nature?
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Panelists:
Sarah Lane Ritchie, University of Edinburgh
Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University
Fiona Ellis, University of Roehampton

A7-213
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West, Presiding
Panelists:
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Vineet Chander, Princeton University
Emily Clark, Gonzaga University
Responding:
Khyati Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University

A7-214
Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
Theme: Mapping the Cakras Across Tantra and Yoga
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary, Presiding
Veena Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Cakra Theory and Buddhist Tantric Epistemology of Perception in the Kalacakra Tantric Literature
Lorilai Biernacki, University of Colorado
The Theory of the Body
Ben Williams, Naropa University
Cakras in the Śaiva Age: Inner Centers and Deity Circuits
Naomi Worth, University of Virginia
Cakras in the Tibetan Yoga of Winds, Channels, and Inner Heat
Seth Powell, Harvard University
Between Viśaṣāvās and Nātāhas: Nine Cakras and Sixteen Ādhāras in the “Post-Śaiva Age”
Responding:
John Nemec, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:
Sravana Borkatakavarma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, and Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, Presiding
All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

A7-300

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Theme: Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Virtual Happy Hour
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, and Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding
Come hear updates from the Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Group and AAR leadership on important issues relating to contingent faculty and bring your questions and concerns about the well-being of contingent faculty. There will be plenty of time for open discussion. This session is open to all AAR members regardless of job title or category. Join the conversation.

A7-301

Applied Religious Studies Committee Meeting
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

A7-302

African Diaspora Religions Unit and Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and Teaching Religion Unit
Theme: Indigenous Pedagogies in the Religious Studies Classroom
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding
Michelle Ajisebo McElwaine Abimbola, Ifá Heritage Institute/ Boston College
Ifá Heritage Institute: Teaching Texts from the Spirit World
Ayodeji Ogunnaíke, Bowdoin College
Teaching Through Traditional Yoruba Religion
Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University
Making Indigenous Religions Relevant to Non-Indigenous Students
Responding:
Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University

A7-303

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit
Theme: Bonhoeffer and Contemporary Theological Reflection
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Matthew Puffer, Valparaiso University, Presiding
Joseph McGarry, Saint John’s College
Christ After the Crown: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Post-Colonial Indigenous Theological Reflection
Dianne Rayson, United Theological College, Charles Sturt University and The University of Newcastle
Kill the Polluters: Pacifism, Tyrannicide, and Bonhoeffer’s Ethics for the Anthropocene
Julie Morris, Duke University
Patriarchal Soteriology: Bonhoeffer’s Slip to Theological Colonialism

A7-304

Childhood Studies and Religion Unit
Theme: Childhood, Religion, and the History of Identity
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Princeton University, Presiding
Elisabeth Yang, Rutgers University
Medical Advice for Moral Infancy: The Confluence of Science and Religion in Victorian America
Laura Popa, Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany
The Construction of (Religious) Childhood in the Italian Protestant Women’s Teaching (1860–1915)
E. Sundari Johansen Hurwitt, California Institute of Integral Studies
Goddess or Pariah? Intersections of Economics, Caste, and Social Order in Kumārī Worship in India

Business Meeting:
Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College, and Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Business Meeting:
Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg University, and Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College, Presiding

Symbol Key:

AAR Award Winners
Arts Series
Books Under Discussion
Business Meeting
Films
Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
Professional Development
Professional Development — Employment
Professional Development — Mentoring
Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
Professional Development — Publishing
Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book
### A7-305

**Ethics Unit and Science, Technology, and Religion Unit**  
**Theme:** *Ethical Implications of Scientific Theories*  
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  

Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding  

Patrick Haley, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*The Virtuous Animal: Adapting Religious Virtue Ethics to Evolutionary Biology*  

Ryan Juskus, Duke University  
*The Sacred and the Stratified: Theorizing the Political and Religious Dimensions of Geology’s Master Principle*  

Neil Arner, University of Notre Dame  
*Interdisciplinary Challenges and Opportunities Amidst the Crisis of Confidence in the Sciences*  

---

### A7-306

**Gay Men and Religion Unit and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit**  
**Theme:** *Trans and Female Masculinities*  
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College, Presiding  

Beck Henriksen, University of North Carolina  
*Trans Fat: Disidentification, Evangelicalism, and Possibilities for Trans Bodies*  

Micah Cronin, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Really, Cis?: Transmasculinity, Sexual Violence, and the Absurdity of Masculinity*  

Elizabeth DiMiele, New Haven, CT  
*Restless Hearts, Weary Members: The Possibility of a Transgender Ecclesiology*  

Max Thornton, Drew University  
*Brides of Frankenstein: Transmasculinity, T-Theology, and the New TERFism*  

Joshua Shelton, Northwestern University  
*“The Queen of Tibetan Exile”: An Ethnographic and Discursive Analysis of Tibetan Trans Icon Tenzin Mariko*  

---

### A7-307

**Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit**  
**Theme:** *The Global and Alternative Luther and His Relevance for Today*  
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM  

Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding  

Christopher Ocker, Australian Catholic University  
*The “Global-Historical” Luther*  

Jennifer Hockenbery, Mount Mary University  
*Christian Freedom, Academic Debate, and the Struggle for Mutual Recognition*  

Daniel Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*Theologia Crucis for Asian America: Contra Confucian Moralism and Orientalism*  

Andrew Ronnevik, Baylor University  
*Lutheran Conceptions of Human Dignity in a Global Context: A Conversation with Indian Dalits and European/North Americans*  

Mary J. Streufert, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
*A Feminist Hermeneutic of Constructive Reframing*  

Trygve Wyller, University of Oslo  
*The Makibshif Curtain: A Touching Piece of Political Theology*  

Business Meeting:  
Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, and Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding  

---

### A7-308

**Middle Eastern Christianity Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit**  
**Theme:** *Middle Eastern Christianity and Others in the City of the Late Antique East*  
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding  

Charles Rivera, Yale University  
*Hagar’s Bestial Daughters: Christian and Barbarian in Ephrem’s Nisibis*  

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University  
*The World Has Lost Rome and the Monks Have Lost Scetis!” Monastic Civic Visions in the Arabic Christian Versions of the Apophthegmata Patrum*  

Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University  
*Reticent and Vocal About Judgement and Hell for Christians: Contextualizing Jerome and Pelagius’ Conflict Over Soteriology and the Last Things in the Religious Context of the Divided Roman East*  

---

### A7-309

**Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit**  
**Theme:** *Moral Anguish and the Pandemic*  
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  

Rita Brock, Volunteers of America, Presiding  

Shelly Rambo, Boston University  
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary  
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology  

---

*See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book*
A7-310

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit and Schleiermacher Unit
Theme: The Spirit as Framed by Schleiermacher and the Pentecostals
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Emilio Alvarez, Institute for Paleo-Orthodox Christian Studies
“Sensing” the Spirit: Pentecostalism, Orthodoxy and the Affections
Shelli Poe, Iliff School of Theology
Divine Indwelling and the Spirit of Love: Schleiermacher and Yong in Ecumenical Conversation
Responding:
Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, and Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

A7-311

Religion and Food Unit
Theme: Religion and Food in Global Perspective
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, Presiding
Scott Alves Barton, New York University
Melquita: To Be Pepperish
Sasha Stern, Yiddish Book Center
The Essence of the Esn: Jewish Food, Yiddish Cookbooks, and Embodied Memory
Hyaeweol Choi, University of Iowa
Zen Buddhist Nuns Go Global
Responding:
Elias Sacks, University of Colorado
Business Meeting:
Shari Rabin, Oberlin College, and Paul Nahme, Brown University, Presiding

A7-312

Religion in South Asia Unit
Theme: Religion and the Modern Islamicate: Cosmopolitans, Composites, and Colonial Critique in South Asia
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Anna Bigelow, Stanford University, Presiding
Illyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont
Muslims, Modernity, and Memorializations of the 1857 Indian Rebellion
Hayden Bellenoit, US Naval Academy
Kanyakas and their Islamicate cultural associations in north India, 1760–1930
Hayden Bellenoit, US Naval Academy
A Modern, ‘Eternal’ Religion: The Sanatana Dharma of Shraddha Ram Phillauri
Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College
Khilafat’s Islamicate Solidarities: Gandhian Sufis, Delhi’s Badshah Khan and Bio–Moral Beef
Quinn Clark, Columbia University
Love and Money: Soft Shrines, Politics, and Comparative Secularism in North India

A7-313

Study of Judaism Unit
Theme: Affecting Jewish Studies
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Steven Weitzman, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Sarah Wolf, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Doubting Feeling: Reading for Emotion in Premodern Sources
Sarah Pessin, University of Denver
Ibn Gabirol’s Visceral Poetics of Material Desire: From Scholastic to Affective Frames in the Study of Medieval Jewish Emanationism
Dustin Atlas, University of Dayton
Affect and Modern Jewish Thought: Relationships Without Language in Eve Sedgwick and Martin Buber
Responding:
Elias Sacks, University of Colorado
Business Meeting:
Shari Rabin, Oberlin College, and Paul Nahme, Brown University, Presiding
A7-314

Women and Religion Unit and Women’s Caucus
Theme: Emerging Scholars Re-Engaging Praxis
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

JuneHee Yoon, Drew University  
*Envisioning Home with Queer Holiness at the Core: A Case Study of Korean American Christian Communities*

Grazina Bielousova, Duke University  
*A Different Belonging: Feminist Resistance in East-Central Europe as an Alternative Community*

Tracy McEwan, University of Newcastle, Australia  
*Identity Struggles: Re-imagining Catholic Women’s Praxis*

Responding:  
Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds

A7-315

World Christianity Unit
Theme: Decolonizing World Christianity
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Wanjiru Gitau, Saint Thomas University, Presiding

Janice McLean-Farrell, New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
*Decolonizing World Christianity: Interrogating its Roots, Pedagogy and Research and Money.*

Jesse Lee, Florida State University  
*“Power and Post-Colonial Realities”: Anglican Realignment and the Rhetoric of Reverse Colonialism*

Shin-Fung Hung, Duke University  
*A Christianity of Hongkongers, by Hongkongers, for Hongkongers: Resistance to China’s Re-colonization as Indigenization*

Byung Ho Choi, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*History of East Timor Revisited: Through the Lens of Interculturality*

Business Meeting:  
Corey Williams, Leiden University, and Briana Wong, Wake Forest University, Presiding

P7-300

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Theme: Pedagogies of Justice and Care in Liminal Times
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Nancy Lynne Westfield, Drew University, Presiding

A 90-minute session for early career faculty teaching in a range of higher educational contexts. Early career faculty courses are often expected to adhere stringently to disciplinary canons and institutional ethos norms regardless of world events, national happenings, or social movements.

At the same time, early career faculty are often expected to be the nimblest, most adept, most technologically savvy, and most able to adjust to complicated teaching tasks, yet they rarely have more than a little experience with teaching in higher education. In addition, they often find an abundance of expectations related to peer responsibilities like advising, mentoring, teaching, service to the institution through committees, and scholarship. Teaching during uncertain times can make teaching more difficult, even overwhelming. Justice and care for students and faculty in liminal times is often in short supply and finding practices and strategies of incorporating real time goings-on can be daunting. This session will attend to a range of topics and questions related to pedagogies of justice and care for the early career colleague.

Panelists will respond to such questions and topics as:

* What’s the alternative in social upheaval to pretending all is the same?
* What pedagogies of care might be employed in contested spaces and liminal times?
* How does one attend to student resistance and fear when engaging justice concerns and topics?
* What strategies of listening can support teaching during upheaval within or beyond the institutional context?
* How does one prepare one’s self to teach while the world is shifting?
* What does it mean for an early career scholar to read the institutional politics when the institution is, itself, in crisis?
* What is the role of educational imagination and design when creating syllabi in uncertain times?

Panelists:  
Shehnaz Haqqani, Mercer University  
Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary  
Sara Ronis, Saint Mary’s University, Texas  
Ben Sanders, Eden Theological Seminary  
Lisa Thompson, Vanderbilt University
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

---

**A8-100**

**Yogācāra Studies Unit**

Theme: *Yogācāra as Idealism? The State of the Debate and New Avenues of Inquiry*

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Daniel McNamara, Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Presiding

Koichi Takahashi, University of Tokyo  
*The Inexpressibility of the Vastu in Early Yogācāra Philosophy*

Karen O’Brien-Kop, University of Roehampton  
*Reality Processing in the ‘Yogalehrbuch’: Vivid Visualisation or Complex Hallucination?*

Joy Brennan, Kenyon College  
*Mind Only as Diagnosis*

Responding:  
Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

Business Meeting:  
Joy Brennan, Kenyon College, and Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University, Presiding

**Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

---

**A8-101**

**Applied Religious Studies Committee**

Theme: *Off the Tenure Track: Career Services for Diverse Careers*

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

When humanities scholars talk about exploring and pursuing “alt-ac” and “post-ac” careers, two concerns often dominate the conversation: 1) Graduate studies in the humanities don’t prepare us for or aren’t relevant to diverse nonacademic career paths, and 2) We don’t know where to look for or how to apply for nonacademic jobs. Whether you are a scholar thinking about career opportunities off the tenure track or outside the academy or a faculty member interested in supporting students engaged in such searches, join our panel of career services experts to discuss the many careers that are open to — and even looking for! — people with advanced training in the humanities.

Panelists will discuss existing resources and where to find them, as well as ways that departments, universities, and professional organizations like the AAR can better support scholars in diverse non-tenure track and nonacademic careers.

Panelists:  
Brian DeGrazia, Modern Language Association

---

**A8-102**

**Graduate Student Committee**

Theme: *Making our Home as Scholars: Creating Spaces of Hospitality within the Academy*

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

Inspired by this year’s Presidential theme, we are excited to host a special panel that will explore the ways in which the academy supports, or fails to support, graduate student’s scholarly, vocational, and spiritual formation. We will pay particular attention to the narratives, descriptions, and critical analysis and reflections on hospitality, mentoring, and making-space. Here we look to examine how and in what way(s) the academy makes space for and supports new generations of scholars. We will explore questions like, “What is the role of hospitality in the lives of scholars?”, “What does it mean for the academy to be a hospitable place?”, and “What is our role in developing and contributing to a hospitable academic community?” Ultimately, this special call will provide constructive proposals and critical reflections on the various ways in which the academy functions, or should function, as a home for graduate students (and junior scholars) as whole persons engaged in scholarly work.

Panelists:  
Andrea Scardina, University of Iowa  
Emily Stratton, Indiana University  
James Smoker, University of Saint Andrews  
Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union  
Zac Poppen, Brite Divinity School

---

Symbol Key:

- AAR Award Winners
- *Arts Series*  
  Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- New Program Unit
- Wildcard Sessions

---

*See the full Annual Meetings program online at [www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37](http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37) and [papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book](http://papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book) •*
A8-103
Public Understanding of Religion Committee and Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: Religion and Public Life in and after the COVID-19 Pandemic
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding
Panelists from several disciplines in the study of religion will host a conversation about the recent and future impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on different issues, themes, and vectors in religion and public life. Specific themes for reflection include cultural fault lines, women's rights, race, public health, climate change, state power, civil religion, the body politic, truth and post-truth, and public theology among others. Specific questions the panelists will consider include the following: How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted or altered how we approach, think about, and understand these themes? Does the resilience of these themes suggest whether things might return to pre-COVID conditions? How are things likely to change going forward? What underlying challenges has this pandemic helped to expose or exacerbate? What constructive insights has it helped to generate? What role can scholars of religion play to improve the public's understanding and conversations about this crisis?
Panelists:
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute
R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, St. Louis
Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
Nichole Phillips, Emory University
Evan Berry, Arizona State University
Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University
Philip Gorski, Yale University
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

A8-104
Publications Committee
Theme: Publishing in Religious Studies Journals
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding
This panel brings together editors of a wide range of religious studies journals to discuss the nuts and bolts of journal editing, with the aim of making editorial procedures more transparent and addressing common questions about the journal publishing process. The panel will be of particular interest to graduate students and junior faculty who are new to the activities of scholarly publishing.
Panelists:
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion
Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University
Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary

A8-105
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit
Theme: Bonhoeffer, Truth-Telling and Obedience
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding
Michael Laffin, University of Aberdeen
Bonhoeffer and the Politics of Truth-Telling in an Age of Virtual Reality
Barbara Meyer, Tel Aviv University
Command and Commandment in Times of Evil
Cole Jodon, Houston Graduate School of Theology
Truth-Telling and the Ecumenical Imperative to Proclaim the Commands of Christ

A8-106
Chinese Religions Unit
Theme: Channeling Efficacy: Making, Using, and Understanding Talismans in Pre-modern Chinese Religions
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Zhaohua Yang, Columbia University, Presiding
Hsin Yi Lin, Fo Guang University
An Examination of Dunhuang Esoteric Talismans for Childbirth Protection: Taking Guanyin's Cult as an Example
Joshua Capitanio, Stanford University
Objective and Subjective Efficacy in the Use of Daoist Talismans
Minhao Zhai, Princeton University
Engaging with the Body: Paradigms of Utilizing Talismanic Objects in Medieval China
Zhaohua Yang, Columbia University
Shifting Signs: Talismanic Innovations in the Ucchuṣma Cult of the Middle Period
Responding:
Shih-shan Huang, Rice University
Business Meeting:
Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, and Anna Sun, Harvard University, Presiding

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A8-107

Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: New Theological Perspectives on Participation

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Jennifer Martin, Alexandria, VA, Presiding

Luke Zerra, Princeton Theological Seminary

"A Kind of Transubstantiation in Us": Participation and Moral Formation in Richard Hooker's Sacramentology

Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University

Imaging the Invisible: Nature and Participation in Gregory of Nyssa

Philippe Eberhard, Nassau Community College

Listening in the Voice or the Participative Process of Faith

Deborah Casewell, Liverpool Hope University

Participation as Decreation: Suffering, Unselfing and Unworldly Goodness in Simone Weil

A8-108

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit


Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

David Freidenreich, Colby College, Presiding

Panelists:

Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Robert Smid, Curry College
Catherine Cornille, Boston College
Florence Pasche Guignard, Université Laval
Kathryn McClaymond, Georgia State University

Responding:

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas

A8-109

Contemplative Studies Unit

Theme: Creating Communities of Care Through Contemplative Praxis

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding

Colin Simonds, Queen's University at Kingston

Buddhist Moral Phenomenology, the Ecological Crisis, and the Ethical Implications of Contemplative Practice

Namdrol Miranda Adams, Maitripa College


Tiffany Lee, Boston College

Deep Learning, Addiction, and Contemplation: Constructing a Theological Response to Addiction in Conversation with Developmental Neuroscience and Sarah Coakley's Contemplative Pedagogy of Desire

Maggi Jones, Baylor University

Linking Mysticism and Ethics Through the Life and Thought of Howard Thurman

Responding:

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

A8-110

Political Theology Unit

Theme: Eric Nelson’s The Theology of Liberalism: Political Philosophy and the Justice of God

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Ryan Darr, Princeton University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jennifer A. Herdt, Yale University
Eric Gregory, Princeton University
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University
Paul Weithman, University of Notre Dame

Responding:

Nelson Eric, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Symbol Key:

- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Wildcard Sessions
A8-111

Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit

Theme: *Issues in Interreligious Studies - Interactive Workshop*
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Anne Hege Grung, University of Oslo, Presiding

**Alternative Pedagogies**
- Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University
  *Collaborative Story Telling Assignment*
- Katie Givens Kime, Odyssey Impact
  *Stranger/Sister: Case Study of Pedagogical Use of Film Clips for Interfaith/Interreligious Learning Outcomes*

**New Publications in the Field**
- Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Chicago Theological Seminary
  *Critical Perspectives in Interreligious Education: Experiments in Empathy*
- Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University, Patrice Brodeur, University of Montreal, and Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies
  *Interreligious Studies: Dispatches from an Emerging Field*

**Online Teaching and Learning, Before and After the Pandemic**
Discussion Facilitators:
- Marianne Moyaert, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
- Carolyn Roncolato, Interfaith Youth Core

**Community-based Learning and Activism**
- Gregory Han, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston
  *Interfaith Prayer in Public and Private Spaces: Three Years of Experiences*
- Sana Syed, Inner-City Muslim Action Network
  *Community-based Learning and Activism*

**Between and Among Religions: Exploring the Goals of Religious Education and the Meaning of Belonging**
- Jon Levisohn, Brandeis University, Mona Abo-Zena, University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Cynthia Cameron, Rivier University
  *Learning from Particulars: What Happens When Scholars from Different Traditions Pursue the Question of the Desired Outcomes of Religious Education Within Their Particular Traditions?*
- Daan F. Oostveen, Utrecht University
  *Rhizomatic Belonging: Rethinking Hybrid Religious Belongings and Multiple Religious Belonging*

**Discussion Facilitators:**
- Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School
- Elinor Julia Pierce, Harvard University
- John Sheveland, Gonzaga University
- Russell CD Arnold, Regis University
- Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary

**Business Meeting:**
- Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Feryal Salem, American Islamic College, Presiding

A8-112

Liberation Theologies Unit

Theme: *Subverting the Canons of Liberation Theology*
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
An Yountae, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

**Chasity Jones, Boston University**
*Womenist Liberation Theology of African Ancestral Traditions*

**Shadaab Rahemtulla, University of Edinburgh**
*Israelites, Canaanites, and Liberation Theologies: A Qur’anic Intervention in a De/Colonial Debate*

**Gerald West, University of KwaZulu-Natal**
*The Canonical–Conceptual Contribution of South African Liberation Theologies: From the Anti-Apartheid 1980s to the Post-Colonial Present*

**Ana Maria Rodriguez Alfonso, Boston University**
*Theology of the Perpetrator*

**Helen Boursier, College of Saint Scholastica**
*Art as Public Witness for Refugees Seeking Asylum*

**Business Meeting:**
- Maria T. Davila, Merrimack College, Presiding

A8-113

Middle Eastern Christianity Unit

Theme: *Education, Agency, and Subject Formation at Turning Points in Middle Eastern Christian History*
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word, Presiding

**Joshua Mugler, Saint John’s University**
*The Translation Movement of Eighteenth-Century Aleppo and the Creation of the Middle Eastern Catholic Churches*

**Joshua Donovan, Columbia University**
*Education, Pedagogy, and Subject Formation in the Greek Orthodox Christian Community of Bilad al-Sham*

**Tala AlRaheb, Emory University**
*Uncovering Agency: Christian Women and Personal Status Laws in Palestine*

**Business Meeting:**
- Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding

A8-114

North American Religions Unit

Theme: *Localizing American Religions Pedagogy in Institutional Settings*
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University, Presiding

**Panelists:**
- Brandon Bayne, University of North Carolina
- Kijan Bloomfield, Rhodes College
- Emily Clark, Gonzaga University
- Ryan Harper, Colby College
- Elizabeth Jemison, Clemson University
- Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

**Business Meeting:**
- Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Feryal Salem, American Islamic College, Presiding

*See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book*
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

*All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.*

**A8-115**

**Religion and Migration Unit**

Theme: Faith, Immigration and Destinations Amongst North American Korean Communities

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Nanette Spina, University of Georgia, Presiding

- Heesung Hwang, Chicago Theological Seminary
  
  *Abundant Life Together: An Application of Sok Practice for Identity Formation of Second-Generation Korean American Children in the Globalizing Society*
  
  Jeyoul Choi, University of Florida
  
  *Religion and Migration: The Crisis of Korean Evangelicalism in the Korean-American Church*

- Eunil David Cho, Emory University
  
  *Learning Mother Tongue on Sunday Morning: The Korean Immigrant Church-Based Heritage Language Education for Intergenerational Harmony*

- Seokweon Jeon, Harvard University
  
  *When America is Not Your Destination: The Rise of Transient Migration in the US and the Transformation of Asian Migrants’ Religious Life in Boston*

Business Meeting:

- Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding

**A8-116**

**Religion, Media, and Culture Unit**

Theme: Machines that Surveil and Enchant

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Hussein Ali Agrama, University of Chicago, Presiding

- Christopher Glen White, Vassar College
  
  *Panelists:*

- Suzanne Van Geuns, University of Toronto

- Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- Sharmin Sadequee, City University of New York

Business Meeting:

- Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University, and Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Presiding

**A8-117**

**Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit**

Theme: Theological Education in the Wesleyan/Methodist Traditions

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Alma Tinoco Ruiz, Duke University, Presiding

- Clive Marsh, University of Leicester
  
  *The Purpose of Theological Education in Wesleyan Perspective: Facilitating Ordinary People to be Ordinary Christians*

- Charles Rivera, Yale University
  
  *Sanctification and the Experts: Patristic Models for Wesleyan Theological Education*

- Mary Elizabeth Moore, Boston University
  
  *The Heart of Theological Education: Wisdom, Value, and Transformation*

- Andrew Stobart, Wesley House
  
  *A World Parish of Higher Education: The Impact of Inter-Contextual Learning on the Coloniality of Wesleyan Theological Knowledge*

Business Meeting:

- Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University, Presiding

**A8-118**

**Women and Religion Unit**

Theme: Against Healing

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Molly Farneth, Haverford College, Presiding

Panelists:

- Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

- Fannie Bialek, Washington University, St. Louis

- Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

- Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside

- Tiloma Jayasinghe, Queens, NY

### Symbol Key:

- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films

- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- New Program Unit
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild

- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Publishing

- Wildcard Sessions
A8-119

Women's Caucus
Theme: Feminist Theologies and Religious Studies – Publications from Around the World
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Julia Enxing, University of Dresden, Presiding
Ulrike Auga, Humboldt University of Berlin
An Epistemology of Religion and Gender. Biopolitics — Performativity — Agency
Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno
The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Indian Philosophy and Gender
Hannah Bacon, University of Chester
Feminist Theology and Contemporary Dieting Culture: Sin and Salvation in Women's Weight Loss Narratives
Responding:
Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community

A8-201

Anthropology of Religion Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit
Theme: Renew, Re-voice, Re-imagine: Ethnographies of Religion and Technology
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding
Jeremy F. Cohen, McMaster University
Creating Future Bodies: The Biosocial Imaginaries of Cryonics and Medical Aid in Dying
Nick Tackes, Columbia University
Om Shanti Emoji: Three Facets of Digital Hinduism
Ian VanderMeulen, New York University
Technologizing Tajwid: Sound Reproduction, Embodied Performance, and the “Word of God” in Moroccan Qur'an Recitation
Rachel Feldman, Franklin and Marshall College
“I call it Rabbi YouTube”: Noahidism, Philo-semitism, and Rabbinic Authority in the Global South
Responding:
Katherine Dugan, Springfield College

A8-200

African Diaspora Religions Unit
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University, Presiding
Melva L. Sampson, Wake Forest University
Going Live!: Black Women's Proclamation in the Digital Age
Melissa Alexis, Cultural Fabric
Spiraling Black to Wholeness: Embodied Cognition as the Way Back to Embodying the Soul

A8-202

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Music and Religion Unit
Theme: The Heart is a Bloom: U2’s Theological Highways and Byways
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University, Presiding
David Barbee, Winebrenner Theological Seminary
It’s A Beautiful Day, But I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For: the Eschatological Spirituality of U2
Andrew Smith, Tennessee Technological University
“America’s Making War on Itself”: U2, Boston, and the Failure of Unity
Steven R. Harmon, Gardner-Webb University
“Souls on the Tree of Pain”: An Ellacuría Echo in “Bullet the Blue Sky” and the Theological Framework of the “Two Americas” of U2’s The Joshua Tree

A8-203

Buddhism Unit and Japanese Religions Unit
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Hwansoo Kim, Yale University, Presiding
Panelists:
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
Charles Hallisey, Harvard University
Anne R. Hansen, University of Wisconsin
Justin McDaniel, University of Pennsylvania
Alicia Turner, York University

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

A8-204

Cognitive Science of Religion Unit
Theme: Book Panel Discussion with the Author: Joseph Henrich's The WEIRDest People in the World: How the West Became Psychologically Peculiar and Particularly Prosperous (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2020)
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University
  Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Joseph Henrich, Harvard University
  Robert N. McCauley, Emory University

A8-205

Contemporary Islam Unit and Political Theology Unit
Theme: Contemporary Islamic Political Theology: Ethnographies of Tribulation in the Age of Global War
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Aaron Eldridge, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
  M. Bilal Nasir, Northwestern University
  Between Uhud and Terror: Policing, Race, and Islam in the City of Angels
  Zunaira Komal, University of California
  Aafat: Divine Calamity and the Military Psychiatry Hospital in Kashmir
  Muneeza Rizvi, University of California, Davis
  Syria in London: Aid Convoys, the Umma, and Islamic Traditions of Charity
  Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley
  Ambivalence and Askesis in Zaatarı Refugee Camp
Responding:
  Hussein Ali Agrama, University of Chicago

A8-206

Hinduism Unit and North American Hinduism Unit and Religion and Economy Unit
Theme: Hinduism, Neoliberalism, and Global ‘Spirituality’ Discourses in India and America
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
  Rumya Putcha, University of Georgia
  New Age Music, Yoga, and the Somatics of 21st Century Orientalism
  Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary
  Tantra, Neoliberalism, and Global "Spirituality": A Case Study of a Mumbai-Based Modern-Day Tantrika
  Claire Robison, Bowdoin College
  The Gods Go Corporate: ‘Lifestyle Hinduism’ in Western India

A8-207

Mysticism Unit
Theme: The Imagination of Mysticism
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding
  Molly Boot, University of Oxford
  Vivid Remembrance: The Role of the Imagination in the Spiritualities of Teresa of Avila (d. 1582) and Ignatius of Loyola (d. 1556)
  Elizabeth Sartell, University of Chicago
  The Imagination in Maimonides’ Mysticism
  Jordan Brady Loewen, Syracuse University
  The Medieval Imagination at the Roots of Postmodern Technological Mysticism

Business Meeting:
Jason N. Blum, Davidson College, and Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University, Presiding

Symbol Key:

AAR Award Winners
Arts Series
Books Under Discussion
New Program Unit
Business Meeting
Films
Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
Professional Development
Professional Development — Employment
Professional Development — Mentoring
Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
Professional Development — Publishing
Wildcard Sessions

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Session</th>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Co-chair(s)</th>
<th>Chair(s)</th>
<th>Presenters</th>
<th>Responding</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A8-208</td>
<td>Practical Theology Unit</td>
<td>Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM</td>
<td>University of Zurich</td>
<td>Sabrina Mueller</td>
<td>Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union</td>
<td>Dustin Benac, Duke University</td>
<td>Ciska Stark, Protestant Theological University Amsterdam</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A8-209</td>
<td>Qur’an Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit</td>
<td>Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM</td>
<td>Indiana University, Bloomington</td>
<td>Jason Mokhtarian</td>
<td>Louise Gallorini, American University of Beirut</td>
<td>Charles Haberl, Rutgers University</td>
<td>Gordon D. Newby, Emory University</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A8-210</td>
<td>Religion and Politics Unit</td>
<td>Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM</td>
<td>Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</td>
<td>Rachel M. Scott</td>
<td>Rachana Umashankar, Iona College</td>
<td>Joseph Flipper, Bellarmine University</td>
<td>Matthew Peter Casey, Arizona State University</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A8-211</td>
<td>Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit</td>
<td>Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM</td>
<td>University of Toronto</td>
<td>Meaghan Weatherdon</td>
<td>Panelists: Pamela Klassen</td>
<td>Responding: Philip Deloria, Harvard University</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A8-212</td>
<td>Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit and Roman Catholic Studies Unit</td>
<td>Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM</td>
<td>University of Iowa</td>
<td>Kristy Nabhan-Warren</td>
<td>Fabio Vieira de Souza</td>
<td>Veronique Lecaros, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru</td>
<td>Matthew Peter Casey, Arizona State University</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A8-213</td>
<td>Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit</td>
<td>Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM</td>
<td>University of Arizona</td>
<td>Kristy Slominski</td>
<td>Emma Nolan-Thomas</td>
<td>Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University</td>
<td>Steven Quach, University of California, Riverside</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at [www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book] *
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A8-215

World Christianity Unit
Theme: Round Table: Indigenous Christian Journals as a new Category of Sources for History of World Christianity Studies
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jane Carol Redmont, Massachusetts Council of Churches, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Klaus Koschorke, University of Munich
  - Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn
  - Deanna Womack, Emory University
  - David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary

A8-216

Film: Hail Satan?
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, Presiding
A look at the quick rise and influence of the controversial religious group known as The Satanic Temple.
Directed by Penny Lane (2019), 95 minutes. Hail Satan? is available to watch streaming on multiple platforms listed at magpictures.com/hailsatan/watch-at-home/. Please watch the documentary before joining this open discussion of the film.
Panelists:
  - Jesper Aagaard Petersen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
  - Penny Lane, filmmaker

P8-200

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
Theme: Roundtable Discussion
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A8-300

Applied Religious Studies Committee
Theme: Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-Academic Careers: What’s a Faculty Member to Do?
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University, Presiding
In recent years as the job market for tenure-track academic positions has tightened and the use of contingent faculty has exploded, increasing numbers of graduate degree seekers are intending to pursue careers off the tenure track and outside of the academy. While some areas of study present obvious career options, for scholars in the humanities, nonacademic career opportunities and the best preparation for them may not be obvious and religious studies faculty are exploring how graduate programs can — and should — prepare all alumni for diverse employment outcomes. This panel brings together faculty members from a variety of institutions to discuss some of the problems confronting their students and their programs as more people turn — by necessity and by choice — to diverse career paths.
Panelists:
  - Kecia Ali, Boston University
  - Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago
  - Martin Kavka, Florida State University
  - Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

A8-301

Publications Committee
Theme: How to Get Published in the AAR/Oxford University Press Book Series and JAAR
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, and Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding
This session offers advice for publishing in general and specifically for publishing in the AAR/Oxford University Press books series and the Journal of the American Academy of Religion. Attendees will be able to talk one-on-one with the editors to learn more about publishing opportunities and the publishing process.
Panelists:
  - Andrea Jain, Indiana University–Purdue University, Indianapolis
  - Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich
  - Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College
  - John Nemec, University of Virginia
  - Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- New Program Unit
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book
A8-302

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

Theme: COVID-19 and the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election: Precariousness, Connectedness, Creative Expressions

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

In the context of COVID-19 and the U.S. presidential elections, how are scholars and communities of color impacted and what are the particular issues and risks they face? How do we advance the work of racial and ethnic minorities, attend to our intersectionality, and think about humanity and the environment? How is the increased sense of our precariousness and fragility finding strength in our religious and cultural communities, traditions and practices? How is this leading to new forms of belonging, connectedness, solidarity and resilience, and how are these being creatively expressed? In this panel, members of the AAR’s Status Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession discuss some of the ways they are navigating these tenuous times.

Panelists:
- Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University
- Arun W. Jones, Emory University
- Elias Ortega, Meadville Lombard Theological School
- Angela Parker, Mercer University
- C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union

A8-303

Buddhism Unit

Theme: Aesthetics and Ritual in Chinese Buddhist Religions

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Jason Protass, Brown University, Presiding

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee
Demonstrating Wrath: The Aesthetics of Horror in Middle-Period Buddhist Art and Ritual

Kwi Jeong Lee, Columbia University
The Allure of Form: Dedicating Buddha Images at Dunhuang

Katherine Alexander, University of Colorado
Aesthetic Pleasures of Karmic Revenge and Religious Romance: The Precious Scroll of Liu Xiang as Popular Narrative

Kevin Buckelew, Northwestern University
Picturing the Patriarchs: Aesthetic Cultures of Portraiture in Song-Dynasty Chan Buddhism

Business Meeting:
- Bryan Lowe, Princeton University, and Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

A8-304

Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Religion and Disability Studies Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit and Religion and Migration Unit

Theme: Survivance, Integrity, Divine Economies and Habitats: the Ecological Crisis and Vulnerable Peoples

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, Presiding

Zaynab Shahar, Chicago Theological Seminary
The Shoreline at the End of the World: Towards a Queer Black Theology of Crip Survivance

Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College
The Gods Must Be Crazy: Climate Change and Family Gods in Tamil Nadu, South India

Christopher Dowdy, Paul Quinn College
Wrongs, Claims, and Plans: Lessons for Frontline Communities in the Failure of Sara Winnemucca’s School

Responding:
- Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

A8-305

Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Unit

Theme: Author Meets Critics: Richard W. Newton, Jr., Identifying Roots: Alex Haley and the Anthropology of Scriptures (Equinox, 2020)

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Christopher Driscoll, Lehigh University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
- Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
- Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University

Responding:
- Richard Newton, University of Alabama

Business Meeting:
- Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University, and Daniel White Hodge, North Park University, Presiding

A8-306

Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: Modern Medias and Counter-Narratives of Devotion

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Ankur Desai, Kansas City Art Institute, Presiding

Richard H. Davis, Bard College
Goddesses of Old Calcutta in Print

Amy-Ruth Holt, Westerville, OH
Hand vs. Machine: The Sacrality of Temple Building in the American Tamil Diaspora

Karen Pechilis, Drew University
On Not Looking Away: Dance, Broadcast and Digital Circulations of Devotion

Emilia Bachrach, Oberlin College and Conservatory
Hashtag Hinduism and Mobile Masculinities

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A8-307

History of Christianity Unit and World Christianity Unit

Theme: Contesting Western Colonial Logics and Legacies in the East

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Roy Fisher, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Jennifer Welsh, Lindenwood University–Belleville

‘Chinchinning Joss’ and Throwing Pamphlets: Nineteenth-Century Christian Missionaries and Western Views of Okinawa

Jethro Calacday, Yale University

Canon Law and Colonial Logic: Francisco Gainza and the Creation of the Native Clergy in the Philippines, 1863–1879

Philip Hopkins, Gateway Seminary, Los Angeles

Proselytization Efforts of American Protestant Missionaries in Iran during the Last Years of the Pahlavis

A8-308

International Development and Religion Unit

Theme: Theologies and Ideologies of Faith-Based Humanitarianism and Development

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

John Rees, University of Notre Dame, Australia, Presiding

Alexandra Salvatierra, Fuller Theological Seminary

World Vision and Tearfund: Biblically-Based Public Policy Advocacy

Jukka Kääriäinen, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

The Missiological Challenge of the “Anonymous Missionary” in Faith-Based Development

Hannah Waits, Harvard University

Promoting Global AIDS Work: Evangelical Theological and Secularized Discourses of Development

Business Meeting:

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

A8-309

Men, Masculinities, and Religions Unit

Theme: Toxic Masculinities and Religion

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

Kyle Byron, University of Toronto

Shock and Awe: American Street Preaching and the Embodiment of War

Allison Murray, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto

Toxic Complementarity: Parallels Between Violent Incels and Respectable Evangelicals

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University

Sheepdog Masculinity: Carrying Concealed Handguns in Churches as a Hegemonic Performance of Manhood

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University

Celtic Masculinity: American Male Converts to the Russian Orthodox Church

Charles Barber, Emory University, and Tyler Fuller, Boston University

The Panoptic Surveillance of Religion on Black Masculinity and the HIV Epidemic Among Black Men Who have Sex with Men

Business Meeting:

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College, and Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

A8-310

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

Theme: Noncombatants and Moral Injury: Responsibility for Moral Harm after Violence

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Laurel Cosgrove Blackthorne, Florida State University, Presiding

Rosemary Kellison, University of West Georgia

The Critical Power of an Expanded Concept of Moral Injury

Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University

Moral Injury and Refugees

Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University

The War Came Alive Inside of Them: Genocidal Rape, Moral Injury, and Religion

Responding:

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame
### A8-311

**Qur’ān Unit**  
**Theme: Reading the Qur’ān**  
**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding  
Mian Ahmed Shaheer Afaqi, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis  
*Mechanisms for Producing Emotion: Al-Ghazālī on Experiencing the Qur’ān*  
Nadir Ansari, York University  
*Coherence, The Titles of Sūras, and Central Ideas: A Study of the Tafsīr of ‘Alā’uddīn al-Muhā’īmī*  
Sohaib Saeed, University of Freiburg  
*Towards a “Canonical Translation” of the Qur’ān*

### A8-312

**Religion and Human Rights Unit**  
**New!**  
**Theme: Activism, Sacred Space, and the Human**  
**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding  
Greg Petersen, South Dakota State University, Michael Spezio, Scripps College, and Gunes Sevzio, Massachusetts General Hospital & Harvard Medical School  
*Dignifying Human Rights: Competing Conceptions of Autonomy and Their Explanatory Role in Turkish Activism*  
Adam Beyt, Fordham University  
*Norms and the Human: Judith Butler’s Philosophy of Nonviolence*  
James Waters, Florida State University  
*Kinship, Activism, & Sacred Space: How the Standing Rock Sioux Expanded Human Rights to Their More-Than-Human Tribe*

### A8-313

**Religion and Science Fiction Unit**  
**Theme: Alternative Ontologies and Queering Religion**  
**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM**  
Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding  
Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
*How the Hippies Reinvented Daoism: Rereading Philip K. Dick’s The Man in the High Castle and Ursula Le Guin’s The Lathe of Heaven*  
Aaron Goldman, Harvard University  
*The Panteological Apocalypse of Jeff VanderMeer’s Southern Reach: Ecological Catastrophe and the Shattering of Distinctions*  
Julia McClenon, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Elliot Mason, Concordia University  
*Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf-God?: Divinity and Monstrosity in Indra Das’s The Devourers*

### A8-314

**Religion and the Social Sciences Unit**  
**Theme: Transnationalism, Migration, and the Church**  
**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM**  
Carlos Ruiz Martínez, University of Iowa, Presiding  
Cari Myers, Pepperdine University  
*‘Same is Better:’ A Qualitative Study of Latinx and White Young Adults in Churches of Christ Along the U.S./Mexico Border*  
Jill Marsh, Northampton Methodist District, Methodist Church in Britain  
*White Privilege and Cosmopolitanism in the British Methodist Church: A Study*  
Nichole Phillips, Emory University, and Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

### A8-315/S8-301

**Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit and SBL Reading, Theory and the Bible Unit**  
**Theme: A Thousand Readings: Theology and the Bible with Deleuze and Guattari’s A Thousand Plateaus, Forty Years Later**  
**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM**  
Robert Seesengood, Albright College, Presiding  
Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco  
*The 40-Year-Old Rhizome: A Limiting and Liberating Legacy*  
Hannah Strommen, University of Chichester  
*Mapping Biblical Asemblages: A Thousand Plateaus as a Resource for Biblical Reception History*  
David Fuller, McMaster University  
*Coding and Speech, Writing and Desire: Reading 2 Enoch with Deleuze and Guattari*  
D. Brendan Johnson, Duke University  
*De-/Reterritorialization in Ezekiel: Eschatology, Prophecy, and the ‘Schizophrenic Physician’*
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

**Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

### A8-316

**Sociology of Religion Unit**

Theme: Crossing Global and Religious Boundaries: Social Change, Identity, and Power

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University, Presiding

- Francesco Cerchiaro, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
  Christian-Muslim couples dealing with religious difference A qualitative inquiry in three European countries

- Mathew J. Guest, Durham University
  Stigma and Suspicion in the Lives of Muslim Students: How the ‘radicalisation’ narrative has changed higher education in Britain

- Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University
  ‘Integrated Religious Multiplicity’; Challenge to Sociology of Religion

- Drishadwati Bargi, University of Minnesota
  Social Revolution by other Means: The Writing of Conversion in Dalit Autobiographies in Postcolonial India

### A8-317

**Vatican II Studies Unit**

Theme: Rereading Vatican II in a World Church

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Ormond Rush, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

- Judith Gruber, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
  Worlding the Church. A Postcolonial Commentary on the Project “International Commentary of the Second Vatican Council”

- Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University
  A New Intercontinental Commentary: The Differentiated Receptions of Vatican II

- Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University
  Commenting Vatican II in a Largely Post-Institutional Theological and Ecclesial Ecosystem

Business Meeting:

- Kristin Colberg, College of Saint Benedict, Saint John's University, Presiding

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

### A8-400

**African Religions Unit Business Meeting**

Tuesday, 5:30 PM–6:00 PM

Business Meeting:

- David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania, and Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding

### A9-100

**Daoist Studies Unit**

Theme: Renegotiating Unseen Realms: Studies on the Ritual Reinvention Among Late-Imperial and Contemporary Daoists

Wednesday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, Presiding

- Tyler Feezell, Arizona State University
  *Ritual Narratives and Female Sin: Xuehu 血湖 (Blood Lake) Rites in the Guangcheng yizhi 廣成儀制 (Imperially Approved Rituals of the [Master] of Broad Achievement)*

- Stephen Flanigan, University of Hawai‘i
  *The Fire jiao: A Paradigm-Challenging Rite of Late-Imperial Exorcism*

- Kenneth Dean, National University of Singapore
  *Daoist Diaspora: Spirit Mediums, Daoist Masters and Ritual Events in Singapore and Malaysia*

Responding:

- Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara

---

**Symbol Key:**

- **AAR Award Winners**
- **Arts Series**
- **Books Under Discussion**
- **Business Meeting**
- **Films**
- **Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform**
- **Professional Development**
- **Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching**
- **Professional Development — Employment**
- **Professional Development — Publishing**
- **Professional Development — Mentoring**
- **Wildcard Sessions**
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A9-101
Making Sense of/from the 2020 US Election
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Presiding
The 2020 US election will have profound consequences for the nation and the world, regardless of who wins the presidency. This session will be a facilitated conversation among scholars from a wide range of AAR units with interests pertaining to the election. It will be divided into segments involving different groups of panelists, to allow fuller engagement among them. Panelists will examine key factors that drove the results of the election, its implications for various communities, and potential directions for response.
Sponsored by the Afro-American Religious History Unit; Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit; Class, Religion, and Theology Unit; Evangelical Studies Unit; Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit; History of Christianity Unit; Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit; Law, Religion, and Culture Unit; Liberation Theologies Unit; Political Theology Unit; Queer Studies in Religion Unit; Religion and Politics Unit; Religion, Media, and Culture Unit; Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit; Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit; and Women and Religion Unit
Panelists:
Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois
Eleanor Craig, Harvard University
Dorothy Dean, Berea College
Jamil Drake, Florida State University
Gastn Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College
Ángel Gallardo, Southern Methodist University
Zareena Grewal, Yale University
Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute
SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine
Rita Brock, Volunteers of America
Nichole Phillips, Emory University
L. Benjamin Rolsky, Rutgers University
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College
Charlene Sinclair, Union Theological Seminary
Daisy Vargas, University of Arizona
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

A9-102
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Academic Relations Committee
Theme: Developing Institutional Literacy: How Do New Faculty Find Out What They Need to Know?
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
The job of a faculty member is complex: whether one is a full-time or part-time, it takes time and access to the right information to do our jobs well. How do new faculty find out what they need to know?

A9-103
Animals and Religion Unit
Theme: Ritualizing and Remembering Animal Death
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
Gitanjali Surendran, Jindal Global Law School
Jessica Zu, Princeton University

A9-104
Buddhism Unit and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit
Theme: New Perspectives on Socially Engaged Buddhism: From Extinguishing Suffering to Collective Transformation of the World
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Rongdao Lai, McGill University, Presiding
Douglas Gildow, Chinese University Hong Kong
Gitanjali Surendran, Jindal Global Law School
Jessica Zu, Princeton University

From orientations to faculty mentoring to the advice of colleagues, what works best? What kinds of career development opportunities are the most helpful for new faculty? Join our panelist for a conversation about what works, what doesn’t, and what institutions can do to make the transition for new faculty as painless as possible.
Panelists:
Arthur Zárate, San Jose State University
Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
Ashley Coleman Taylor, University of Texas

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A9-105

**Comparative Theology Unit**

Theme: **Sound as God-Talk: Approaches to Comparative Theology of Music**

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Mark Edwards, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary

*Is It “Praying Twice?” An Anglican Christian Comparative Theological Consideration of Chanting and Hymn-Singing in Bhakti Hindu, Sikh, and Sufi Muslim Traditions*

Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union

*Sounds of the End: Music and Eschatology in Messiaen’s Quartet for the End of Time and the Tibetan Practice of Chöd*

Michael VanZandt Collins, Boston College

*Beyond A Love Supreme? John Coltrane’s Classic, Muslim-Christian Comparative Theology, and an Ethic of Listening*

Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America

*“How Easily Things Get Broken”: Leonard Bernstein and Osvaldo Golijov on the Body and Blood of Christ*

Joye Ashton, Aoyama Gakuin University

*Rhythm and Reality: Constructing a Comparative Theology of Creativity and Dynamic Non-Duality Abstract*

Kijin James Wu, Chang Jung Christian University School of Theology

*Ritual and Music: A Comparative Study*

Business Meeting:

*Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College, Presiding*

A9-106

**Hinduism Unit**

Theme: **The Ayodhya Verdict: The Jurisprudence and Geography of Modern Hinduism**

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Diana Dimitrova, University of Montreal, Presiding

Panelists:

Christopher Fleming, University of Southern California

*In Breadth of Trust with God? Fiduciary Principles and the Bar of Limitation in the Ayodhya Verdict*

Carolyn Harvey, University of Michigan

*The Ayodhya Decision: What Does the Future Hold?*

Responding:

Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

A9-107

**Mormon Studies Unit**

Theme: **Mormonism in the History of Sexuality**

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Sara Patterson, Hanover College, Presiding

Panelists:

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

Anthony Petro, Boston University

Heather White, University of Puget Sound

Responding:

Peter Covello, University of Illinois, Chicago

Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College

Business Meeting:

Sara Patterson, Hanover College, and Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

A9-108

**New Religious Movements Unit**

Theme: **Beliefs Beyond Borders - Asian New Religious Movements in Transnational Contexts**

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Panelists:

Emily McKendry-Smith, University of West Georgia

*Polysemic Understandings of Tradition and Legitimacy Among the Brahma Kumari in Nepal*

Timothy Smith, University of North Carolina

*On the Outside Looking Further Out — Tenrikyō’s Transnational Interfaith Networking as Self Reflection and Self-Reinvention*

Kyungsoo Lee, Rice University

*Sex as the Origin of Sin in Early Christian Gnostics and Korean NRMs*

Naohito Miura, Harvard University

*Schisms in Transnational Japanese NRMs: The Case of Sekai Kyushūkyō*

Kirby Sokolow, University of Pennsylvania

*Transforming the Incarcerated Self: Buddhist Modernism in American Prisons*
Business Meeting:
    Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, and Lydia Willsky-Ciullo, Fairfield University, Presiding

A9-109
Open and Relational Theologies Unit
Theme: What Open & Relational Theologies Have Always Shared
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston, Presiding
    John Sanders, Hendrix College
    What Open and Relational Theologies Have Always Shared: Nurturant Values
Responding:
    Wm. Curtis Holtzen, Hope International University
    Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University
    Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College
Business Meeting:
    Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

A9-110
Quaker Studies Unit
Theme: Revolution and Dissent in Quaker Theology and Practice
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
    Jennifer Ryenga, San Jose State University
    The Percolation of Jonathan Dymond's Thought Among New England Abolitionists, 1829–1836
    Isaac Barnes May, University of Virginia, and Mae Speight, University of Virginia
    Quakers and the Women's Ministry Revolution: Quaker Influences on Women's Ordination Among Mainline and Liberal Protestants in the United States
    Rhianne Grant, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham, UK
    Thou Shall Decide For Yourself: The Continuity of Change in British Liberal Quaker Theology
Responding:
    James Krippner, Haverford College

A9-111
Religion and Disability Studies Unit
Theme: Disability, Community, and Theology: Panel on Brian Brock's Wondrously Wounded (Baylor University Press, 2019) and Grant Macaskill's Autism and the Church (Baylor University Press, 2019)
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding
    Calli Micale, Yale University
    Desiring Disability—Disability Theology Beyond Inclusion
    Joanna Leidenhag, University of Saint Andrews
    Autism, Liturgy and the Human Person Before God

Elizabeth Agnew Cochran, Duquesne University
    Moral Formation and Autism: Challenges for an Inclusive Model of Moral Agency
Sarah Jean Barton, Western Theological Seminary
    Re-Membering Methodology in Theologies of Disability
Responding:
    Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen
    Grant Macaskill, University of Aberdeen

A9-112
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Theme: What's At Stake in the Everyday?: Positionality, Authority, and Ordinary Ethics in the Study of Religion
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Michael Grigoni, Duke University, Presiding
    Emmy Corey, Emory University
    "I Don't Have a Survey. Can We Still Hang Out?: Finding the Everyday in a Nairobi Clinic"
    Aalekhya Malladi, Emory University
    "You're a Researcher, You Tell Me": Positionality, Authority, and Everyday Religion in South India
    Cara Curtis, Emory University
    Listening In-Between: Multiplicity and Ethical Imagination in Multi-Sited Ethnographic Research
    Emily Dubie, Duke University
    Problematizing Divine Absence: God's Command & the Moral Life in Qualitative Research in Religion
Responding:
    Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

A9-113
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Theme: Witnesses to Exile: Blackness and Jewishness Between France and America
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Mendel Kranz, University of Chicago, Presiding
    Paul Cato, University of Chicago
    Talk of Love and Exile: The Religiosité of James Baldwin and Emmanuel Levinas's International Community of Discourse
    Joel Swanson, University of Chicago
    A Pathologically Abnormal Situation: Le Cercle Gaston Crémieux and the [Im]possibility of an Anti-National Jewishness
    Kirsten Collins, University of Chicago
    Witnessing Whiteness: Re-Reading “The Jew” in Maurice Blanchot's Philosophy of Exile
Business Meeting:
    Elissa Cutter, Georgian Court University, and Carol Ferrara, Boston University, Presiding
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A9-114

Religion in Southeast Asia Unit

Theme: New Decade, New Directions: Advancing the Study of Southeast Asian Religions

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Charles Carstens, Harvard University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Richard Fox, University of Victoria
- Oona Paredes, University of North Carolina, Los Angeles
- Chiara Formichi, Cornell University
- Penny Edwards, University of California, Berkeley
- Alicia Izharuddin, Harvard University
- Cuong T. Mai, Appalachian State University
- Kelly Meister, University of Chicago
- Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont
- Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

Business Meeting:
- Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

A9-115

Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: Place and Religious Performance

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Joy Palacios, University of Calgary, Presiding

Panelists:
- Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University
- Kyle Byron, University of Toronto
- Hans Olsson, University of Copenhagen

Responding:
- Saliha Chattoo, University of Toronto
- Aron Engberg, Lund University

A9-116

Study of Islam Unit

Theme: Author-Meets-Critics: SherAli Tareen’s Defending Muhammad in Modernity (University of Notre Dame Press, 2020)

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Ali Altaf Mian, University of Florida, Presiding

Panelists:
- Kecia Ali, Boston University
- Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan
- Megan Robb, University of Pennsylvania
- Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley

Responding:
- SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College

Business Meeting:
- Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, and Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont, Presiding

A9-117

Exploratory Session: Critical Whiteness Studies and Global Religion

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

Panelists:
- J. Kameron Carter, Indiana University
- Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
- Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
- Elizabeth Ingenthron, Jewish Voice for Peace
- Khyati Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University
- Eric Weed, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Symbol Key:

- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Wildcard Sessions

## A9-118

### Exploratory Session: Jewish Theology Today
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Cass Fisher, University of South Florida, Presiding
Jerome Gellman, Ben–Gurion University of the Negev
  * Janus and The God of Modern-Orthodox Jewish Theology*
Steven Kepnes, Colgate University
  * From Practical Metaphysics to Hermeneutical Theologies*
Nathaniel Berman, Brown University
  * The Kelipotic Verses: Resisting the Torah’s “Other Side”*
Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Arizona State University
  * Jewish Theology for the Anthropocene: Ethics of Care and Responsibility*

Responding:
Deborah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago
Alan Brill, Seton Hall University

**Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM**

## A9-200

### Program Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

## A9-201

### Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Theme: *A Step Closer to Heaven: Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers and Theologies of the Afterlife*
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Emily Hamilton-Honey, State University of New York, Canton, Presiding

Panelists:
  - LuElla D’Amico, University of the Incarnate Word
  - Margaret Lowe, Bridgewater State University
  - Amy Easton-Flake, Brigham Young University
  - Jennifer McFarlane-Harris, Xavier University

## A9-202

### Chinese Christianities Unit
Theme: *Negotiating Space and Place*
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Christie Chui-Shan Chow, City Seminary of New York, Presiding

Heidi Campbell, Baylor University
  * The Cat Lotus Can Still Bloom: Seventh-Day Adventist Women’s Discovery of Agency, Purpose, and Resilience as Missionaries in China from 1902–1949*

Michel Chambon, Hanover College
  * Spring Couples and the Materialization of Chinese Christianity*

Easten Law, Georgetown University
  * Negotiating a Lived Chinese Theology Across Boundaries – the Mainland Chinese Christian Experience in Hong Kong*

Responding:
Joseph Ho, Albion College

### Business Meeting:
Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

## A9-203

### Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Theme: *Creation, Mysticism, and Theosis: Perspectives on a Theology of Participation*
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Jim Fodor, Saint Bonaventure University, Presiding

Patrick Haley, Princeton Theological Seminary
  * Diversity or Disorder: Between Athanasius and Origen on Differentiation in Creation*

Eugene Schlesinger, Santa Clara University
  * The Tie that Binds: Mysticism and Sacrifice in Henri de Lubac*

Aaron Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary
  * “Draw Me After You:” Toward an Erotic Theosis*

Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University
  * Universalism or Fire and Brimstone?: Rufinus of Aquileia’s Attempt to Reclaim Origen’s Eschatology for Catholic Christianity*

## A9-204

### Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit
Theme: *Narrating Change in Paganism*
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Vivianne Crowley, Nottingham Trent University, Presiding

Deoin Cleveland, Cherry Hill Seminary
  * Missing Millennials: Investigation of Millennial Pagan Identities, Rejection of Community, and Inter-Generational Conflict*

Julia Phillips, University of Bristol
  * Pagan Witchcraft and Cunning Folk*

Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia
  * The Time of the Tower: Apocalyptic Narratives in Modern Paganisms*

## A9-205

### History of Christianity Unit
Theme: *Roundtable on Disability in Medieval Christian Philosophy and Theology, ed. Scott M. Williams (Routledge, 2020)*
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Meghan Henning, University of Dayton, Presiding

Panelists:
  - Lauren F. Winner, Duke University
  - Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen
  - Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz
  - Martin Pickave, University of Toronto

Responding:
Scott Williams, University of North Carolina, Asheville
  * Scott Williams, University of North Carolina, Asheville*

Richard Cross, University of Notre Dame
  * Miguel J. Romero, University of Notre Dame*

John Slotemaker, Boston College
  * John Slotemaker, Boston College*
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A9-206

Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit
Theme: Lesbian-Feminist Methodologies
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Michelle Wolff, Augustana College, Presiding
- Wendy Mallette, Yale University
  Desiring the Lesbian Feminist Killjoy: Affective Negativity in Sara Ahmed and Beverly Smith
- Shatavia Wynn, Vanderbilt University
  Expanding Experience and Categories
- Laulie Eckeberger, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
  Lesbian-Feminism as a Methodology: How to Avoid Erasure
Business Meeting:
  Sarah Bloesch, University of North Carolina, Presiding

A9-207

Queer Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Myths, Histories, Hauntings
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
William Boyce, University of Virginia, Presiding
- Shoshana McClarence, University of Denver/Iliff Theology School
  The First Brick Thrown: Myth and Materiality Through the Stonewall Riots
- Skyler Keiter-Massefski, Yale University
  Temporal Hauntings: Ambiguity, Eschatology, and the Lived Finitude of Trans Embodiment
- Shonda Nicole Gladden, Indiana University, Indianapolis
  Drag Me to Church: Trans-Versing Black Church Performance Through Ball Culture
- Cameron Partridge, Saint Aidan’s Episcopal Church
  The Hyena and the Early Christian Morphological Imaginary
Business Meeting:
  Brandy Daniels, University of Portland, Presiding

A9-208

Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria, Presiding
Panelists:
  Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside
  Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
  Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University
  Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University
  Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
  Dheepa Sundaram, University of Denver
  Neil Dalal, University of Alberta

A9-209

Ricoeur Unit
Theme: Feminist Hermeneutics After Pamela Sue Anderson
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Stephanie N. Arel, Fordham University, Presiding
- Kerilyn Harkaway-Krieger, Gordon College
  How We Talk When We Talk About God: Metaphor, Embodiment, and the Work of Theology
- Patrick McCauley, Chestnut Hill College
  Suspicion and Faith in Ricoeur, Anderson and Kant

A9-210

Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Theme: Journalism and Clerical Sex Abuse Before and After the Boston Globe’s Spotlight Reports
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Maura Jane Farrelly, Brandeis University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Eileen McNamara, Brandeis
  Matthew Carroll, Northwestern University
  Mark Massa, Boston College
A9-211

Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit
Theme: Manifold Interventions: Political, Queer, and Decolonial Openings in Constructive Theology
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Filipe Maia, Boston University, Presiding
Robert Overy-Brown, Claremont Graduate University
The Entrapment of Political Theology by its Texts: Toward a Pluralistic Intervention
Timothy Cooper, Drew University
Three Queer Constructions of God: Theorizing the Trinity as the Embodiment of Triadic Temporalities
Henry Kuo, Greensboro College
Salvation as Method: Deimperializing National Soteriologies
Business Meeting:
Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin, and Filipe Maia, Boston University, Presiding

A9-212

Study of Islam Unit
Theme: The Politics of Everyday Islam: Space, Place, and Devotion
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding
Parnia Vafaeikia, University of Toronto
The Poetics and Politics of Walking: An Ethnography of The Arbaeen Pilgrimage
Timothy Gutmann, University of Chicago
Constant Bonds: Wang Daiyu’s 王岱輿 Islamic Humanism
Aun Hasan Ali, University of Colorado
The Sanctuary of The Twelfth Imam in Hillah

A9-213

Study of Judaism Unit
Theme: Jewish Objects, Jewish Affects: Crafting, Relics, Tea Cups, Toys, and Delis
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding
Panelists:
Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University
Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University
Laura Leibman, Reed College
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University
Responding:
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

A9-214

Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit
Theme: Black Hope and Social Imagination in the Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Valerie Miles-Tribble, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Presiding
Phillip Allen, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Prophetic Lens: Film as a Tool for Public Theology for Martin Luther King, Jr. and Contemporary Black Filmmakers
David Justice, Saint Louis University
Negating Capitalism: The Beloved Community as Negative Political Theology and Positive Social Imaginary
Andre E. Johnson, University of Memphis
From Riverside to the River City: The Prophetic Pessimism and Hope of Martin Luther King
Darrius Hills, Morgan State University
The True Measure of American Greatness: Relationality, Power, and Community in the Thinking of Bernard Loomer, Howard Thurman, and Martin Luther King
Responding:
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

A9-300

Department Chairs and Program Coordinators’ Meeting
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Department Chairs and Program Coordinators are invited to this gathering to discuss shared concerns.

A9-301

Black Theology Unit
Theme: Black Theology Post-Cone: Interrogating Value, Mis-Religion, and the Theological Legacies of Settler Colonialism
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Ben Sanders, Eden Theological Seminary, Presiding
Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside
James Cone: Settler Colonialism and Anti-Blackness in Indigenous Theologies
Andre Key, Claflin University
“Mis-Religion of the Negro and Oppression” William R. Jones, Theodicy, and Black Theology.
Amaryah Shaye Armstrong, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
A Measure of Existence: The Value of A Black Theology of Liberation
Responding:
Adam Clark, Xavier University

Business Meeting:
Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University, Presiding

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A9-302

Buddhist Philosophy Unit
Theme: Perspectives on Douglas Duckworth’s *Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy of Mind and Nature* (Oxford University Press, 2018)
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
John Makransky, Boston College, Presiding
  John Dunne, University of Wisconsin
  *Immediacy and Construction in Late Indian Mahāyāna Thought*
  Wendi Adamek, University of Calgary
  *‘Mind and Nature’ in Other Traditions: China, 6th–8th Centuries*
  Jin Y. Park, American University
  *Non-duality Thesis and Buddhist Philosophy: the Case of Huayan and Zen Buddhism*
  Constance Kassor, Lawrence University
  *What are Buddhist Philosophers Doing when they ”do Philosophy”?

Responding:
  Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University

A9-303

Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Theme: Trends and Challenges in Religious Publishing: A Publishers' Roundtable
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
  Panelists:
  Charles Collier, Wipf and Stock Publishers
  Jennifer Banks, Yale University Press

Responding:
  Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

A9-304

Ecclesiological Investigations Unit
Theme: Church and the Common Good
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Cristina Lledo Gomez, BBI-The Australian Institute for Theological Education, Presiding
  Scott Hagley, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
  *Won't You Be My Neighbor? Neighborhood Church in a Consumerist Age*
  Nicholas Hayes, Boston College
  *Power Politics for the Common Good: The Political Ecclesiology of Alinsky Organizing*
  Christopher C. Brittain, Trinity College, Toronto
  *Faithfully Embracing the Public Sphere: Religious Citizenship and Public Engagement in the UK and Canada*

Business Meeting:
  Brian Flanagan, Marymount University, and Vladimir Latinovic, University of Tubingen, Presiding

A9-305

Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit and Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit
Theme: Interfaith Chaplaincy and Higher Education
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Varun Soni, University of Southern California, Presiding
  Jem Jebbia, Stanford University
  *Indigenizing College Chaplaincy: Beyond Decolonization*
  Vineet Chander, Princeton University
  *Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu: A Hindu Approach to Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy*
  Monica Sanford, Rochester Institute of Technology
  *The Emptiness of ‘Religion’: Buddhist Strategies for Deconstructing / Decolonizing Religion & Embracing Diverse Lifeways in Chaplaincy Education & Spiritual Care Praxis*

Responding:
  Kirstin Boswell Ford, University of Chicago

Symbol Key:

- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book
A9-306
Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit
Theme: Nature
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto, Presiding
Travis Proctor, Wittenberg University
Porphyry of Tyre and the “Posthuman” Environments of the Ancient Mediterranean
Nathan Tilley, Duke University
Inhabiting a Different World: Neoplatonic Asceticism and Ecological Thought in a World of Change
James Smoker, University of Saint Andrews
Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s (1772–1834) Platonism, Relational Nature, and the Unsettled Mind
Willemien Otten, University of Chicago
Nature and Gender in medieval Christian Platonism

A9-307
Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: Religion in Politics and Politics in Religion
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Nicholas Adams, University of Birmingham, Presiding
Panelists:
Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University
Erin Wilson, University of Groningen
Jocelyne Cesari, University of Birmingham
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University
Business Meeting:
John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, and Rachel M. Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

A9-308
Religion in Southeast Asia Unit and Study of Islam Unit
Theme: Islam in Southeast Asia: Formation, Indigenization, Modernization
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
James Hoesterey, Emory University, Presiding
Andi Herawati, Indiana University Bloomington
Traditional Islam and Modernity in Indonesia: The Activism of the Nahdatul Ulama and Its Leaders
Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside
Judging Religious Others: Islam and Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Indonesia
Torsten Tschacher, Freie Universität Berlin
The Idea of Religion and the Criminalization of Moharram in the Straits Settlements, 1830–1870
Siti Sarah Muwahidah, Emory University
The Alids Came to Nusantara: Shī Ḥ i Imams and the Creation of Indo-Malay Sacred Geography

A9-309
Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit
Theme: The Aesthetics and Emotions of Religious Belonging: Case Studies from Buddhist Communities
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Erica Baffelli, University of Manchester, Presiding
Frederik Schröer, Max Planck Institute for Human Development
Double Absence: Time and Emotions in the Formation of Buddhist Feeling Communities
Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University
Practicing Beethoven as Buddhist Practice: The Role of Classical Music in Soka Gakkai’s Past and Future
Dominique Townsend, Bard College
Feeling the Way to Revelation: The Work of Aesthetics and Emotions in Belonging to a Tibetan Treasure (gter ma) tradition
Responding:
Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University

A9-310
Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit
Theme: Textual Healing: Cosmological Creation, Divine Participation, and Hopeful Political Action
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Raissa Von Doetinchem De Rande, Princeton University, Presiding
Evan LeBarre, University of Texas
Ethical Formation at the Intersection of Authorship and Cosmology in an Ancient South Asian Text: The Mānavadharmaśāstra’s Construction of the Ideal Ethical Subject
Eun Hwang, University of Chicago
The Therapeutic Effect of Scriptural Interpretations on Lived Experience in Augustine and Tiantai Zhi Yi
Nathan Hershberger, Duke University
Healing Memory: Münster and the Hermeneutics of Wounded Hope
Business Meeting:
Tyler Atkinson, Bethany College, and Elizabeth Goldstein, Gonzaga University, Presiding

A9-311
Queer Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Postsecular Queer Theory
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Melissa E. Sanchez, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Panelists:
Abdulhamit Arvas, University of California, Santa Barbara
Michael Cobb, University of Toronto
Peter Covello, University of Illinois, Chicago
Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College
Linn Tonstad, Yale University
Business Meeting:
Rakesh Peter-Dass, Hope College, and Linn Tonstad, Yale University, Presiding

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A9-312

Women and Religion Unit

Theme: Women Making Religion: Identity, and Transnational Activism

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Tamara Lewis, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Tracy McEwan, University of Newcastle, Australia
Gen X Catholic Women: Subverting Gendered Norms in the Formation of Catholic Identities
Alejandro Escalante, University of North Carolina
Madness: Blackness, Women, and Religion
Jiangxue Han, Beijing, China
Under the Shamanistic-Organizational Core: Women Activities and Social Change in China, from the Southern Song to the Qing
Nechama Juni, Brown University
The Multiply-Gendered Forms of Orthodox Jewish Women’s Ritual Practices
Paola Cavaliere, Osaka University, School of Human Sciences
Women and Local Faith Communities in Building Disaster Resilience in Japan: The Cases of Sōka Gakkai and GLA

Business Meeting:
K. Christine Pae, Denison University, and Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland, Presiding

A9-313

Film: death. everything. nothing.

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Separated by distance, time, and a pandemic, a daughter wrestles with her mother's impending death.

In this powerful documentary short, director LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant turns the camera toward herself as she confronts the COVID-19 pandemic and an unexpected loss. Based on an op-ed published in the New York Times, Manigault-Bryant tells a profound story about race, love, death and loss—a story that has everything and nothing to do with COVID-19.

The 6 minute film is available to view at youtube.com/watch?v=f1trbZctf-M&list=PLvoBJn06oEghdQPsCV3zVzZmstIVwQZm6.

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University, Presiding
Panelist:
LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College
Responding:
Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver

P9-300

Karl Barth Society of North America

Theme: Barth and Nationalism

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Paul Dafydd Jones, University of Virginia, Presiding
Angela Hancock, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Preaching to Citizens?: Karl Barth’s Critique of Nationalism and the Politics of Proclamation
Matt Jantzen, Hope College
Karl Barth and the Cold War: The Doctrine of Providence Between East and West
Alberto La Rosa Rojas, Duke University Divinity School
Participation in the Indwelling God: Toward a Theology of Home

Responding:
Eric Gregory, Princeton University

Business Meeting:
Keith Johnson, Wheaton College, Illinois, Presiding

A9-400

Quaker Studies Unit Business Meeting

Wednesday, 5:30 PM–6:00 PM

Business Meeting:
Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University, and Jon Kershner, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

A10-100

Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee
Theme: Creative Actions in Crises by Experienced Communities
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University, Presiding
This forum considers how marginalized individuals from diverse religious traditions and identity backgrounds respond to crises. What skills do they use to combat a given crisis and its effects? What utopian imaginings, or imaginings of an "otherwise," do they offer? What innovations do they create that become part of the new normal?
Panelists:
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Activist Theology Project
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University
Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds

A10-101

Christian Spirituality Unit
Theme: Mystical Theology: Emerging Perspectives
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Douglas Christie, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Panelists:
John Arblaster, Katholische Universiteit Leuven
Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University
Rachel Smith, Villanova University
Joanne Maguire, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Responding:
Louise Nelstrop, Oxford University

A10-102

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Saints in Divided Societies
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Aaron Hollander, Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, Presiding
Panelists:
Connie Gagliardi, University of Toronto
  The Icon of "Our Lady Who Brings Down Walls": Sacerdotalizing the Israeli Separation Wall with Divine Presence
Dean Accardi, Connecticut College
  Saints of Kashmiri Resistance and Repression
Edith Szanto, University of Alabama
  Sayyida Zaynab: From Dolorosa to Rebel and Back
Elizabeth Harris, Liverpool Hope University
  Prophet of Peace, Priest, and Marginalized Visionary: Yohan Devananda of Sri Lanka
Responding:
Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University

A10-103

Confucian Traditions Unit
Theme: God and Confucianism
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Catherine Hudak Klancer, Boston University, Presiding
Shumo Wang, Harvard University
  Seeking God in Confucianism: Luo Rufang’s Thought on Shangdi
Li Quan, University of Edinburgh
  Self-Cultivation and Vocation: Mou Zongsan and Karl Barth on the Action of Responsibility
Responding:
Michael Ing, Indiana University

A10-104

Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit
Theme: Going Beyond Death in Practice and Storytelling
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jamie Brummitt, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding
Zachariah Buck, University of Oxford
  Reading Facebook Memorial Pages as Charnel Grounds: Digital Shrines and Vedic Tradition
Rachael Ward, Columbia Theological Seminary
  Living-Death Doula: Midwifing Rebirth from the Ashes of Living-Death as Queer Grief Care
Genevieve Nenzah, University of Ghana
  Dying, Death and Burial Rituals in Crisis: A Contemporary Analysis of Funerals in Ghana
Lucy Bregman, Temple University
  Is Death the Enemy of God? Cullmann’s Challenge and Its Influence
Business Meeting:
Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

A10-105

Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit
Theme: Indigenous Ecologies: Trees, Temples, Texts, and Sacred Territory in an Era of Climate Change
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kimberly Patton, Harvard University, Presiding
Panelists:
Ayodeji Ogunnaike, Bowdoin College
Michelle Bentsman, Harvard University
Christina Désert, Emory University
Kythe Heller, Harvard University
Munjed Murad, Harvard University
Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College
Oludamini Ogunnaike, University of Virginia

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A10-106

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit
Theme: Illiberal Religion and the Question of Community
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Nadia Marzouki, Paris Institute of Political Studies, Presiding
Panelists:
- Spencer Dew, Ohio State University / Wittenberg University
- Hillel Gray, Miami University
- Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
- Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University
- Magali Della Sudda, University of Lille / University of Rome
- Heather Miller Rubens, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies
Responding:
- Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University
Business Meeting:
- Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

A10-107

Liberation Theologies Unit and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit
Theme: Religion & Cultural Activism: Disrupting Peace and Pursuing Justice in Palestine/Israel
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Diane L. Moore, Harvard University
- Hilary Rantisi, Harvard University
- Vivien Sansour, Palestine Heirloom Seed Library
- Rebecca Pierce, African-American Jewish documentary filmmaker and journalist
- Noam Shuster, freelance comedian, performer, peacebuilder and activist
- Suhail Khoury, Palestinian musician
Responding:
- Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame
Business Meeting:
- Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

A10-108

Middle Eastern Christianity Unit
Theme: Middle Eastern Christianity and Gender
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Tracy Russell, Saint Louis University
- Monica Mitri, Claremont School of Theology
- Ramy Marcos, Hartford Seminary
- Noam Shuster, freelance comedian, performer, peacebuilder and activist
- Mitri Raheb, Dar al-Kalima University
- Karimeh Abouk: A Female Arab Christian entrepreneur in British Mandate Palestine
Responding:
- Joanne Kloppenberg, Emory University

A10-109

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit
Theme: Thinking American Religious Futures in Landscapes of Production
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto, Presiding
Panelists:
- Matthew Smith, Northwestern University
- Joanna Smith, University of North Carolina
- Richard Callahan, Gonzaga University
- Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina
Responding:
- Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Publishing
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Wildcard Sessions
A10-110
Reformed Theology and History Unit
Theme: The Doctrine of Total Depravity
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Gregory Lee, Wheaton College, Illinois
Total Depravity and Systemic Evil
Taido Chino, Augustana College
Neither Essential Nor Accidental: Sin in a Relational and Apocalyptic Key
Mary Nickel, Princeton University
Blessed Assurance: A Theology of Collective Action Problems
Wendy Mallette, Yale University
Total Depravity, Original Sin, and Pessimism: Revisiting Lesbian Feminist Theorizations of Sex and Sociality

Business Meeting:
Paul T. Nimmo, University of Aberdeen, and Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

A10-111
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit
Theme: The Enduring Legacy of Christian Complicity and Colonial Genocide Narratives
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Presiding
Emily Wilday Ricker, University of Hawai’i
Pilgrims, Plymouth, and Public Memory: A Critical Examination of Contemporary New England Foundation Mythology
Lily An Kim, McMaster University
Missing and Murdered Esther, Metis ‘Queen’ of the Munsee: Spiritual Mutation and Colonial Origins in North America
David Tollerton, University of Exeter
The Religious Challenges of Linking Holocaust Memory with Colonial Violence

Business Meeting:
Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University, Presiding

A10-112
Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Theme: Catholicism in 10 Objects
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University, Presiding
Rachel Lindsey, Saint Louis University
Billfolds and Wallets
Catherine Osborne, Fordham University
Catholicism in 10 Objects: A Pilgrimage to See the Holy Father Through the Stereoscope
Michael Rogers, University of Toronto
Catholicism in 10 Objects: The Pocket Prayers Books of the Children of Mary

Dugan McGinley, Rutgers University
Catholicism in Objects: Dignity’s Book of Intentions
Monica Mercado, Colgate University
My Graduation: Girlhood in the Collections of Loretto Academy [Catholicism in 10 Objects]
Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology
The Divine Mercy Image
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University
Votives: The Visualized Art of Supernatural Narratives
Alexander Darius Ormella, University of Hull
The Easter Food Basket as the Eight Sacrament: A Visual Journey
Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University
The Actes du Très Dévot Frère Didace Pelletier as Medium of Real Presence

Business Meeting:
Kelly Brown Douglas, Episcopal Divinity School

Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Seminary of the Southwest, and Melanie Jones, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

A10-113
Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit
Theme: “Celebrating 30 Years of Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society: Womanist Retrospective”
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding
Panelists:
Marcia Y. Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary
Jacquelyn Grant, Interdenominational Theological Center
M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
Diana L. Hayes, Georgetown University
Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College
Renita Weems, Black Religious Scholars Group, Inc

Responding:
Kelly Brown Douglas, Episcopal Divinity School

Business Meeting:
Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Seminary of the Southwest, and Melanie Jones, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A10-114

Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar
Theme: Round-Table Paper Discussions
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding
Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University
The Shahada: Act of Faith, Act of Friendship
John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University
Becoming a Friend to the World: Sántideva on “Bodhisattva Friendship”
Hans Harmakaputra, Boston College
Friends of God, Friends of Humans: A Muslim-Christian Comparative Theology Reflection on Sainthood and Friendship
Jennifer Fields, University of Cambridge
Questioning the Promotion of Friendship in Interfaith Dialogue
Joas Adiprasetya, Jakarta Theological Seminary
Let the Stranger Stay in the Table of Friends
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College
Because You Are My Friend: Inter-Religious Friendship and Religious Pluralism
Hans Gustafson, University of Saint Thomas
Interreligious Friendship for Changemaking and Leadership
Adam Tietje, Duke University
A Path Through the Hell of War Trauma: Pavel Florensky’s Theology of Friendship
Sarah Bixler, Princeton Theological Seminary
“Musing on Cicero’s Thoughts”: Methodology in Aelred of Rievaulx’s Practical Theology of Spiritual Friendship
Karen Bray, Wesleyan College, and Christy Cobb, Wingate University
Neither Single nor Coupled, But Friended: Biblical and Theological Sources for Friendship as Our Central Relationship
Dorothy Dean, Berea College
Theology, Friendship, and the Human Animal
R. Michael Wilcher, University of Cambridge
Simone Weil on Friendship: Pythagoreanism, Trinity, and the Practice of Attention
Joud Alkorani, University of Toronto
“Sisters for the Sake of Allah”: Mediating Friendship Through God

A10-115

Exploratory Session: Decolonizing Anglican Studies
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jennifer Snow, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Presiding
Sathianathan Clarke, Wesley Theological Seminary
Decolonizing Identity Politics in the Anglican Communion: Balancing Multiple Belonging with Resistant Unbelonging
Jenny Te Paa Daniel, Ohaki Consultancy
Decolonising Anglican Studies: An Indigenous Prescription...
Carla Roland, General Theological Seminary
Anglicanism Beyond Empire: Expanding Anglican Epistemology to a Multi-Centered/Polycentric Economy of Knowledge that Includes US-Latinx and Latin American Perspectives
Responding:
Esther Mombo, Saint Paul’s University
Business Meeting:
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Seminary of the Southwest, Presiding

A10-116

Exploratory Session: Religion and Drugs Roundtable: Why?
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Gary M. Laderman, Emory University, Presiding
Panelists:
Hollis Phelps, Mercer University
Joseph Christian Greer, Harvard University
Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University
Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University
Issac Horwedel, Emory University

Courtney Rabada, Northwestern University
Aurde Lorde and the Erotic Power of Female Friendships
Olivia Bustion, University of Chicago
Participation as Plural Agency: An Augustinian Proposal
Laura Duhan-Kaplan, Vancouver School of Theology
Isaiah’s Vision of the Lion and the Lamb: A Paradigm for Civic Friendship
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A10-200

Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR) Editorial Board Meeting
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

A10-201

Chinese Religions Unit
Theme: Religion in Chinese Spaces of Political Conflict and Contestation
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Kelly Hammond, University of Arkansas, Presiding
    Benno Weiner, Carnegie Mellon University
    From Patriotic Religious Representatives to Wolves in Monks’ Robes: Tibetan Buddhism, Islam and the Party on an Ethnocultural Frontier of Early Maoist China
    Sandrine Catris, Augusta University
    From Mao to Xi: Religion and Repression in the Uyghur Region
    H.S. Sum Cheuk Shing, University of Chicago
    Religion as Resistance: Chinese Religions in the Hong Kong Anti-Extradition Bill Movement
Responding:
    Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University

A10-202

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Mellon, Fulbright, NSF, Oh My! Preparing Successful Proposals in the Intimidating World of Multi-Disciplinary Research Grants
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Graduate-level scholars of religion are remarkably versatile in our academic skills sets. We are often ill-equipped, however, to demonstrate these skills in marketable ways to broader audiences. An immediate ramification: struggling to obtain the funding required to carry out our research. Effectively showcasing ourselves and our work to a variety of discipline-specific and multi-disciplinary scholars is all the more important when common understandings of what it means to be based in a "religious studies" or "religion" program are often nebulous in the first place. Focusing upon the grant-writing genre, this workshop introduces participants to strategies for preparing effectively-communicated, compelling project proposals with review committees potentially unfamiliar with the academic study of religion. This session is primarily designed for graduate students in the early or middle-years of their graduate programs, but warmly welcomes anyone interested.
Panelists:
    Emily Stratton, Indiana University

A10-203

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Implicit and Explicit Comparison in Religious Studies Scholarship: A Collaborative Experiment in the Use of Buddhist Categories
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Christopher Handy, McMaster University, Presiding
Panelists:
    Andrew Taylor, University of Virginia
    Andrew Wilson, Mount Allison University
    Shawna Dolansky, Carleton University
    Shankar Nair, University of Virginia
Responding:
    Christopher Jensen, Carleton University

A10-204

History of Christianity Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit
Theme: Race in the Middle Ages
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Minji Lee, Reunion Institute, Presiding
    Kathleen M. Self, Saint Lawrence University
    Race and Old Norse Mythology
    Lora Walsh, University of Arkansas
    White Nun as Black Woman and Other Twelfth-Century Opinions on Nigra Sum (Song of Songs 1:4)
    Hartley Lachter, Lehigh University
    Kabbalah and the Question of Race in the Middle Ages

A10-205

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit
Theme: Territorial Peace Beyond the Law: Spiritual Politics and Indigenous Political Theologies in Post-Accord Colombia
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Heather M. DuBois, Stonehill College, Presiding
    Janna Hunter-Bowman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
    Peace Through Participation in Struggle: Enhancing Post-Accord Peacebuilding Through Linking Stakeholders to Peace Accord Stipulations
    Diego Caguena Rozo, Universidad Icesi
    Forgiveness, Justice and the Damage Done: On the Metaphysics of the Face
    Carlos Manrique, Universidad de los Andes
    Peace-Building in the Midst of Horror and the Practices of “Theocratic Pluralism”
Responding:
    Rebecca Bartel, San Diego State University

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

### Thursday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

#### A10-206

**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit**  
Theme: Martin Luther King, Pragmatism, and Transcendentalism  
Thursday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM  
Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding
- Andrew Stone Porter, Vanderbilt University  
  *Experiments with Non/Violence: King’s Stride Toward Pragmatism*
- Jeremy Sorgen, University of Virginia  
  *The Pragmatic King: The Anatomy of Nonviolent Transformation*
- Russell Johnson, University of Chicago  
  *Transcendental Empiricism: Martin Luther King and the World Behind the World*
- Joe Pettit, Morgan State University  
  *Transcendental Pragmatism: The Case for Necessary and Pragmatic Truth*

*Business Meeting:*  
Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding

#### A10-207

**Religion and Cities Unit**  
Theme: Contagion, Religion, and Cities  
Thursday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM  
Harold Morales, Morgan State University, Presiding
Panelists:  
- Jennifer Schepers Hughes, University of California, Riverside  
- Wende Marshall, Temple University  
- Amanda Furiasse, Hamline University  
- Katherine Marshall, Georgetown University  
- Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College

#### A10-208

**Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit**  
Theme: Postcolonial Perspectives on Religion in China, South Asia, and the Americas  
Thursday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM  
Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Presiding
- Kathy Chow, Yale University  
  *The Invention of Religion in China*
- Rebecca Faulkner, Princeton University  
  *Colonialism and Caliphate*
- Heather Burrow, Claremont Graduate University  
  *Conquistadors, Colonialism, and Christianity: From Church and Empire to States*

#### A10-209

**Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit**  
Theme: Religious Change and Persistence: Contested Narratives of Spiritual Identity  
Thursday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM  
Jessica Delgado, Ohio State University, Presiding
- Lynn Hillberg Jencks, Santa Clara University  
  *From Machismo to Moderation: The Transforming Effects of Latinx Immigrant Male Conversion to Charismatic Catholicism*
- Josefayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas  
  *Incense and Performance: Teaching Ritual Labor in the Nabua World*
- Michael Rogers, University of Toronto  
  *The Sun, The Moon, and the Other Stars: Polycentrism as Ecumenical Mission on the Altiplano*
- Daniel Nourry, University of Texas  
  *The Three Child Martyrs of Tlaxcala: Tracing the Ways in Which the Indigenous Escapes the Logic of Catholic Martyrdom and the Cult of the Saints*
- Yanita I Buendia De Llaca, University of California, Santa Barbara  
  *The Women of the Mexicayotl. Retelling a History Through Gendered Disruptions*

#### A10-210

**Study of Judaism Unit**  
Theme: Re-Engendering the Norms of Caregiving, Parenting, Reproduction and Ritual  
Thursday, 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM  
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University, Presiding
- Lindsey Jackson, Concordia University  
  *Brit Without Milah: Remixing the Dominant Ritual System*
Justin Jaron Lewis, University of Manitoba
Inevitable, Vulnerable Fatherhood in a Patriarchal Myth

Avishalom Westreich, College of Law and Business, Ramat Gan
Jewish Religious Identity, Gender, and Politics: The Challenge of Surrogacy and Egg Donation

Steven Kaplin, Indiana University
Judaism is Dead, Long Live Judaism: A Jewish Feminist Logic of Infinite Judaism

Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Sigrid Kjaer, University of Texas, Presiding
Joseph Wilson, Sacred Heart University
A Mirror on the Threshold of East and West: Buddhist and Christian Sculpture in Hellenistic Late Antiquity

Nicolò Sassi, Indiana University, Bloomington
The Forgotten History of Origenism in Medieval Syria

Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word

John Zaleski, New York University, Abu Dhabi
"My Mercy Encompasses Every Thing": Christian and Islamic Views on the Universal Scope of Salvation in Tenth-Century Iraq

Responding:
Shulamit Shinnar, Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Business Meeting:
Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Bloomington, and Sara Ronis, Saint Mary’s University, Texas, Presiding

Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A10-301

Comparative Religious Ethics Unit
Theme: The Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Irene Ludivi, Claremont Graduate University
The Acting Person and Artificial Intelligence Technology: Reviewing the Ethical Implications of AI on Humanity

Frank Bosman, Tilburg University
Disobedience as an Ethical-Anthropological Criterium

Justin Hawkins, Yale University
What Was Not Assumed Was Not Healed: A Christological and Soteriological Warning About Transhumanism

Business Meeting:
Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University, Presiding

A10-302

Contemporary Islam Unit
Theme: Representing and Surveillance Modern Muslims
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Zareena Grewal, Yale University, Presiding
Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston
The World of Islam

Ehsan Sheikholharam, University of North Carolina
Making Space for Muslims: Aesthetics in the Age of Forced Assimilation

Mohamad Jarada, University of California, Berkeley
Securing the Mosque: On the Logic of Fortification and Risk after Hate Violence

Johnathan Norris, Boston University
Fear, Politics, and the Holy Spirit: Islamophobic Discourses in Charismatic News Media

Sam Houston, Stetson University
"It Is Because of Our Islam That We Are Here": Community Organizing, Civic Virtue, and the South African Muslim Struggle Against Apartheid

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/congress_programbook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A10-303

Evangelical Studies Unit
Theme: Critical Engagement with Robert Chao-Romero’s “Brown Church”
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Kristen Deede Johnson, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
- Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University
- Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University
- Jennifer Schepers Hughes, University of California, Riverside
- Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
- Ruth Padilla DeBorst, Fraternidad Teológica LatinoAmericana
Responding:
- Robert Chao Romero, Matthew 25 Movement

A10-304

Hindu Philosophy Unit
Theme: Ways of Knowing (II): New Approaches
Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Presiding
Panelists:
- Aleksandar Uskokov, Yale University
  Making Sense of Religious Experience: Jiva Govāmin and "Learned Perception"
- James Reich, Pace University
  The Gem and the Jeweler: The History of a Stock Example
- Aalekhya Malladi, Emory University
  The Trouble with Māya: Philosophical Considerations in a Telugu Poet's Folk Drama
Responding:
- Michael Allen, University of Virginia, and Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University, Presiding

A10-305

History of Christianity Unit
Theme: The 1619 Project
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Amy Burris, Durham, NC
- Constance Furey, Indiana University Bloomington
- Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University
- Dana Logan, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

A10-306

Japanese Religions Unit
Theme: Examining the Scholarly Guilds of Shingon Buddhism in Medieval Japan
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Takashi Miura, University of Arizona, Presiding
Panelists:
- Aaron Proffitt, State University of New York, Albany
  Death on the Mantra Path
- Elizabeth Noelle Tinsley, University of California, Irvine
  Hennyō'in’s Lost Altar: Shingon Debate Culture and Scholar Monks of Kōyasan
- Eric Swanson, Loyola Marymount University
  The Construction of Esoteric Buddhist Identities Through Commentaries on Mahāyāna Faith
- Takahiko Kameyama, Ryukoku University
  The Secret Views on Cosmos in Medieval Shingon Buddhism: The Significance of the Shingon Doctrinal Debate “Is Our Dharma Realm Completely Unified or Multiple?”
Responding:
- Asuka Sango, Carleton College

A10-307

Open and Relational Theologies Unit
Theme: Book Panel: The Future of Open Theism (IVP Academic, 2020)
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Panelists:
- Thomas Oord, Center for Open and Relational Theology
- Bethany Sollereder, University of Oxford
- David Basinger, Roberts Wesleyan College
- Anna Case-Winters, McCormick Theological Seminary

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Meeting Platform
- Professional Development
- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Publishing
- New Program Unit
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- Wildcard Sessions

See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Conferences_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book
Responding:
Richard Rice, Loma Linda University

A10-308

Political Theology Unit
Theme: Political Theology and the Pandemic
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding
Panelists:
Stephanie Mota Thurston, Princeton Theological Seminary
Karen Bray, Wesleyan College
Kyle Lambelet, Emory University
Olaoluwapotin Alimi, Princeton University
Nomaan Hasan, Brown University

A10-309

Religion and Human Rights Unit and Religion and Migration Unit
Theme: Immigration, Human Rights, Sexual and Reproductive Justice
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding
I Sil Yoon, Graduate Theological Union
Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College
Michael Woolf, Harvard University

A10-310

Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit
Theme: Religion Education and Distance Learning: Impacts, Challenges, and Opportunities
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Jenny Berglund, Stockholm University, Presiding
Panelists:
Greg Soden, Mizzou Academy
Audun Toft, University of South-Eastern Norway

A10-311

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Theme: Science and Secularism
Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Heather Mellquist Lehto, University of Toronto, Presiding
Emma Rifai, University of Iowa
DNA Dieting: Genetic Testing, Nutrigenetics, and American Secularism
Joseph Fisher, 1991
Moral Bioenhancement and/as Secularization
Ryan Juskus, Duke University
Science for Secularism or Secularity?: Examining the Relations Between Science, Politics, and Religion in a Citizen Science Project in the Appalachian Coalfields
Business Meeting:
Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico, and Josh Reeves, Samford University, Presiding

A10-312

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Theme: Interspecies Relations in Tibet and the Himalayas
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College, Presiding
Brandon Dotson, Georgetown University
Becoming the Goddess’s Livestock or Stealing Her Livestock: Hospitality and Bestial/Divine Crossings in Tibetan Oracular Gambling
Rachel Pang, Davidson College
Rimé Revisited: Shabkar’s (1781–1851) Trans-Species Interactions
Chiarra Letizia, Université du Québec à Montréal
On the Relation Between Humans and Non-Humans in the Context of Judicial Activism Challenging Animal Sacrifice in Nepal

A10-313

Teaching Religion Unit
Theme: Beyond ‘Judaism Week’: Jewish Sources for the Religious Studies Classroom
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Shari Rabin, Oberlin College, Presiding
Panelists:
Naftali Cohn, Concordia University, Montreal
Samuel Brody, University of Kansas
Krista Dalton, Kenyon College
Jennifer Caplan, Towson University
Elias Sacks, University of Colorado
S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University
André Key, Claffin University
**OTHER EVENTS**

Other Events conveniently allow members to gather voluntarily and to host receptions, networking events, and private meetings during the Annual Meetings. Their inclusion in the Program Book does not constitute an endorsement by the American Academy of Religion or the Society of Biblical Literature. While SBL and AAR provide space for activities listed as “Other Events,” the content and purpose of these gatherings are not reviewed by either the SBL or AAR’s Program Units or their Program Committees. However, any organization or group of members that reserves space for an Other Event is expected to adhere to SBL and AAR policies and core values in holding events.

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the SBL website, AAR website, or the mobile app.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

**M29-400**

Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion Pines School of Graduate Studies Alumni Reception
7:00 PM–8:30 PM

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**M30-100**

Society of Christian Philosophers
Theme: Trust in Polyphony: Four Disciplines in Debate About the Nature of Christian Trust in God
11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Michael Pace, Chapman University, Presiding
The attitude and act of trust are integral to Christian faith, but the scholarly literature on trust in God is still relatively small. What does exist, moreover, has been developed in different disciplines with little reference to, or even knowledge of each other. Now a major new project brings together philosophers, theologians, biblical scholars and psychologists to study trust in God in dialogue. In this session, project members present some of their current research, focusing particularly on how their different perspectives are informing, challenging and changing each other.

Among the topics discussed will be whether the biblical ‘emunah and pistis lexica map onto any defensible theological or philosophical model of trust in God; whether trust in God can, or must be analogous to intra-human trust in at least some ways; how psychology’s definition of trust in God is changing in dialogue with philosophy and theology; how a psychological measure of trust in God derived from New Testament pistis concepts compares with existing measures influenced by modern evangelicalism; and how investigating New Testament pistis historically compares with developing a NT theology of trust.

Panelists:
- Daniel McKaughan, Boston College
- Teresa Morgan, University of Oxford
- Judith Gundry-Volf, Yale Divinity School
- Don Emerson Davis, Georgia State University

**M30-200**

Journal of Interreligious Studies (JIRS) and the Association of Interreligious/Interfaith Studies (AIIS) Annual Meeting
1:00 PM–4:00 PM

A celebration of the publication of *Deep Understanding for Divisive Times: Essays Marking a Decade of the Journal of Interreligious Studies* edited by Lucinda Mosher, Axel Takács, Or Rose, and Mary Elizabeth Moore. Join editors past and present along with contributors to this new volume for a conversation about engaging interreligiously in a time of upheaval.

Panelists:
- Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary
- Axel Marc Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University
- Or Rose, Hebrew College
- Mary Elizabeth Moore, Boston University

**M30-300**

Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: Analyzing Doctrine Book Panel
4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Christopher Woznicki, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding
One of the main architects of analytic theology, Oliver Crisp, has published a new volume, *Analyzing Doctrine: Towards a Systematic Theology*. This marks a significant contribution to the field because it is the first attempt to construct something close to an entire systematic analytic theology. Although it is not yet a complete systematic theology, Crisp draws upon theological and philosophical literature to establish the elements that will form the foundation of a completed study. The fact that this is the first attempt by an analytic theologian to put together a systematic theology demands a response.

Panelists:
- Ross Inman, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Thomas McCall, Trinity International University
- Nathaniel Gray Sutanto, Westminster Theological Seminary
- Jordan Wessling, Fuller Theological Seminary

Responding:
- Oliver Crisp, University of Saint Andrews

**M30-301**

Society for the Study of Native American Sacred Traditions Annual Meeting
4:00 PM–6:00 PM

This meeting is open to anyone interested in teaching courses on Native American Sacred Traditions. The meeting format is informal discussions on ideas, materials, and strategies.

See the full Annual Meetings program online at [www.sbl-site.org/meetings/ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37](http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37) and [papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book](http://papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book)
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**M1-100**

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Virtual Gathering  
7:00 AM–8:15 AM

**M1-101**

Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies (LWTRS)  
Theme: Intersectionality and Community in a Time of Pandemic  
8:00 AM–5:30 PM

**M1-102**

Evangelical Philosophical Society  
Theme: Modernizing The Beatific Vision: Philosophical and Scientific  
4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Ryan Brandt, Grand Canyon University, and Joshua Farris, Mundelein Seminary, Presiding  
Panelists:  
Gavin Ortlund, First Baptist Church of Nordhoff  
Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas  
Paul Allen, Corpus Christi College, Vancouver  
Tyler McNabb, University of Macau  
Responding:  
Josh Reeves, Samford University

**M1-103**

University of Saint Andrews  
Theme: Teaching Science-Engaged Theology (New Visions in Theological Anthropology)  
11:00 AM–1:00 PM

**M1-201**

The Fetzer Institute  
Theme: Beyond Stereotypes: Understanding What it Means to Be Spiritual in the United States  
12:00 PM–1:30 PM

A newly published survey on spirituality helps bring nuance to our understanding of what it means to be spiritual, while also providing a new data set for researchers to pursue. This session will discuss the data, which includes online and telephone surveys of more than 3,000 people, 16 focus groups, 25 in-depth interviews, and dozens of visual data (drawings)—all available for additional analysis. The survey points to the importance of spirituality, in addition to religion, as motivating civic engagement. It also shows that most people view spirituality as a positive attribute.

This new data brings nuance to the categories that researchers use to sort people based on self-identified spirituality and religion. Although some people truly are “spiritual but not religious” this research shows that some deeply religious people identify as deeply spiritual, too. The survey was conducted by NORC, based on insights from the qualitative stage conducted by Hattaway Communications. It was funded by the Fetzer Institute.

Panelists:  
Nancy Ammerman, Boston University  
Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago  
Ruth Braunstein, University of Connecticut  
Bob Boisture, The Fetzer Institute

**M1-300**

Evangelical Philosophical Society  
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Science and Religion in The Genealogical Adam and Eve, by S. Joshua Swamidass  
11:00 AM–1:00 PM  
Panelists:  
Michael Heiser, Awakening School of Theology  
Kenneth R. Miller, Brown University  
Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah University and Biblical Seminary  
Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico  
Responding:  
S. Joshua Swamidass, Washington University

**M1-301**

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends  
Theme: What Is Democracy Now?  
4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Amid the political corruption, white supremacist violence, and widespread suffering of 2019, the Unitarian Universalist Association launched “UU the Vote.” This election-year campaign called on UnitarianUniversalists to “act locally to build thriving communities,” go “all in” by challenging the carceral and police systems, and “share spiritual resilience” with one another. In the aftermath of a tumultuous election, our panel will ask what is next for democracy in the United States and for a religious movement that claims “the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process” as one of its defining principles. Cosponsored by the UUA Panel on Theological Education, Harvard Divinity School, Meadville Lombard Theological School, and Starr King School for the Ministry. The panel will be followed by a virtual social hour beginning at 5:30 PM ET.

Panelists:  
Susan Leslie, Unitarian Universalist Association  
Carey McDonald, Unitarian Universalist Association  
Stephanie Mitchem, University of South Carolina  
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Meadville Lombard Theological School  
Sharon Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
**OTHER EVENTS**

**M1-400**

**Mennonite Scholars and Friends**

Theme: **Roundtable on Recovering from the Anabaptist Vision**

6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Panelists:
- David Cramer, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Presiding
- Laura Schmidt Roberts, Fresno Pacific University
- Paul Martens, Baylor University
- Myron A. Penner, Trinity Western University
- Karl P. Koop, Canadian Mennonite University
- Carol Penner, University of Waterloo
- Stephanie Chandler Burns, University of Waterloo
- Melanie Kampen, University of Toronto
- Jeremy M. Bergen, University of Waterloo
- R. Bruce Yoder, Martinsburg, PA
- Paul Doerksen, Canadian Mennonite University

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**M2-100**

**Theology Without Walls Group**

Theme: **SBNRs: Doing Theology Beyond the Walls**

11:00 AM–1:30 PM

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo, Presiding

The Spiritual But Not Religious, and even more the Nones, have already stepped outside confessional boundaries. This could be seen as a spiritual and cultural crisis insofar as it is religious traditions that have preserved and transmitted some of the profoundest ideas and practices with regard to ultimate reality and how we should live in light of it. On the other hand, the premise of Theology Without Walls is that there are truths to be found outside one’s confession and perhaps outside any confession. In this session, the SBNR and TWW perspectives will meet for the first time in a conference setting. In particular, experts who either are or can speak for SBNRs will speak to the relevance of their concerns of the TWW project, as set out in its flagship volume, *Theology Without Walls: The Transreligious Imperative*. Scholars active in the TWW project will respond.

Panelists:
- Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria
- Todd Green, Luther College
- Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College
- Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University
- Kate Stockly, Boston University
- Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
- Rory McEntee, Drew University
- Bin Song, Washington College

**M2-200**

**Zen Reading Group 7th Annual Meeting**

1:30 PM–3:30 PM

Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Michaela Mross, Stanford University
- Kevin Buckelew, Northwestern University
- Lu Zhang, University of Arizona

Responding:
- Morten Schlutter, University of Iowa

**M2-300**

**Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Reception for Members and Friends**

5:30 PM–7:00 PM

The Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) is a nationwide network to support educators as they help undergraduate students explore questions of meaning, purpose, and identity, and as they discern their many callings in life. Launched in 2009, NetVUE now includes over 250 independent colleges and universities. All SBL and AAR participants are invited to join us for this reception, whether or not their institutions are members of the network. Stop by for a chance to learn more about NetVUE (including faculty development and grant opportunities), to connect with friends and colleagues with similar interests, and to enjoy one another’s company. NetVUE is administered by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) with generous support from Lilly Endowment Inc. and member dues. Note: a limited number of participants who commit to attending the reception will receive a special gift; send your name, title, and plans for attending to lspoelhof@sic.nche.edu.

**M3-100**

**Theology Without Walls Group**

Theme: **Rising Scholars Discussion: Avenues of TWW Inquiry**

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

As TWW moves beyond the familiar parallel studies of most Comparative Theology, what directions and forms — what dissertation topics, for example — might begin to emerge?

Panelists:
- Rory McEntee, Drew University
- Bin Song, Washington College
- Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

M3-101
Theology Without Walls Group Planning Meeting
10:30 AM–11:30 AM
Panelists:
- Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Christopher Denny, St. John’s University
- Jeannine Diller, University of Toledo
- Kurt Anders Richardson, University of Toledo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

M3-200
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: Christian Philosophical Theology and the Church
1:45 PM–3:15 PM

M3-201
Theology Without Walls Group
Theme: The Transreligious Imperative Meets its Readers
2:30 PM–5:00 PM
The Transreligious Imperative (Routledge 2019) brings to fruition several years of work by scholars involved in the Theology Without Walls project. It presents twenty-one essays offering diverse but mutually reinforcing arguments for a mode of theologizing that is not bound by confessional commitments. The essays address a range of issues raised by the project, such as its implications for religious participation and identity, and exemplify methods for conducting theology beyond the walls. Scholars who are not contributors are asked to present a critical appreciation of the theological project represented in the volume. Two key questions are: Is the argument for TWW persuasive? Are the methods promising? Contributors will be available to respond to comments.
Panelists:
- Perry Schmidt-Leukel, University of Muenster
- Hugh Nicholson, Loyola University, Chicago
- Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
- Hans Gustafson, University of St. Thomas
- Jerusha Rhodes, Union Theological Seminary
- Jeannine Diller, University of Toledo
- John Thamanil, Union Theological Seminary
- Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado
- Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America

M3-400
China Academic Consortium
Theme: The Role of Confucian–Christian Dialogue in the China Puzzle
7:30 PM–9:30 PM
The event is a collaborative effort and hosted by China Academic Consortium, US-China Catholic Association and China Source.

The purpose of the lecture series is to explore the role of Christianity in the ongoing “dialogue of civilizations” between China and the West. The lecture is open to all AAR/SBL participants. It will be a time of Q&A and displays of the three organizations’ resources about China.
Diane Obenchain, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Role of Confucian–Christian Dialogue in the China Puzzle

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

M7-300
Religious Studies Review (RSR) Annual Editorial Meeting
4:00 PM–7:00 PM

M7-301
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Department of Religious Studies Reception
4:30 PM–5:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

M8-101
Council on Graduate Studies in Religion Annual Meeting
11:00 AM–1:00 PM

M8-100
University of Saint Andrews
Theme: Puzzles in Science-Engaged Theology (New Visions in Theological Anthropology)
11:00 AM–1:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

M9-100
Lutheran Scholars of Religion
Theme: New Directions in Luther Scholarship
11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding
This panel explores Martin Luther as generative conversation partner for constructive theology, ecumenical theology, and global Christianity.
Panelists:
- Simeon Zahl, University of Cambridge
- Peter Folan, Georgetown University
- Man Hei Yip, Wartburg Seminary
**SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLISHERS SESSIONS**

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

---

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**Sheffield Phoenix Press**

300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print
Monday, November 30, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

**Gorgias Press**

Discover Gorgias Press — Books, Sales, Q&A
Monday, November 30, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
Meet our sales and editorial staff, learn about our titles, special conference savings, and how to publish with Gorgias Press!

**Sheffield Phoenix Press**

Authors’ Opening Reception
Monday, November 30, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM
Scholars who have published with Sheffield Phoenix are invited to socialise and network in a very diverse setting with other authors. Make use of our breakout rooms, Q&A with our directors and manager, and have conversations about new book or project ideas.

**Langham Publishing**

Langham Publishing — Meet an Author
Monday, November 30, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM
Join us to hear from one of our authors from the Majority World speak about their book, the context in which they live and work, and the unique insights that context provides to theology, biblical studies and teaching.

---

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**Sheffield Phoenix Press**

300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print
Tuesday, December 1, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

**Oxford University Press**

Meet the Editor: Vincent Lloyd, Editor of AAR-OUP Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series
Tuesday, December 1, 12:00 PM–2:30 PM
New and prospective authors interested in learning more about publishing in the Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion series published by Oxford University Press are encouraged to email Vincent Lloyd, series editor, to schedule a time to between noon and 2:30 PM Eastern to share conversation. Learn more about the series at aarweb.org/reflection-theory-series. Contact Vincent Lloyd at vincent.lloyd@villanova.edu.

**Project MUSE**

Research Refresher with Project MUSE
Tuesday, December 1, 12:30 PM–1:00 PM
Whether it’s morning, noon, or night wherever you are logging in, take a break between conference sessions, grab a snack or drink, and settle in to learn about the resources available to you on the Project MUSE platform. Refresh your research with access to hundreds of journals and thousands of books in religion, philosophy, and related subjects in the humanities and social sciences, all from distinguished university presses and scholarly societies. Titles available include the Journal of Biblical Literature, Christianity and Literature, and books from Fortress Press, Baylor University Press, Liturgical Press, Princeton University Press, and the Catholic University of America Press, among many others. We’ll share tips for using MUSE in your classes, finding open access materials, and organizing your research with a free MyMUSE account.

**Sheffield Phoenix Press**

2020 Titles: Neyrey on Luke, Paynter on The Bible on Violence, Marek on Balaam at Qumran
Tuesday, December 1, 12:30 PM–1:00 PM
Hear authors Helen Paynter, (The Bible on Violence), Libor Marek, (A Star from Jacob, a Sceptre from Israel), Jerome H Neyrey, (An Encomium for Jesus) talking about their new books in Biblical Studies. Plus all the news on 2020 titles ranging from Hebrew Bible Monographs exploring Numbers, Chronicles, Samson, or Daniel to New Testament Monographs on Luke, or Pentecostal theology to new books in our Bible in the Modern World series on the cultural reception of the Magnificat in Australia, or the bible on violence, or trauma narratives from the Hebrew Bible.
Harvard University Press

Open House with Harvard University Press: Meet an Acquisitions Editor
Tuesday, December 1, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM
All are welcome to attend a virtual open house with Harvard University Press acquisitions editor Emily Silk. This Zoom event will be run as an informal Q&A session, geared towards answering your questions about the acquisitions process. Whether you are a prospective author or simply curious to learn more about publishing at HUP, please feel free to drop in anytime across the hour and join the conversation.

Stanford University Press

Meet David J. Halperin, author of Intimate Alien: The Hidden Story of the UFO (Stanford University Press)
Tuesday, December 1, 1:00 PM–1:30 PM
UFOs are a religious phenomenon—a UFO encounter is a bona fide religious experience, UFO lore a religious myth. As a collective cultural dream, UFOs transport us to the outer limits of that most alien yet intimate frontier, our own inner space. In his new book David Halperin, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and lifelong specialist in Judaica, explores what UFOs and UFO belief mean for us as individuals, as a culture, as a species.

Princeton University Press

Q&A with Tanya Luhrmann
Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
Join anthropologist and author Tanya Luhrmann (Stanford) for a Q&A about her new book How God Becomes Real: Kindling the Presence of Invisible.

Sheffield Phoenix Press

300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out of print
Wednesday, December 2, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Short Description: Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

Brill

Presentation of the World Christian Encyclopedia Online
Wednesday, December 2, 10:00 AM–10:30 AM
Interested in descriptions of Christian traditions all over the world, and the state of Christianity in every country worldwide? Join us for the presentation of the World Christian Encyclopedia Online, and meet one of the Editors, Gina Zurlo, Center for the Study of Global Christianity. Free trials available.

Gorgias Press

George Kiraz presents the Syriac–English New Testament
Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
George Kiraz, Gorgias Co-founder and General Editor of our new, single volume Syriac–English New Testament present the story behind this historic publication. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

Fortress Press

A conversation with Greg Carey and respondents to his new book, Using Our Outside Voice: Public Biblical Interpretation
Wednesday, December 2, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Carey encourages interpreters to develop proficiency in historical, cultural, and literary modes of interpretation as well as to cultivate familiarity with a broad range of interpretive options, including those from diverse cultural locations and historical points of view.
**SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLISHERS SESSIONS**

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Sheffield Phoenix Press

**Imagining my Sheffield Phoenix book**
Wednesday, December 2, 3:00 PM–3:30 PM

What do you need to do to get your manuscript accepted by Sheffield Phoenix Press? How will it be transformed from manuscript into a book? There are many types of author who are published by Sheffield Phoenix Press, and our two determining factors are academic quality, and engagement with the full diversity of scholarship. Learn what it's like to publish with Sheffield Phoenix Press.

Princeton University Press

**Q&A with Peter Manseau**
Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM


Sheffield Phoenix Press

**Trauma Bible Launch: a new series of monographs and commentaries**
Wednesday, December 2, 4:30 PM–5:00 PM

Join Liz Boase and Megan Warner, as they explain the purpose and ambition of our new Trauma Bible series. Questions from potential authors and editors welcome.

Baker Academic & Brazos Press

**Author Meet & Greet**
Wednesday, December 2

While many introductions to the New Testament focus on critical issues such as authorship, background, and history, *Reading the New Testament as Christian Scripture* focuses on actually reading the text of the New Testament. Come meet authors Con Campbell and Jonathan Pennington as they discuss their new book, including how to read the New Testament from different angles, and this textbook's utility for the classroom.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**

Sheffield Phoenix Press

**300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print**
Thursday, December 3, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM

Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

Bloomsbury Academic

**Meet the editor!**
Thursday, December 3, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM

This hour-long drop-in is scheduled in order to provide an opportunity to connect with Lalle Pursglove, the Publisher for Religious Studies at Bloomsbury Academic. There will be an overview of key areas of publishing and an introduction to Bloomsbury’s wide range of publishing options in print, digital and open access. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and make contact with editor. If you have a project to propose and wish to schedule a separate video meeting please email: lalle.pursglove@bloomsbury.com.

Sheffield Phoenix Press

**Classical Hebrew's Revised Dictionary: how 6,000 new words were found**
Thursday, December 3, 12:30 PM–1:00 PM

David J. A. Clines introduces the innovations in the Revised Dictionary of Classical Hebrew, and explains some of its features.

Princeton University Press

**Michael D. McNally Discussion**
Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM

In this session, Michael D. McNally (Carleton College) discusses his new book, *Defend the Sacred: Native American Religious Freedom Beyond the First Amendment*.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Sheffield Phoenix Press

**300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print**
Friday, December 4, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM

Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.
Gorgias Press

Discover Gorgias Press — Books, Sales, Q&A
Friday, December 4, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
Meet our sales and editorial staff, learn about our titles, special conference savings, and how to publish with Gorgias Press!

Langham Publishing

Langham Publishing - Meet an Author
Friday, December 4, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM
Join us to hear from one of our authors from the Majority World speak about their book, the context in which they live and work, and the unique insights that context provides to theology, biblical studies and teaching.

Sheffield Phoenix Press

2020 Titles: Claassens on trauma, Crisler on Luke, Kirova on masculinity
Friday, December 4, 12:30 PM–1:00 PM
Hear L. Juliana M. Claassens, (Writing and Reading to Survive), Channing Crisler, (Echoes of Lament and the Christology of Luke) and Milena Kirova, (Performing Masculinity in the Hebrew Bible) talking about their new books. Plus all the news on 2020 titles ranging from Hebrew Bible Monographs exploring Numbers, Chronicles, Samson, or Daniel to New Testament Monographs on Luke, or Pentecostal theology to new books in our Bible in the Modern World series on the cultural reception of the Magnificat in Australia, or the bible on violence, or trauma narratives from the Hebrew Bible.

Princeton University Press

Publishing Your Book
Friday, December 4, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
Join Fred Appel, acquisitions editor for books in religious studies at Princeton University Press, for a short Zoom session on the practicalities associated with finding a suitable publisher for your scholarly book. Questions that could be addressed in this virtual session include: who's the right publisher for your book? When and how should you approach a publisher? What should a formal book proposal consist in? The focus here will be on questions often posed by early career scholars interested in placing a first book, but attendees at all career stages will be welcome.

Saturday, December 5

Sheffield Phoenix Press

300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print
Saturday, December 5, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

Fortress Press

A Conversation with Katherine Sonderegger on Systematic Theology, Volume 2: The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity
Saturday, December 5, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
The highly anticipated second volume of Katherine Sonderegger's Systematic Theology is finally here. In this ambitious new work, Sonderegger explores the doctrine of the Trinity and retrieves the systematic starting point of the trinitarian theology: the divine processions. Join Fortress Press for a conversation with Dr. Sonderegger about her new book.

Sunday, December 6

Sheffield Phoenix Press

300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print
Sunday, December 6, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

Monday, December 7

Bloomsbury Academic/T&T Clark

Publishing your first book with Bloomsbury/T&T Clark
Monday, December 7, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
This session will be led by editors from Bloomsbury and T&T Clark and will focus on how to go about proposing your first academic book in Religious Studies, Theology, Biblical Studies and Ancient Religion. There will be an overview of Bloomsbury/T&T Clark's different series and peer review processes and an opportunity to ask questions and make contact with editors.

Gorgias Press

Discover Gorgias Press — Books, Sales, Q&A
Monday, December 7, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
Meet our sales and editorial staff, learn about our titles, special conference savings, and how to publish with Gorgias Press!

Sheffield Phoenix Press

300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print
Monday, December 7, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *
SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLISHERS SESSIONS

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). Session times and details are subject to change. Please verify session listings on the AAR website or the mobile app.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Baker Academic & Brazos Press
Publisher Show & Tell of New Releases
Monday, December 7
In his two recent books, Jack Levison describes the Spirit as both boundless and unconventional. He uses the word boundless to refer to ῥûaḥ in the Hebrew Bible and unconventional to refer to pneuma in the Gospels. Join Levison for a short talk followed by open discussion about the boundless and unconventional character of the Spirit in the Bible.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Sheffield Phoenix Press
300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print
Tuesday, December 8, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

T&T Clark
Meet the editor!
Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
This hour-long drop-in is scheduled in order to provide an opportunity to connect with Anna Turton, the Senior Commissioning Editor for Theology at T&T Clark. There will be an overview of key areas of publishing and an introduction to T&T Clark’s wide range of publishing options in print, digital and open access. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and make contact with editor. If you have a project to propose and wish to schedule a separate video meeting please email: anna.turton@bloomsbury.com.

Fortress Press
A conversation with Regnum Books
Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
Fortress Press is pleased to be the new North American distributor for Regnum Books, an imprint of the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. Regnum Books is committed to publishing on issues of great importance to the global church. Join Will Bergkamp, Publisher for Fortress Press, and Dr. Paul Bendor-Samuel, Executive Director for Regnum Books in a conversation and Q&A about the list, and the issues facing the global church today.

LANGHAM PUBLISHING

Langham Publishing
Langham Publishing — Meet an Author
Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
Join us to hear from one of our authors from the Majority World speak about their book, the context in which they live and work, and the unique insights that context provides to theology, biblical studies and teaching.

BRILL

Brill
Brill’s Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism
Tuesday, December 8, 11:30 AM–12:00 PM
Did you know that Spirit-Empowered Christianity is one of the fastest growing global movements? Brill’s Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism shares insight in Worldwide Pentecostalism, from a range of disciplinary perspectives, focusing on historical figures, movements and organizations, particular topics, as well as countries and regions. Join us in finding out all about Brill’s exciting new product. Editor-in-Chief: Michael Wilkinson. Free trials available.

SHEFFIELD PHOENIX PRESS

Imagining my Sheffield Phoenix book
Tuesday, December 8, 3:00 PM–3:30 PM
What do you need to do to get your manuscript accepted by Sheffield Phoenix Press? How will it be transformed from manuscript into a book? There are many types of author who are published by Sheffield Phoenix Press, and our two determining factors are academic quality, and engagement with the full diversity of scholarship. Learn what it’s like to publish with Sheffield Phoenix Press.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS

Robert Wuthnow Discussion
Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
You are welcome to attend a discussion with esteemed American sociologist of religion Robert Wuthnow about his new book on the concept and study of religious practice, What Happens When We Practice Religion? Textures of Devotion in Everyday Life.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Sheffield Phoenix Press
300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print
Wednesday, December 9, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.
T&T Clark
Meet the editor!
Wednesday, December 9, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
This hour-long drop-in is scheduled in order to provide an opportunity to connect with Dominic Mattos, the Editorial Director for Biblical Studies at T&T Clark. There will be an overview of key areas of publishing and an introduction to T&T Clark’s wide range of publishing options in print, digital and open access. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and make contact with editor. If you have a project to propose and wish to schedule a separate video meeting please email: Dominic.mattos@bloomsbury.com.

Gorgias Press
Discover Gorgias Press — Books, Sales, Q&A
Wednesday, December 9, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
Meet our sales and editorial staff, learn about our titles, special conference savings, and how to publish with Gorgias Press!

Sheffield Phoenix Press
Hector Avalos: In Conversation
Wednesday, December 9, 12:30 PM–1:00 PM
Hector Avalos has published at the intersections of religion and violence, health and spirituality, biblical studies and atheism. Here, in conversation (as his voice and health permit), he discusses his work including The Bad Jesus, The Reality of Religious Violence and his latest project Horror Film, the Bible and Christian Propaganda.

Princeton University Press
Q&A with Sarit Kattan Gribetz
Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
Please join us for a Q&A with author Sarit Kattan Gribetz (Fordham U.) about her new book Time and Difference in Rabbinic Judaism.

Sheffield Phoenix Press
300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print
Thursday, December 10, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

T&T Clark
Meet the editor!
Thursday, December 10, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
This hour-long drop-in is scheduled in order to provide an opportunity to connect with Lucy Carroll, the Commissioning Editor for The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies series and Ancient Religion at T&T Clark. There will be an overview of key areas of publishing and an introduction to T&T Clark’s wide range of publishing options in print, digital and open access. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and make contact with editor. If you have a project to propose and wish to schedule a separate video meeting please email: lucy.carroll@bloomsbury.com.

Gorgias Press
Discover Gorgias Press - Books, Sales, Q&A
Thursday, December 10, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
Meet our sales and editorial staff, learn about our titles, special conference savings, and how to publish with Gorgias Press!

Princeton University Press
Hillary Kaell Discussion
Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
In this session author Hillary Kaell (McGill University) joins us for a discussion of how ordinary U.S. Christians create global connections through participation in child sponsorship. Professor Kaell’s new book is entitled Christian Globalism at Home: Child Sponsorship in the United States.

Sheffield Phoenix Press
Authors’ Closing Reception
Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM
Scholars who have published with Sheffield Phoenix are invited to socialise and network in a very diverse setting with other authors. Make use of our breakout rooms, Q&A with our directors and manager, and have private conversations about new book or project ideas.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

* See the full Annual Meetings program online at www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_ProgramBook.aspx?MeetingId=37 and papers.aarweb.org/online-program-book *