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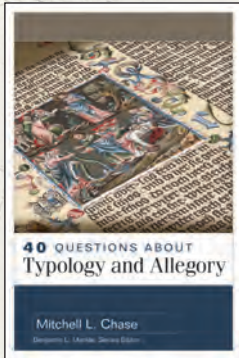


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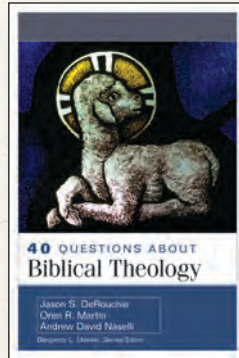


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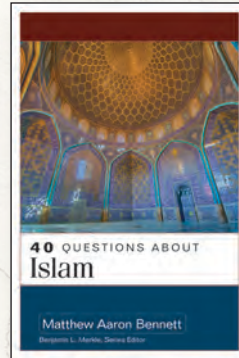
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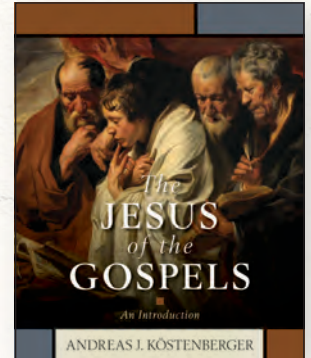
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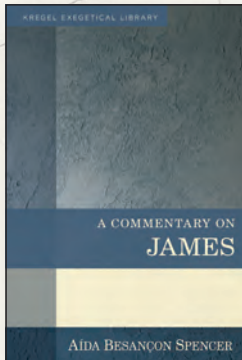
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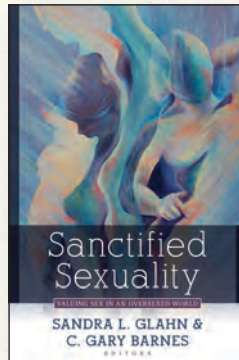
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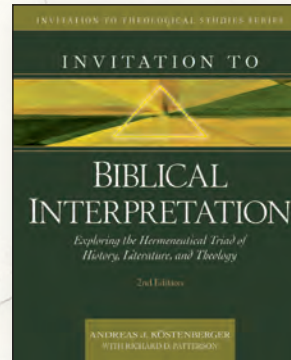
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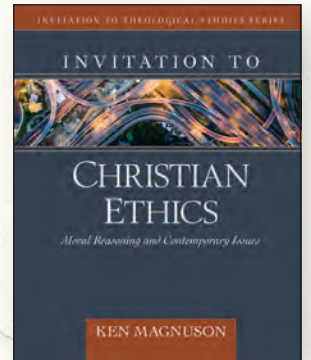
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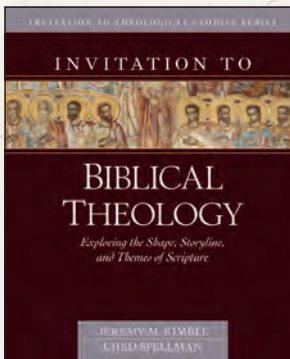
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The SBL and AAR are proud to partner with ATIV Software to bring you our Virtual Annual Meeting on their EventPilot Virtual Meetings platform. Annual Meeting attendees from prior years will be happy to learn this, since EventPilot is the mobile app 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.

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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.

The mission of the Society of Biblical Literature is to foster biblical scholarship. This mission is accomplished through seven strategic goals:

- ☞ Collaborate with educational institutions and other appropriate organizations to support biblical scholarship and teaching
- ☞ Develop resources for diverse audiences, including students, religious communities and the general public
- ☞ Encourage study of biblical literature and its cultural contexts
- ☞ Facilitate broad and open discussion from a variety of perspectives
- ☞ Offer members opportunities for mutual support, intellectual growth, and professional development as teachers and scholars
- ☞ Organize congresses for scholarly exchange
- ☞ Publish biblical scholarship

These strategic goals are, in turn, pursued through a number of SBL programs and initiatives under the leadership of SBL volunteers and staff.

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Congresses

The Society's meetings bring together scholars from around the world to foster biblical scholarship by:

- ☞ showcasing the latest in biblical research
- ☞ fostering collegial contacts
- ☞ advancing research
- ☞ highlighting a wide range of professional issues

Annual Meeting

The North American Annual Meeting is the largest international gathering of biblical scholars in the world. Each meeting highlights the study of the Bible, archaeology, related languages and literatures, theology, religion, and contemporary issues such as the Bible in American public education. The Annual Meeting also features the world's largest exhibit of books and digital resources for biblical studies—all of which are also for sale at this congress. Members benefit from the meetings of other organizations that convene at the same time.

International Meeting

The International Meeting is held annually outside North America. Drawing between 500 and 1000 attendees from over 40 countries, the size and varying locales of this meeting provide a unique and intimate forum for scholarly discourse across continents. The program draws attention to the regional interests of biblical scholarship, both in our host institution and as represented in the institutions of our attendees. The meeting usually takes place between the beginning of July and the middle of August.

Publications and Technology

SBL Press offers a wide variety of resources for biblical studies specialists as well as students in colleges, universities, and seminaries; leaders in church and synagogue settings; and members of the general public. Books published include major reference works, commentaries, text editions and translations, scholarly monographs, tools for teaching and research, and works of general interest. In addition, SBL Press serves as the exclusive distributor of all Brown Judaic Studies titles. The *Journal of Biblical Literature* is one of the oldest and most distinguished journals in biblical scholarship, while the online *Review of Biblical Literature* offers the most comprehensive review of biblical studies publications. Finally, SBL Press also sponsors the online journal *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* and the Online Critical Pseudepigrapha.

PROFESSIONS

Career Resources

The Society provides resources for employment and professional development information in a variety of ways. Through its Annual Meeting, the Society offers career development and job listing and interview resources, with which employers are able to list job openings online for member access, and members are able to register to display their Curriculum Vitae and interview with employers. At the Annual Meetings by SBL and AAR, the two organizations jointly sponsor the Employment Center at the Annual Meetings. Jobs are posted year-round at the Employment Services website: www.aarsbl.org. The societies also offer helpful events such as panel reviews of pertinent topics that focus on the "how to" of the application and job-interview process.

Professional Development Committee

The SBL Professional Development Committee addresses the variety of needs that arise throughout the career life cycle of all the society's members. Its major responsibilities are to:

- ☞ focus on all aspects of the career landscape and life cycle, including the ways in which our members' identities and personal lives intersect with their careers
- ☞ develop resources for members in all institutional locations
- ☞ educate members regarding professional issues, especially when new concerns arise (e.g., the rise of adjunct positions over tenure track, cultural taxation, retirement planning in a depressed economy)
- ☞ advocate with other organizations on behalf of the interests and needs of members

International Cooperation Initiative

The Society's International Cooperation Initiative (ICI) was launched in 2007, and each year SBL has seen growth in participation and interest from scholars and students from all over the globe. Since the initial organizational meeting in Vienna, ICI has established an online depository of published resources available freely to anyone in ICI countries; initiated two online, open-access monograph series; set up a communications network of liaisons; sponsored a database of scholars to facilitate scholarly exchange, mentoring programs, and possibilities for collaborative teaching; provided over four hundred students and scholars in ICI countries with special rates for SBL membership; and maintained a calendar of events covering biblical studies and related conferences all over the world.

ICI Online Books

The Online Book depository now has over six hundred titles from SBL Press and our publishing partners: Brown Judaic Studies, Catholic Biblical Association, Fortress Press, Gorgias Press, Instituto Multidisciplinario de Historia y Ciencias Humanas (IMHICIHU), Sheffield Phoenix Press, Universidad Católica Argentina, Westminster John Knox, and Wiley-Blackwell.

Open-Access Monograph Series

Ancient Near East Monographs (ANEM) is a co-publication effort between SBL Press and the Centro de Estudios de Historia del Antiguo Oriente at the Universidad Católica Argentina. The series currently has twenty-five published titles available online, with twenty-three of the titles available through print-on-demand.

International Voices in Biblical Studies (IVBS) is guided by an editorial board of international scholars. The series is designed to provide a venue for publication and distribution of scholarly work from all areas of the world, particularly to make the excellent scholarship from underresourced areas available to the more traditional centers of biblical scholarship. The twelve titles published to date are all available online or through print-on-demand.

ICI Liaison Network

In order to facilitate worldwide communications, the Liaison Network engages scholars in ICI countries to facilitate the two-way flow of information pertaining to SBL and global biblical scholarship. A monthly newsletter serves the ICI liaisons and other interested parties by providing updates to conferences, publications, and other SBL news.

ICI Scholarly Exchange

SBL hosts two databases that allow scholars, students, and institutions to establish contact and make arrangements for various types of scholarly exchange. Members have discovered opportunities to teach in other countries and have found creative ways to use technology in order to share teaching experiences with classrooms on other continents.

Status of Women in the Profession Committee

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee encourages the participation of women in all areas of biblical studies. In pursuit of this mandate, the committee focuses its efforts in the areas of mentoring, networking, and opening biblical studies to greater participation by women.

Student Advisory Board

Started in 2005, the purpose of this advisory group is to coordinate student participation across all Society activities, committees, and programs in an effort to foster greater opportunities for student participation and leadership development. The explicit goals of this group are to:

- ☞ facilitate a greater connection between students and the Society with a view toward lifetime membership, volunteer involvement, and leadership
- ☞ provide resources and programming specifically geared toward student members
- ☞ to develop and groom the next generation of leaders

Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities Committee

The SBL Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee (CUREMP) was constituted to assess the status and encourage the participation of underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities in all professional areas of biblical studies. It has long supported the recruitment and mentoring of racial and ethnic minority students from among the African American, Asian, Hispanic, and Native American populations.

REGIONS

Throughout the academic year, the regions coordinate lectures and conferences that keep the regions active and up to date in the latest biblical research and teaching. These meetings provide an intimate setting for scholarly exchange.

Regional Scholars Program

The Regional Scholars' Award has been developed by the Society of Biblical Literature's Council of Regional Coordinators to recognize promising younger scholars in the field of biblical studies. Its objective is to encourage their intellectual development through a mentoring program and to provide practical assistance in securing a place to present their work at the Society's Annual Meeting.

A maximum of six regional scholars are selected each year and given stipends to cover a portion of the cost of attending the Annual Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

The work of the Society is guided by its Council and is administered through SBL's professional staff and key volunteers who serve on various committees.

The **Council** consists of fourteen members of the Society and the Executive Director. This board approves general policies:

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The **Educational Resources and Review Committee** works in public contexts, including congregations and K–12 schools, to develop curricular guidelines in order to vet and approve resources brought to SBL for review. It also publishes guidelines for teaching the Bible, tracks public policy discussion and legislation, and advocates for religious literacy as a core outcome of a broad and liberal education.

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The **International Cooperation Initiative (ICI) Committee** facilitates mutual cooperation among colleagues from around the globe in the effort to foster biblical scholarship.

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The **International Meeting Program Committee** approves program units and program unit chairs, evaluates the International Meeting program, and recommends strategic directions for the growth and improvement of the program.

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The **Nominating Committee** nominates the President, Vice-President, and Council members for election by the Society, and members of standing committees and other representatives for election by Council.

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The **Professional Conduct Committee** serves to implement the *Professional Conduct Policy*. SBL has established *Professional Conduct Investigation Procedures* that provide guidelines for gathering information, maintaining confidentiality to the extent possible, reaching an initial determination, allowing for an appeal, and determining disciplinary action. SBL will carefully investigate all complaints according to these guidelines. No individual will be retaliated against for making a complaint or assisting with the investigation of a complaint. Any person who desires to report a possible violation of the SBL Professional Conduct Policy at an SBL sanctioned event should promptly contact the SBL Executive Director, the Chair of SBL Council, or the Professional Conduct Committee Chair.

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The **Status of Women in the Profession Committee** works in areas of mentoring and networking, opening the Society to greater participation by women and calling attention to the ways in which the Society speaks to and about women through its various activities.

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The **Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee** encourages the participation of minorities in all areas of biblical studies through mentoring, networking, and other forms of support.

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The **Bible Odyssey Editorial Board** advises on the direction and continued development of a website that is designed to improve public understanding of the Bible and its contexts.

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The **Biblical Studies in Undergraduate Education (BSUE)** is a working group established to help SBL and its members understand and respond constructively to both immediate and longer-term challenges and opportunities facing the field of biblical studies in the context of undergraduate liberal arts teaching.

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The **LGBTQ+ Task Force** is charged by Council to identify how SBL can best support LGBTQ+ scholars and scholarship; communicate regularly with the ED; and provide a report including recommendations within two years of the Task Force's constitution, if possible by the April 2021 Council meeting.

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The **Student Advisory Board** coordinates student participation across all Society activities, committees, and programs in an effort to foster greater opportunities for student participation and leadership development.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (S6-201)

“The Hermeneutics of Chutzpah: A Disquisition on the Value/s of ‘Critical Investigation of the Bible’”

Saturday, November 23, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Adele Reinhartz, Université d’Ottawa — University of Ottawa



Adele Reinhartz is a second generation Canadian, born not long after her parents immigrated to Canada from postwar Europe. Adele was raised largely within the Yiddish-speaking Holocaust survivor community in Toronto and, like many eighteen-year olds, started university with an unfocussed set of interests. Among her first-year choices were Introductory Modern Hebrew, and Introduction to Judaism, which she took in

order to learn about Jewish religious texts and practices that she had not encountered in her prior secular Jewish education. After four years she graduated the University of Toronto with a BA in Religious Studies, with a specialization in Jewish Studies, and a letter of admission to the MA program in Religious Studies at McMaster University.

One of the attractions of McMaster’s graduate program was (and remains) the requirement that students studying early Christianity take courses in early Judaism, and vice-versa. And so it was that in September 1975 Adele found herself haltingly reading and translating Galatians in a small seminar taught by E.P. Sanders, who had just submitted the final manuscript of *Paul and Palestinian Judaism* to the publisher. Adele completed her MA in early Judaism, and stayed on at McMaster to complete a doctoral dissertation in New Testament. After graduation, she embarked on an academic career that took her to the University of Toronto, back to McMaster, and most recently to the University of Ottawa, with a decade-long detour into senior university administration. Over the years she has also been privileged to teach courses at the Harvard, Yale, and Brite Divinity Schools, and to hold research fellowships at the Israel Institute of Advanced Studies in Jerusalem (2000–2001), International Consortium for Research in the Humanities at Ruhr University Bochum, and the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton (2011–12). Adele also enjoyed two years as the Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations at Boston College (2015–17).

Adele’s doctoral research focused on literary approaches to the Gospel of John. After completing her dissertation on the role of John’s statement of purpose (John 20:30-31) in Johannine narrative and discourse, she moved on to other projects. The first was a book, entitled *The Word in the World: The Cosmological Tale in the Fourth Gospel* (1992), in which she explored an idea that had been brewing since her doctoral days: that the “good shepherd” metaphor in John 10 alluded to the “harrowing of Hell” — the idea that in the days between his burial and the discovery of the empty tomb, Jesus descended to the netherworld to preach to the dead.

A second book on John, called *Befriending the Beloved Disciple* (2001) used Wayne Booth’s framework of frame of friendship, which posited that readers of any narrative inevitably enter into an relationship with the implied author. In espousing an “ethics of fiction,” Booth urges readers to consider the ethical quality of their relationships with the implied authors whose company they keep as they are reading. This approach to the Gospel left Adele in a quandary. From a 21st-century perspective, the Gospel’s implied author does not necessarily bring out the best in readers, especially when it comes to the stance towards the *ioudaioi*. As a scholar, she was able to situate this stance within the Gospel’s larger program. But as a Jew who is neither persuaded by nor receptive to John’s overall message, she found it difficult to be in friendship with an implied author who expressed such hostile comments about “the Jews” — a group with which she herself identified.

Although Adele has stuck with John for many decades, she has also engaged in other projects: a study of anonymous characters in the Hebrew Bible (1998), and the history and reception history in art, literature, drama, and film, of the high priest Caiaphas (2011). Adele’s service teaching led to a lengthy, engrossing, and ongoing process of self-education in film studies, as well as several books on Bible and film, including *Scripture on the Silver Screen* (2003), *Jesus of Hollywood* (2007), and *Bible and Cinema: An Introduction* (2013). She is currently preparing a second edition of this introduction and working on a project about the tension between Catholicism and secularism in French-language Québécois film.

Adele returned to John, and the fraught question of anti-Judaism, in her most recent book, *Cast Out of the Covenant: Jews and Anti-Judaism in the Gospel of John* (2018). In this book she argues that the Gospel constructs a rhetorical “parting of the ways” between Christ-confessors and the *ioudaioi* — Jews who, in John’s view, should have believed but did not. This is not to say that the historical processes that led to separation were already complete or even well under way by the late first century, but simply that a separation was already given rhetorical expression in what eventually became a canonical Christian text.

In addition to teaching, research, and academic administration, Adele has been involved extensively in the SBL, including six years on Council and seven years as General Editor of the Journal of Biblical Literature. She has also been active in the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, the Royal Society of Canada (elected 2005), and the American Association for Jewish Research (elected 2014).

2020 AWARDS

Sarah Malena



Sarah Malena is an Assistant Professor of History at St. Mary's College of Maryland. She holds a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Iowa and an M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of California, San Diego. Using historical and anthropological approaches, Sarah researches intercultural relations in the eastern Mediterranean and how interactions impacted social and ideological change. Her current project, *Fertile Crossroads*, expands on her dissertation research and explores how elite exchange networks shaped the developing identities and politics of the southern Levant in earlier stages of the Iron Age (ca. 1100–800 BCE).

2020 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship Recipient

The 2020 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship has been awarded to Stephen Young for his paper entitled, "Ethnic Ethics: Paul's Eschatological Myth of Jewish Sin."

Stephen Young



Stephen Young (PhD, Brown University 2016) is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion and also Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at Appalachian State University, where he has been helping undergraduates learn to think disruptively about religion, society, and ancient Mediterranean literature for the last four years. He is finishing a book on Paul's mythmaking and textual practices as a Jewish teacher of gentiles. His next project attends to literary culture, ideologies of gender, and early Christian diversity. Stephen's "Ethnic Ethics" paper is forthcoming in *New Testament Studies*.

The goal of the Achtemeier Award is to stimulate the finest and most penetrating work in New Testament studies and to foster the future of biblical scholarship. The award is given to a member who has completed her/his doctorate within the last ten years and includes a cash prize of \$1,000. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- ☞ Persuasive thesis that engages the New Testament and demonstrates quality of scholarship and significance in the field
- ☞ Clarity of expression and thought
- ☞ Originality and creativity

The members of the 2020 Achtemeier Award Committee are James A. Kelhoffer (Uppsala University), Janet Elizabeth Spittler (University of Virginia), and Shelly Matthews (Brite Divinity School).

The call for papers for the 2021 Paul J. Achtemeier Award will open by October 1, 2020. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible.

2020 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship

The 2020 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship has been awarded to Travis Proctor for his paper entitled, "A Cartography of Kinship: Domestic Space, Tomb Cult, and the Re-Mapping of Ephesus in the Acts of John."

Travis Proctor



Travis Proctor is an Assistant Professor of Religion at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. His research and teaching explore religions of the ancient Mediterranean, with a focus on histories of Christian cultures in the ancient world (ca. 50–500 CE). His current research explores early Christian theorizations of nonhuman bodies and environments, with a focus on how ancient conceptions of nonhuman space or embodiment impacted ancient Christian thought and practice. These include a monograph project on how early Christian theorizations of demonic bodies informed the performance of early Christian embodiment and construction of ancient cosmic "ecosystems," as well as several article-length explorations of concepts of space and environment in the apocryphal acts. His other research interests include topics in ancient environmental history, space and material culture, ecocriticism, posthumanism, and ritual studies. He received his B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship supports junior scholars demonstrating innovative approaches in biblical studies that advance methodological work at the intersection of historical criticism, critical theory, and cultural studies. The award is given to a member who has received a Ph.D. or Th.D. in biblical studies or related field within the last ten years and includes \$1,000 award. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- ☞ A persuasive thesis that engages emerging methodologies and changing paradigms, and demonstrates quality of scholarship and significance to the field
- ☞ Clarity of expression and thought
- ☞ Originality and creativity

The members of the 2020 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship committee are Kathleen O'Connor (Columbia Theological Seminary), Carolyn Sharp (Yale Divinity School), and Louis Stulman (University of Findlay).

The call for papers for the 2021 A.R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship will open by October 1, 2020. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Diamond family for making this scholarship award possible.

2020 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the 2020 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Nili Samet for her paper entitled, “Qohelet’s Language: An Extra-Linguistic Look.”

Nili Samet



Nili Samet teaches Bible and Assyriology in the department of Bible at Bar-Ilan University. Her research interests include Biblical Hebrew, with a focus on linguistic dating; Wisdom literature in Israel and Mesopotamia, with a focus on the Book of Qohelet; and comparative study of the Bible and the ancient Near East. Samet is the author of *The Lamentation over the Destruction of Ur: A Revised Edition*, and of articles in the fields of wisdom literature, the Book of Qohelet, and biblical Hebrew. She is currently working on two

book projects: a commentary on Qohelet in the series *Miqra Le-Yisrael*; and a book on the syntax of Late Biblical Hebrew. Selected honors and grants include Alon Fellowship for Outstanding young researchers, the Harry Starr Fellowship from the Center for Jewish Studies at Harvard University, and research grants from the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and from the Israel Science foundation.

The goal of the Freedman Award is to promote excellence and creativity in Hebrew Bible scholarship. The award is given to a member who has received a Ph.D. or Th.D, in biblical studies or related field within the last ten years and includes a cash prize of \$1,000.00. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- ☞ Persuasive thesis that engages the Hebrew Bible
- ☞ Clarity of expression and thought
- ☞ Originality and creativity

The members of the 2020 Freedman Award Committee are Alejandro Botta (Boston University), Cynthia Shafer-Elliott (William Jessup University), and David Pleins (Santa Clara University).

The call for papers for the 2021 David Noel Freedman Award will open by October 1, 2020.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Freedman family and the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible.

The Status of Women in the Profession Outstanding Service in Mentoring Awards

Each year at the SBL Annual Meeting, CSWP honors women who have been excellent mentors to women in the field. These mentors have provided invaluable guidance, advice, and encouragement. They serve as role models and assist other women in navigating career choices, building professional networks, and developing strategies for work-life balance. CSWP honors mentors in order to recognize their contributions and to encourage mentoring relationships.

If you would like to nominate a mentor, please send your nomination with a descriptive letter of endorsement to Christl Maier (christl.maier@uni-marburg.de). Nominations must be received by May 1st. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year.

Please join us in congratulating the 2020 Status of Women in the Profession Mentor Award recipients:

Devorah Dimant



Devorah Dimant is Professor Emerita of Second Temple times and literature, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, at the University of Haifa, Israel. In addition to articles and edited volumes, her publications include *Qumran Cave 4.XXI: Parabiblical Texts, Part 4: Pseudo-Prophetic Texts*, DJD XXX (Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 2001); *History, Ideology and Bible Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Collected Studies*, FAT 90 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014), and *From Enoch to Tobit: Collected Studies in Ancient Jewish*

Literature, FAT 114 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017). Dimant is an active participant in both the SBL and the World Organization for Jewish Studies.

2020 Outstanding Mentor Award recipients:

The SBL and its Committee on Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession (CUREMP) are delighted to announce the 2020 recipients of SBL’s Outstanding Mentor Award—Drs. Wil Gafney and Fernando Segovia. CUREMP launched the award this year to honor scholars of color who provide exceptional mentoring to other scholars by helping them to develop important professional networks and offering invaluable support in the process of navigating intricacies of the guild. Gafney and Segovia were selected for this inaugural award as a result of the nomination process and in recognition of the significant ways they are influencing the field of biblical studies through their scholarship, teaching, and mentoring of other scholars in various parts of the world.

Wil Gafney



Wil Gafney is Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. She is the author of *Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to Women of the Torah and of the Throne*, a commentary on Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah in the *Wisdom* series, *Daughters of Miriam: Women Prophets in Ancient Israel*, and co-editor of *The Peoples’ Bible* and *The Peoples’ Companion to the Bible*. Dr. Gafney contributed to the JBL Forum Black Lives Matter for Critical Biblical Scholarship, available at jstor.org/stable/10.15699/jbibl.136.issue-1.

Fernando Segovia



Fernando Segovia is Oberlin Graduate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Among his publications, he is the author of *Decolonizing Biblical Studies: A View from the Margins*, editor of *Interpreting Beyond Borders*, and co-editor of *Latino/a Biblical Hermeneutics: Problematics, Objectives, Strategies*, and *Toward Minority Biblical Criticism: They Were All Together in One Place*. In 2014, Dr. Segovia was the President of the Society of Biblical Literature, and his

presidential address, published in *JBL*, is available at sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/presidentialaddresses/JBL134_1_1_Segovia2015.pdf.

2020 Society of Biblical Literature – De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History

The Society of Biblical Literature and De Gruyter are delighted to announce the 2020 De Gruyter Prize recipients are Carson Bay and Chloe Church. Carson Bay was awarded in the category of Textual Culture and Reception of the Bible for his paper entitled “Exemplarity, Exegesis, & Ethnography: Abraham in Pseudo-Hegesippus as a Test Case for Biblical Reception in Christian Late Antiquity.” Chloe Church was awarded in the category of Material and Visual Culture and Reception of the Bible for her paper entitled “Receiving the Word in Image: Federico Zuccaro’s The Annunciation Broadcast By Prophets (1565) and the Reception History of the Bible in the Counter-Reformation.” The prize includes a cash prize of \$750. The awarded papers will be published in the *Journal of the Bible and its Reception*. In addition to being published, the awarded papers will be delivered at the SBL Annual Meeting followed by a panel discussion.

Carson Bay



Carson Bay completed his final two graduate degrees in Classics (MA) and Religions of Western Antiquity (PhD) at Florida State University in 2018. He is currently a postdoctoral researcher in the Institute for Jewish Studies at the University of Bern, Switzerland and part of the research team *Lege Iosephum! Reading Josephus in the Latin Middle Ages*. Carson’s work ranges across the Hebrew Bible, Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism (with a healthy dose of Josephus), New Testament studies, early

Christianity, and Classics, ignoring as best it can conventional disciplinary boundaries. His research, grounded in ancient Mediterranean literature and society, is usually interested in pairing close textual and philological work with various iterations of ‘theory.’ He is currently completing his first book on reception of the ‘Hebrew heroes’ of Jewish Scripture in the late antique Latin Christian text called Pseudo-Hegesippus or *On the Destruction of Jerusalem* as viewed through the Roman discourse of exemplarity. He is also knee-deep in his Habilitation project, which is the first close analysis of the reception of ancient Christian and classical Latin literature in the early Medieval Hebrew text called *Sefer Yosippon*, one of the first pieces of Jewish historiography in the early Middle Ages. Previous awards Carson has won include a Fulbright research grant, which landed him at the Institutum Judaicum Delitzschianum at the University of Münster, Germany, and a Josephine de Karman Trust Dissertation Completion Fellowship.

Chloe Church



Chloe Church graduated from the University of Birmingham, UK, in 2016 with a first-class degree in Theology and Religion and the JG Davies Memorial Prize for the highest-scoring undergraduate dissertation. In the same year she began a Masters by Research with Biblical Studies Specialism at the University of Birmingham, and was awarded a College of Arts and Humanities Masters-Level Scholarship for her research on the methods of visual biblical interpretation in the Lutheran and Counter-

Reformations. Chloe is now a doctoral student at the University of Exeter and University of Bristol, UK. Her research is supported and funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, and focusses on the visual biblical interpretation of the Annunciation to Mary (Lk 1.26-38) in Counter-Reformation paintings.

The members of the 2020 De Gruyter Award Committee are Jo Carruthers (Lancaster University), Mary Chilton Callaway (Fordham University), Joy Schroeder (Capital University), and Jay Twomey (University of Cincinnati).

The call for papers for the 2021 Society of Biblical Literature – De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History will open by January 31, 2021.

Regional Scholars’ Award

The Regional Scholars’ Award has been developed by the Society of Biblical Literature’s Council of Regional Coordinators to recognize promising younger scholars in the field of biblical studies. Its objective is to encourage their intellectual development through a mentoring program and to provide practical assistance in securing a place to present their work at the Society’s Annual Meeting. Information on the application process is available from the Regional Coordinator of each region.

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S29-201

SBL Using Performance to Teach the Bible

1:00 PM–4:30 PM

Registration for this workshop is available through Annual Meetings registration. The eighth annual workshop sponsored by the Bible in Ancient and Modern Media offers sessions on using performance to engage students with biblical text, lead by experienced teaching scholars. The participants will be involved in active learning throughout the workshop.

P29-301

Korean Biblical Colloquium

4:30 PM–6:30 PM

Theme: **Intersectionality**

John Ahn, Howard University, Presiding

Gale Yee, Episcopal Divinity School

Intersectionality and Marginal Populations in the Hebrew Bible (30 min)

Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland

Intersectionality across Disciplines: ASA, SBL, and AAR (30 min)

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

Kyriarchy and Intersectionality (30 min)

S29-302

SBL Networking on Orality, Memory, Performance and Other Related Disciplines

4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Theme: **Performance in the Age of Zoom, Trauma, and Justice**

Scholars from various disciplines are invited to a networking session to engage each other on their research in the fields listed above; all scholars interested in these areas are welcome! This year we will explore virtual performances and the impact of screens on developing, performing, and interpreting a biblical text, with particular emphasis given to the role of trauma and justice in Scripture, and how performances and performative features can help us meaningfully engage these topics in our classrooms and research. Small group “breakouts” and large group discussion will follow a framing presentation and a live performance. To sign up or for additional information contact Travis West (travis@westernsem.edu) or Megan Wines (mwines@luc.edu).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

S30-101

SBL Bible and Emotion / Prayer in Antiquity Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Paul and Emotions**

Robert von Thaden, Mercyhurst College, Presiding

Robert Lewis, Manhattan College

Paul's Prayers among the Arvals in Rome (20 min)

Isaac D. Blois, Biola University

Discerning Affections: Paul's Strategy of Emotions in Philippians (20 min)

Ryan Schellenberg, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

“Making My Prayer with Joy”: Prayer, Absence, and Emotion in the Letters of Paul (20 min)

Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

“I Wrote to You out of Much Affliction and Anguish of Heart”: Paul's Emotions in 2 Cor (20 min)

Harry Maier, Vancouver School of Theology, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S30-102

SBL Christian Apocrypha Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Christian Apocrypha**

Janet Spittler, University of Virginia, Presiding

Chance Bonar, Harvard University

The Place of the Dialogue between Jesus and the Devil in the History of the Antichrist (30 min)

Maria Dell'Isola, University of Southern Denmark

Time and Gender in Early Christianity: The Acts of Thomas as a Case Study (30 min)

Ulla Tervahauta, University of Copenhagen

Manuscripts of the Protevangelium of James (30 min)

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S30-103

SBL Ecological Hermeneutics / Contextual Biblical Interpretation Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Land and Home as Threatened**

Barbara Rossing, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago,
Presiding

Theodore Hiebert, McCormick Theological Seminary
*“So That We Can Survive and Not Starve to Death”: Insights into
Environmental Migration from Genesis 37–50 (30 min)*

Beth Elness-Hanson, Johannelund School of Theology
*A Wandering Aramean and the Wandering Maasai: An Intercultural
and Ecotheological Analysis of Deut 26:1–15 (30 min)*

Sébastien Doane, Université Laval
*The Witness of the Stone That Heard: An Ecological Reading of Joshua
24 (30 min)*

Chelsea D. Mak, Emory University
*A New Look at Nebuchadnezzar’s “Madness”: Political Knowledge,
Ecology, and Survival in Daniel 3:31–4:34 (30 min)*

S30-106

SBL Masoretic Studies Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **The Reading of the Hebrew Bible**

David Marcus, Jewish Theological Seminary of America,
Presiding

Geoffrey Khan, University of Cambridge
*The Interpretation of Dagesh on the Basis of Medieval Karaite Sources:
Two Cases Studies (30 min)*

Isabella Maurizio, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
*The Masoretic Pataḥ Furtivum and the Transliteration of Ayin
Consonant in the Second Column of Origen’s Hexapla (30 min)*

David Van Acker, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
*The Implications of a Prosodic Reading of the Masoretic Accents
(30 min)*

Daniel J. Crowther, Oxford University
*“As Musical Signs, They Have No Interest or Importance at All”:
William Wickes and the Accentuation of the Psalms (30 min)*

S30-107

SBL Metaphor Theory and the Hebrew Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Networks of Metaphors in the Hebrew Bible (Book Review)**

A review of the newly published *Networks of Metaphor in the Hebrew Bible* (2020, BETL) edited by Danilo Verde and Antje Labahn.

Ryan Bonfiglio, Emory University, Welcome (5 min)

Contributions to the Volume

Danilo Verde, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Presiding
Antje Labahn, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal/Bethel,
Presiding

Alison Gray, Westminster College (Cambridge), Panelist

Francis Landy, University of Alberta, Panelist

Andrea Weiss, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of
Religion, Panelist

Edward Greenstein, Bar-Ilan University, Panelist

Jean-Pierre Sonnet, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Panelist

Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher, Catholic Private University of Linz,
Panelist

Discussion (40 min)

S30-108

SBL Midrash Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Midrash at the Nexus of Other Texts and Traditions**

W. David Nelson, Independent Scholar, Presiding

Michael Avioz, Bar-Ilan University
Josephus and the Midrash (20 min)

Yitzhak Berger, Hunter College (CUNY)
*The Aristotelian Afterlife of Midrash: Rabbinic Interpretation in
RADAQ’s Allegorical Commentary on Genesis (20 min)*

Michael Ennis, Harvard University
*None Like Moses: Patterns of Patristic and Midrashic Exegesis in
Exodus 2 (20 min)*

Jonathan Kaplan, The University of Texas at Austin
Bat Asher and the Revelation of Special Knowledge (20 min)

Kelsey Spinnato, Southern Methodist University
The Character of Abram in the Book of Jubilees (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S30-109

SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **A Florilegium of the Esoteric, Mystical, and Gnostic**

Lautaro Lanzillotta, University of Groningen, Presiding

Jeffrey Pettis, Fordham University
*Angels in the Temple: 2 Maccabees 3, James, and John in the Gospel of
Mark (20 min)*

Jared Calaway, Illinois College
*Epaphtha: Powerful Speech and Transformative Touch in the Synoptic
Gospels (20 min)*

Grant Adamson, University of Arizona
What Are the Odds? Eusebius, Serapion, and Secret Mark (20 min)

Paul Robertson, University of New Hampshire
Gnostic Descent in Milton's Paradise Lost (20 min)

Josiah S. Bisbee, Brown University
The Yeridab as Actual Descent Born of Ancient West Asian Mythology (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S30-110

SBL Pauline Epistles Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Letter-Writing**

Emma Wasserman, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,
Presiding

Laura Dingeldein, University of Illinois at Chicago
Paul and Epistolary Ethics (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

Philip Erwin, Occidental College
Paul and the Critique of Writing in 2 Cor. 3–4 (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

J. Andrew Doole, University of Innsbruck
Could Paul Refer to Himself in the Plural? (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

J. Thomas Hewitt, University of Aberdeen
"In the Lord" Is Not "in Christ": The Distinctive Syntactical and Conceptual Functions of a Linguistic Doppelgänger (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

Gilha Lee, Emory University
From a Free Person to a Slave of Christ: 1 Cor 7:21–23 in Light of Self-Sale Enslavement in the Roman Empire (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

S30-111

SBL Qumran Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa, Presiding

Ayhan Aksu, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Literary Diversity and Collections: The Case of the Opisthograph (30 min)

Hila Dayfani, University of Haifa
Material Reconstruction, New Readings, and Discussion of 4Q415 (4QInstructiona) (30 min)

Eshbal Ratzon, Ariel University Center of Samaria
The Last Unpublished Dead Sea Scroll: A New Reconstruction of 4Q317 (30 min)

Annie Calderbank, Oxford University
Dwelling above and Among: Divine Presence in the Temple Scroll (30 min)

S30-112

SBL Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Themes in Biblical Reception**

Andrew Mein, University of St. Andrews, Presiding

R. K. Wilkowski, Regent College
Text, Theology, and Adaptation: The Influence of Creation ex niblio and Functional Ontology on Retellings of Genesis 1:1–2 in Children's Bibles (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

James W. Watts, Syracuse University
Priests, Contagion, and Quarantine: Leviticus 13–14 in the Cultural History of Diagnostic Authority (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Katie Turner, Independent Researcher
Bishop or Beast? The Origin and Development of Caiaphas' Side-Horned Mitre in the Oberammergau Passion Play (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Helen Leneman, No institution
The Plagues of Exodus in Musical Retellings (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S30-113

SBL Women Members Gathering and Award Ceremony

11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Recipient: Devorah Dimant, Haifa, Israel

Endorsement: Atar Livneh

Panel Discussion: Getting a Handle on the New Media Landscape: Challenges and Opportunities for Women Scholars

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College, Presiding

Wil Gafney, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Panelist

Candida Moss, University of Birmingham, Panelist

Krista Dalton, Kenyon College, Panelist

S30-201

SBL Art and Religions of Antiquity Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Art and Religion**

Karen Britt, Northwestern Missouri State University and Ra'anana Boustana, Princeton University

Visions of Beasts and Wild Animals: The North Aisle of the Huqoq Synagogue (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Sarah E.G. Fein, Brandeis University
Woman on the Edge: The Widow of Zarephath and Maternal Resistance at Dura Europos (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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S30-202

SBL Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Elizabeth Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena),
Presiding

Rachel Krohn, Trinity College Queensland and Robert
Holmstedt, University of Toronto
Hebrew Verse Structure, Revised (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Rebecca W. Poe Hays, Baylor University
*They Just Keep Telling the Story: A Rhetorical Solution to a Text-
Critical Problem in Psalm 69 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Ethan C. Jones, Scarborough College
*Divine Immanence? The Meaning and Translation of פקד in Psalm
8:5 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Gavin Fernandes, University of Nottingham
*Putting the King and His Women Back into the Beginning of the Song
of Songs: Rescuing the Royals from Enallage and Epithets (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

S30-203

SBL Book History and Biblical Literatures Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Review Panel of Sidnie White Crawford: Scribes and
Scrolls at Qumran**

Hanna Tervanotko, McMaster University, Presiding

David A. Skelton, Independent Scholar
*The Re-appropriation of Levitical Singers in the Construction of Sages
in the Second Temple Period (20 min)*

Alison Schofield, University of Denver, Panelist (20 min)

Mark Smith, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)

Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta, Panelist (20 min)

Sidnie Crawford, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Respondent
(20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S30-204

SBL Children in the Biblical World Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

John Martens, University of Saint Thomas (Saint Paul, MN),
Presiding

Margaret Murray Talbot, Brite Divinity School (TCU)
*Agency and Assemblages: Assessing Bat-Yiphtach's Bleeding Body
(20 min)*

Kristin J. Wendland, Wartburg College
*How Are the Children? Daughter Zion and Her Children in
Lamentations 1–2 (20 min)*

David Bell, University of Manchester
*The Lord as ἔχθριος in 1 Thess 4:6: A Voice for Vulnerable Children
(20 min)*

Jeremiah Cataldo, Grand Valley State University
Bargaining Hosea's Children (20 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

S30-205

SBL Disputed Paulines Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **The Disputed Pauline Epistles: Current Research**

Lisa Marie Belz, Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of
Theology, Presiding

Angela Standhartinger, Philipps-Universität Marburg
The Pastoral Epistles among Ancient Letter Collections (20 min)

Andrew R. Guffey, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Paul, the Pastorals, and Encratite Origins (20 min)

Gary G. Hoag, Northern Seminary
*Slaves and Masters, Diversity and Unity: Locating the Benefactor of 1
Timothy 6:1–2a (20 min)*

S30-206

SBL Genesis Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Sibling Rivalry, Part One**

Naomi Steinberg, DePaul University, Presiding

Abi Doukhan, Queens College (CUNY)
Re-imagining Genesis 3:16 in a Post-MeToo World (30 min)

Justin Reed, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
*The Injustice of Noah's Curse and the Presumption of Canaanite Guilt
(30 min)*

Cale Staley, Cornell University
*The Relationship between Jacob and Laban as a Proxy for Israel and
Aram (30 min)*

Naomi Graetz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Joseph as an Exemplar of Sibling Rivalry (30 min)

S30-207**SBL Greco-Roman Religions Section**

1:00 PM–2:15 PM

Theme: **Complexities of Conversion**

Papers will not be read in the online session. The presentations will be available before the session on the following channel: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1550425748497548/>

Papers will be available beforehand and can be requested from the program unit chair, Gerhard van den Heever, vdheega@unisa.ac.za.

The online session will only consist of the discussion of the papers.

Barbette Spaeth, College of William and Mary, Presiding

Marianne Bjelland Kartzow, Universitetet i Oslo and Valérie E. Nicolet, Institut Protestant de Théologie
What Is So Complex about Conversion? (1 min)

Anna Rebecca Solevåg, VID Specialized University
“Leap, Ye, Lame for Joy”: The Dynamics of Disability in Conversion (1 min)

Kirsten Marie Hartvigsen, University of Oslo
The Complexity of Aseneth’s Transformation (1 min)

Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa
Conversion in Mystery Religions? Theory Meets Mysteries and Conversion (1 min)

Matthew Thiessen, McMaster University, Respondent (1 min)

Discussion (60 min)

P30-207a**International Qur’anic Studies Association (IQSA)**

1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Theme: **Presidential Address**

Asma Hilali, University of Lille, Panelist (40 min)

Fred Donner, University of Chicago, Respondent (20 min)

S30-208**SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Seminar**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Samaritan Hebrew and Dialectal Diversity in Second Temple Hebrew**

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Tania Notarius, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Presiding

Gary A. Rendsburg, Rutgers University
Israeli Hebrew, Inscriptions from the North of Israel, and Samaritan Hebrew: A Complex of Northern Dialects (20 min)

Maria Maddalena Colasuonno, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
The Varieties of DSS Hebrew as Reflected in Syntax, and the Sociolinguistic Situation Underlying Qumran Hebrew Variety (20 min)

Aaron D. Hornkohl, University of Cambridge
Nifalization in Ancient Hebrew: A Perspective from the Samaritan Tradition (20 min)

Benjamin Suchard, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Samaritan Hebrew and Comparative Semitics (20 min)

Geoffrey Khan, University of Cambridge
Innovative Vocalic Distinctions in Verbal Form in the Samaritan Reading Tradition (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S30-209**SBL Matthew Section**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Matthew within Judaism: Perspectives and Prospects**

Catherine Sider Hamilton, Wycliffe College, Presiding (5 min)

Joel Marcus, Duke University
The Antitheses and the “Matthew within Judaism” Perspective (20 min)

Laura Robinson, Duke University
The Deconversionist Sect: Sectarianism, Deconversion, and the Formation of Matthean Christian Identity (20 min)

Break (5 min)

Anders Runesson, University of Oslo, Respondent (10 min)

Daniel Gurtner, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)

John Kampen, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S30-210/A30-200**SBL Mind, Society, and Religion: Cognitive Science Approaches to the Biblical World Seminar**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Historiography**

Joint session with AAR Program Unit Cognitive Science of Religion.

To receive papers beforehand, please contact jutta.jokiranta@helsinki.fi.

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 (15 min)

Jarkko Vikman, University of Helsinki
Mister Worldwide? Areal Prominence in the Prestige of Ephesian Religious Experts (15 min)

Colleen Shantz, St Michael’s College, University of Toronto
Constructing Heaven: The Cultural Adaptation of Afterlife Belief (15 min)

Ronit Nikolsky, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
The Rise of Rabbinic Judaism in Light of Cognitive and Cultural Evolution (15 min)

Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki
Cultural-Evolutionary Analysis of the Reception of the Gospels of Luke and John (15 min)

Discussion (45 min)

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S30-212

SBL Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Stacy Davis, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame), Presiding
 Stephen C. Russell, City University of New York
Skin for Skin: The Bible and the Morant Bay War in the Age of Emancipation (30 min)

Jonathan J. Hatter, Loyola University of Chicago
Slave of God, Slave of Christ, Slave of All: Reading Matthew's Servile Metaphors in Their Matthean Context (30 min)

Lynn R. Huber, Elon University
Enslaved and Enthroned: Revelation's Metaphorical Representation of the Faithful in Light of Ancient Enslavement Practices (30 min)

Andrew Benko, Southwestern University
Abraham's Seed, Nobody's Slaves: John 8:31–36 (30 min)

S30-213

SBL Synoptic Gospels Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Representation of Jesus in Synoptic Tradition**

Jin Young Choi, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Presiding

Alexander P Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University
The Recognition of Jesus in the Ending of the Synoptic Gospels (30 min)

Greg Carey, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Did Jesus Tell Multivalent Parables, and So What? (30 min)

Jin K. Hwang, Georgia Central University
Jesus' Use of Hosea 6:6 in Matthew 9 and 12 (30 min)

David A. Burnett, Marquette University
The Beautified Feet of Jesus: The Isaianic Re-narration of Synoptic Tradition in Luke 7:36–50 (30 min)

S30-214

SBL Wisdom and Apocalypticism Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Spiritual Exercise and Wisdom: Formation of the Subject II**

Arjen Bakker, Oxford University, Presiding

Hindy Najman, University of Oxford, Introduction

Shannon Parrott, University of Oxford
Apparel Oft Proclaims the (Jerusalem)man: The Priority of Dress and Formation of the Subject in Isaiah 61:10–62:5 (30 min)

Phillip M. Lasater, Universität Zürich
Wisdom through Symbolic Objects: The Second Temple Intellectual Context of Symbolic Bodies in and beyond Proverbs 1–9 (30 min)

David Lambert, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Biblical Narrative and the Limits of Exemplarity (30 min)

Jason M. Zurawski, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
The Rod of Paideia: Soul Training in Philo of Alexandria (30 min)

P30-301

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Theme: **After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging**

A 90 minute online conversation with Dr. Willie James Jennings, moderated by Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield, with Dr. Craig Barnes, Dr. Kwok Pui Lan, and Dr. Shawn Copeland.

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*)

Nancy Lynne Westfield, Presiding

Willie James Jennings, Duke University, Panelist

Craig Barnes, Panelist

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Panelist

Shawn Copeland, Panelist

S30-302

SBL Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics / Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Section / Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Review of Minoritized Women Reading Race and Ethnicity: Intersectional Approaches to Constructed Identity and Early Christian Texts, edited by Mitzi Smith and Jin Young Choi (Lexington, 2020)**

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College, Presiding (5 min)

Sharon Jacob, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding (15 min)

Bridgett Green, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Panelist (15 min)

Shelly Matthews, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Panelist (15 min)

Luis Menéndez-Antuña, Boston University, Panelist (15 min)

Margaret Oget, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Panelist (15 min)

Mitzi Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)

Jin Young Choi, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School,
Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S30-303

SBL Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Historiography and Myth**

Debra Ballentine, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,
Presiding (5 min)

Andrew Tobolowsky, College of William and Mary
What Kind of Data? History, Genealogy, Mythology (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

M. David Litwa, Australian Catholic University
How the Gospels Became History: Reflections on a Recent Monograph
(20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Samuel Johnson, University of Notre Dame
The Form of History: Myth and the Gospels in Early Christianity
(20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Chance Peterson McMahon, University of Wisconsin–Madison
*Reading Metahistory as Mythification in Jewish and Christian
Historiographic Texts* (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Roundtable Discussion (15 min)

S30-304

SBL Deuteronomistic History Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Jeremy Hutton, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Presiding

Anthony Lipscomb, Brandeis University
*Shame Embodied and Performed: Reassessing Shame Lexica in Light
of Collective Masculinity in the Deuteronomistic History* (25 min)

Cara M. Forney, Baylor University
*Woman of the House: Women as Liminal Figures within the Life of
David* (25 min)

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary
*On the Israelite and Judean Monarchies: Observing Comparative
Historiographic Tendencies in the Book of Kings* (25 min)

P30-305

Institute for Biblical Research

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Research Group – Asian-American Biblical Interpretation:
Evangelical Voices**

Asian American Biblical Interpretation (AABI) has come of age in recent years. Publications continue apace with works as recent as the encyclopedic *T&T Clark Handbook of Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics* (2019). In addition, Asian American biblical scholars have now attained the highest and most visible positions in the academy including presidents and deans of seminaries, the presidency of the Association of Theological Schools, and even most recently the highest office in our premier guild, President of the SBL.

Yet, most of such scholarship and representation has come from non-evangelical or mainline theological schools. Evangelicals are less represented. This new research group provides a space for Asian American evangelical scholars to engage with, critique, integrate, and indeed pave new ground in current approaches in Asian American Biblical Interpretation. The fact that the majority of Asian American Protestants are evangelical makes their voices even more imperative. “Asian American” is understood in its broadest sense to include East, Southeast, South Asian, and Pacific Islander Americans.

Asian American biblical interpretation by its very nature is interdisciplinary. Thus, invited guests will include theologians, historians, sociologists, and scholars from other disciplines to inform our research. Our inaugural year program will consist of invited papers on the theme of “Setting the Table: Asian American Studies, Evangelicals and Biblical Interpretation.” These papers will be available on the IBR website after October 25th under the Research Groups tab at www.ibr-bbr.org (IBR Member login required). Attendees are encouraged to read the papers in advance though drop-ins are welcome. During the session, presenters will summarize their papers in ten minutes allowing for twenty minutes of discussion.

Non-IBR members are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Milton Eng (miltoneng@verizon.net) or Max Lee (mlee1@Northpark.edu).

Milton Eng, William Paterson University, Presiding (5 min)

Max Lee, North Park Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)

Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University
*Asian American Studies and the Development of Asian American
Theology* (30 min)

Amos Yong, Fuller Seminary
*To the Seven Churches in Asia: An Asian (American) Apocalyptic
Hermeneutic after Pentecost* (30 min)

Janette Ok, Fuller Seminary
*Asian American Biblical Interpretation: Evangelical Engagement and
Critique* (30 min)

Discussion (20 min)

P30-306

International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Theme: **SBLCS and the Question of Interference**

Cameron Boyd-Taylor, Trinity Western University, Presiding

Robert J. V. Hiebert, Trinity Western University
Linguistic Interference in Septuagint Genesis (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Jean Maurais, McGill University
Interference, Style, and the Language of LXX Deuteronomy (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Claude E. Cox, McMaster Divinity College
*The Translator's Commitment to Preserving Elements of the Linguistic
Makeup of the Source Text in Old Greek Job* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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P30-307

National Association of Professors of Hebrew

5:00 PM–6:45 PM

Theme: **Annual Business Meeting**

Marvin Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding (105 min)

Helene Dallaire, EBR National Coordinator, Panelist

Jared Henson, Associate Director, Panelist

Zev Garber, Editor, Iggeret, Panelist

S30-308

SBL Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Stephen Young, Appalachian State University
Ethnic Ethics: Paul's Eschatological Myth of Jewish Sin (30 min)

Paula Fredriksen, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Respondent (15 min)

Margaret Mitchell, University of Chicago, Respondent (15 min)

S30-309

SBL Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity / Ideological Criticism Seminar / Ideological Criticism Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Integrating Ideological Criticism**

Christopher Zeichmann, University of Toronto, Presiding (5 min)

Michael Kochenash, Hunan University
Exploring Ideology in Acts 12: Interlocking Oppressions and Rhoda's Cassandra Curse (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Amy Lindemann Allen, Christian Theological Seminary and
Sung Uk Lim, Yonsei University
A Collaborative Model of Parenting: Jairus' Family Revisited (Mk 5:21–24; 35–43) (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Vernon Robbins, Emory University, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (35 min)

Ideological criticism is an important tool for exploring the dynamics and effects of sacred texts as they deal with persons, culture, and power. These concerns saturate religious texts but the lens of ideological criticism can sometimes be restricted to studies that focus almost exclusively on ideological concerns or be relegated to secondary components of interpretive work. The presenters in this session will explore how to integrate the tools and insights of ideological criticism into the use of other interpretive approaches for a more full-bodied reading of sacred texts.

S30-310

SBL Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Space and Materiality**

These papers are a response to the program unit's invitation to think about the intersections of spatial theory with material and materialist theories of religion, and to interrogate the implications of thinking with space, place, and material together.

Eric Smith, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Michael Motia, University of Massachusetts Boston
How the Hospital Became Holy (30 min)

Rebecca Harris, Messiah College
Becoming Eternal: Sectarian Identity as a Means of Access to the Divine (30 min)

Sarah F. Porter, Harvard University
Temporality, Wonder, and Belonging: The Geometric Mosaics at the Church at Qausiyeh, Antioch (30 min)

Harry Maier, Vancouver School of Theology
Materialist Religion, Bodies, Banquets, and Matter in Clement of Alexandria's Paedagogus (30 min)

S30-311

SBL Teaching Biblical Studies in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Teaching the Bible to GenZ - Part I**

Jocelyn McWhirter, Albion College, Presiding

Stan Harstine, Friends University
Prompting Cognitive Growth in Undergraduate Students for Discussing the Bible (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

John Van Maaren, McMaster University
The Impact of Experiential Learning on Student Engagement and Well-Being: Results of a Small-Scale Study (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Ma. Maricel S. Ibita, Ateneo de Manila University
Knowing Me, Knowing Thou: From Joharis Window Game to Biblical Characterization (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

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S1-101

SBL Bible and Visual Art Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Ian Boxall, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Holly Morse, University of Manchester

The Art of Mothering: Eve's Maternity in Medieval Visual Culture (25 min)

Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University

Reading the Reference to Lot's Wife as an "Unknown Women's Monument": A Study of Yehuda Levy-Aldema's Artworks on Gen. 19:26 (25 min)

Katherine Low, Mary Baldwin University

William Blake and Ezekiel's Wife in the Refrigerator (25 min)

David Ray Johnson, Fuller Theological Seminary

The Artistic Character of the Spirit in the Beatus Tradition (25 min)

Roundtable Discussion (20 min)

S1-102

SBL Biblical Law Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Noam Cohen, New York University

A Domestic Abuse Lawsuit in Gen 16:5–6 (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Jonathan Schmidt-Swartz, New York University

The Joseph Narrative, Inheritance Disputes, and Property Law (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Avram Schwartz, University of Virginia

The Wood Offering and Festival in Jubilees and the Temple Scroll (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Jared W. Saltz, Florida College

Two Kinds of Seed: Deuteronomy and Jesus' Parable of the Weeds (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S1-103

SBL Book of Deuteronomy Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Megan Turton, University of Sydney

Creating Law: The Intertextual Hermeneutics of the Samaritan Tenth Commandment (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

JiSeong James Kwon, Université de Lausanne

Problems of "Wisdom-Law Confluence" in Deuteronomy (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Dominik Markl, Pontifical Biblical Institute

Deuteronomy as Historized and Prophetic Law (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Joachim J. Krause, University of Tübingen

The Constellation of Agents: An Often Overlooked Aspect in the Comparison of Deuteronomy and Ancient Near Eastern Treaties (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

P1-104

Institute for Biblical Research

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Research Group - The Relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament**

This research group focuses on a variety of related issues such as, but not limited to: (1) the way in which the Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament appropriates the Old, (2) the use made of various Old Testament passages in the New, (3) the way in which various New Testament writers interpret the Old, and (4) the way in which Christians have understood the unity of the Bible and the continuing relevance of the Old Testament. For further information contact Creig Marlowe (creig.marlowe@etf.edu) and Gareth (Gary) Cockerill (cockerill.gareth@gmail.com) and see the Institute for Biblical Research website: www.ibr-bbr.org.

2020 THEME: Reading the NT "Backward" or Reading the OT "Forward": the NT as a Guide for the Contemporary Use of the Old

Creighton Marlowe, Evangelische Theologische Fakultät,
Introduction (5 min)

Gary Schnittjer, Cairn University

Like Parent, Like Offspring: Old Testament Use of Scripture and New Testament Use of Scripture (20 min)

Andre Villeneuve, Azusa Pacific University

Covenant and Betrothal: Echoes of Sinai at the Wedding at Cana (20 min)

J. Richard Middleton, Northeastern Seminary at Roberts

Wesleyan College

Herod as Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar: A 'Political' Reading of the Prophets in Matthew's Infancy Narrative (20 min)

Ben Ribbens, Trinity Christian College

Hebrews as Participatory Exegesis of the Old Testament (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Business Meeting (10 min)

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S1-105

SBL Inventing Christianity: Apostolic Fathers, Apologists, and Martyrs Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Canon as Concept**

Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

Timothy A. Gabrielson, Sterling College

Tailoring Scripture: Clues about Barnabas's Canon from Its Citation Formulae (30 min)

Michael J. Kok, Vose Seminary

Justin Martyr and the Fourfold Gospel Canon (30 min)

Ian N. Mills, Duke University

Did Theophilus of Antioch Compose a Gospel Harmony? Reconsidering Testimonia from Jerome and the Book of Saint James (30 min)

Grant W. Gasse, University of Notre Dame

Assessing the Latin Polycarp (30 min)

S1-106

SBL Masoretic Studies Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Torah Scrolls and Ancient Codices**

Geoffrey Khan, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Paul Sanders, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit Amsterdam
New Light on Proto-Masoretic Torah Scroll (30 min)

Yosef Ofer, Bar Ilan University

The Secret of the שמ"ח ב"ח Custom in Writing Torah Scrolls (30 min)

Malka Strasberg Edinger, Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Internal Inconsistencies in Leningrad Codex Masoretic Notes (30 min)

Elvira Martín-Contreras, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas

Multiple Hands in the Masoretic Annotations of the Leningrad Codex B19A (30 min)

S1-108

SBL Performance Criticism of Biblical and Other Ancient Texts Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Theoretical Structure of Biblical Performance Criticism**

Lee Johnson, East Carolina University, Presiding

Zechariah Eberhart, Loyola University of Chicago
What's in a Name? Biblical Performance Criticism's Questionable Genealogy (20 min)

Bernhard Oestreich, Friedensau Adventist University

Performance as Doubling of Presence (20 min)

Stetson Glass, Bangor University

Performing as a Pentecostal: An Approach to Biblical Performance Criticism in Light of Pentecostal Hermeneutics (20 min)

Kelly R. Iverson, Baylor University

Performance, Memory, and Mark: Rethinking the Approach to Intertextuality Studies (20 min)

Megan Wines, Loyola University of Chicago

"Abba Give Me a Saying": Orality and Storytelling in Monastic Egypt (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S1-109

SBL Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Race, Slavery, and Social Justice in Biblical Interpretation by Nineteenth-Century Women**

Amy Easton-Flake, Brigham Young University, Presiding

Joy A. Schroeder, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

Maria Stewart, Buried Talents, and the Daughters of Africa (20 min)

Jan Jaynes Quesada, Texas Christian University

A "Cordial Preference" for the Holy Scriptures: Zilpha Elaw's Memoir as Biblical Interpretation (20 min)

Amy Marga, Luther Seminary St Paul

The Two Mothers of Moses: The Maternal Motif in Frances E.W. Harper's Poem, "Moses" (20 min)

Bernon Lee, Bethel University (Minnesota)

Victorian Viragoes: The Tale of the Levite's Woman (Judges 19) in Josephine Butler's Contentions with Late Victorian Sexual Mores (20 min)

Stefano Salemi, Oxford University

Ellen White: Bible Theologian and Social Justice Activist (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S1-110

SBL Synoptic Gospels Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **New Approaches to the Synoptic Problem**

Heather Gorman, Johnson University, Presiding

Jeremiah Coogan, University of Oxford
Before Griesbach: Reimagining the History of the Synoptic Problem (30 min)

Jonah Bissell, Duke University

Reification or Abstraction: Mark 4:24b–25 and Its Synoptic Redactions (30 min)

James W. Barker, Western Kentucky University

Harmony over Synopsis: Counterintuitively Comprehending the Synoptic Problem (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S1-111**SBL Textual Criticism of Samuel – Kings Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Textual Traditions of Samuel**

This session features papers dealing with different text-critical issues of Samuel attested in ancient Greek (including the Lucianic text), Latin (Vetus Latina), Syriac, and Hebrew versions.

Jonathan Robker, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Presiding

Sarah Yardney, University of Chicago
Reading Methods of the Septuagint Translators (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Timo Tekoniemi, Helsingin Yliopisto - University of Helsinki
The Marginal Latin Readings of 2 Samuel (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Paavo Huotari, Helsingin Yliopisto - Helsingfors Universitet
Analysis of the Lucianic Reviser's Editorial Techniques in 2 Samuel (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Kaspars Ozolins, Tyndale House (Cambridge)
Killing Goliath? Elhanan the Bethlehemite and the Text of 2 Samuel 21:19 (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

P1-105a**Linguistic, Literary, and Thematic Perspectives on the Qur'anic Corpus (IQSA)**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Linguistic, Literary, and Thematic Perspectives on the Qur'an**

Karen A. Bauer, The Institute of Ismaili Studies
Is taqwa Fear? Revisiting Qur'anic taqwa and Related Terms (15 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Jake Kildoo, University of Notre Dame
Reason as Fidelity: A Synchronic Study of the Qur'an's Understanding of 'Aql (15 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Ivan Dyulgerov, St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Meanings of Din inside the Qur'an (15 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Anne-Sylvie Boisliveau, Université de Strasbourg
The Qur'an as a "Text and Commentary": A New Paradigm for Qur'anic Studies? (15 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Dusmamat Karimov, Independent Researcher
Relational Meaning of al-'adl (Justice): Semantic Opposite Concepts to al-'adl (15 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Discussion (10 min)

P1-112**The Forum on Missional Hermeneutics**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Hermeneutical Approaches Informed by the Positionalities of Women in Dialogue with Missional Hermeneutics**

This session focuses on forging a critical dialogue between missional hermeneutics and hermeneutical approaches informed by the positionalities of women. Questions to be considered: What questions and challenges do feminist approaches raise for missional hermeneutics? How might articulations of the Missio Dei change or expand in light of feminist interpretations of biblical texts that recount disregard of or violence against women? How do feminist reflections on biblical maternal imagery for the divine inform and shape the Missio Dei? How can the work of feminist scholars in missional theology and hermeneutics shape the future trajectories of missional theology and hermeneutics? We invite proposals that critically engage the intersections of missional hermeneutics and womanist, mujerista, white feminist, Asian feminist, or other approaches grounded in the positionalities of women.

Stina Busman Jost, Bethel University, Presiding (5 min)

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Pauses and Possibilities: Missional Theology in Dialogue with Theologies Grounded in the Positionalities of Women (20 min)

Kirsteen Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary
Missio Dei Not Missio Patri: An Examination of the Patriarchal Origins of Missional Theology and Suggestions for Trinitarian Missional Hermeneutics (20 min)

Greg McKinzie, Lipscomb University
Revisioning the "Mission" of Missional Hermeneutics as Solidarity: Womanist, Mujerista, and Feminist Contributions to a Postcolonialist Missiology (20 min)

Sarah Bixler, Eastern Mennonite University
A Great Co-mission: Heeding Women's Problematization of "Teaching Them" (20 min)

Amanda Jo Pittman, Abilene Christian University
Navigating the Ambiguities: A Missional Reading of the Women in Luke's Gospel (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S1-201**SBL A.R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship**

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Travis Proctor, Wittenberg University
A Cartography of Kinship: Domestic Space, Tomb Cult, and the Re-mapping of Ephesus in the Acts of John (30 min)

Janet Spittler, University of Virginia, Respondent (15 min)

Tobias Nicklas, Universität Regensburg, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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S1-202

SBL Bible and Popular Culture Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Pop Culture Potpourri**

Dan Clanton, Doane University, Presiding

Alison Jack, University of Edinburgh

*From "Furrow" to "Windfall": Biblical Allusions in Seamus Heaney's
"Kite" Poems (30 min)*

Laura Robinson, Duke University

*The "Myth of Persecution" and the Portrayal of "Totalitarian Rome" in
Popular Christian Media (30 min)*

Rebekah Carere, University of Kent at Canterbury

*Trump as King Cyrus: Biblical Hermeneutics in the Trump Era
(30 min)*

Siobhán Jolley, University of Manchester

*"This Is a Love Story": Reimagining John 20:17 through Fleabag (S2)
(30 min)*

S1-203

SBL Book of Psalms Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Christine Jones, Carson-Newman University, Presiding

Joachim Eck, Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

*The Functions of Psalms 8, 104, and 148 in Their Contexts: A
Contribution on the Role of Creation-Theology in the Book of Psalms
(30 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Collin Cornell, Sewanee: The University of the South

*The Contribution of Psalm 45 within Its Canonical Contexts
(30 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Hananel Shapira, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Poor and the Barren (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S1-204

SBL Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

James D. Moore, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Humboldt
University of Berlin

*(Digital) Paleography of Persian Period Sources: Debunking
"Established Views," Proposing a New Way Forward (30 min)*

Gemma Hayes, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

*Identifying Dead Sea Scribes: A Digital Palaeographic Approach
(30 min)*

Maruf A. Dhali, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

*Digital Paleography of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Artificial Intelligence and
Pattern Recognition Techniques in Analyzing the Data (30 min)*

Steve Delamarter, George Fox University

*One Thing Leads to Another: A Progression of Three Types of Digital
Humanities Projects in Ethiopian Studies (30 min)*

S1-205

SBL Egyptology and Ancient Israel Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Egypt, Hebrew Bible, and the Ancient Near East**

Bernd U. Schipper, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Humboldt
University of Berlin, Presiding

John Ahn, Howard University

Egypt's Jewish Diaspora Communities: Elephantine (30 min)

Joseph Cross, University of Chicago

*When Storytelling Becomes Canonical: Changing Fortunes of the
Novella in Hellenistic and Roman Judea and Egypt (30 min)*

Stefan Muenger, Universität Bern - Université de Berne

*Judeo-Israelite Bone Seals: Egyptian Iconography or Vernacular
Pictorial Tradition? (30 min)*

Garrett Galvin, Franciscan School of Theology

*The Understanding of Egypt as a Place of Refuge in the Pentateuch
(30 min)*

S1-206

SBL Homiletics and Biblical Studies Section

1:00 PM–2:15 PM

Karoline Lewis, Luther Seminary, Presiding

Rebecca S. Jeong, Portland Seminary, George Fox University

*A Psalmic-Theological Homiletic to Korean Immigrant Congregations
(25 min)*

Kyoohan Lee, Calvary Presbyterian Church in Mesa, Arizona

*The Self-Attesting Christ of Scripture (Luke 24:27, 44): The
Unbreakable Continuity for Preaching the NT Use of the OT in the
Present-Day Context (25 min)*

P1-207

Institute for Biblical Research

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Research Group - Multidisciplinary Approaches to the
Gospels**

This group explores various multidisciplinary methods as they are applied to the study of the Gospels. This year we will review the newly released T&T Clark Social Identity Commentary on the New Testament (J. Brian Tucker and Aaron Kuecker, eds.). The reviewers will focus on the Gospel commentaries with responses by authors and editors. Questions may be directed to the co-conveners: Elizabeth Shively (ees3@st-andrews.ac.uk) and Christopher A. Porter (c.porter@ridley.edu.au). For more information, see the IBR website (www.ibr-bbr.org).

Elizabeth Shively, University of St. Andrews, Presiding (5 min)

J. Brian Tucker, Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan
Approaching a Social Identity Commentary (10 min)

Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki
Review of Matthew by Matthew J. Marohl (10 min)

Craig Keener, Asbury Theological Seminary
Review of Mark by Rafael Rodriguez (10 min)

Darrell L. Bock, Dallas Theological Seminary
Review of Luke by Aaron Kuecker (10 min)

Christopher A. Porter, Trinity College - Parkville
Review of John by Warren Carter (10 min)

Break (5 min)

Panel Response

Matthew Marohl, Saint Olaf College, Panelist (5 min)

Rafael Rodriguez, Johnson University, Panelist (5 min)

J. Brian Tucker, Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan, Panelist (5 min)

Discussion (45 min)

P1-208

International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Theme: **Proper Names**

Reinhart Ceulemans, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Presiding

Bryan Beeckman, Université Catholique de Louvain
Nomina Sacra in Libro Iob: Theological Exegesis in Verses of LXX-Job Containing ὁ θεός and ὁ κύριος without Any Counterpart in MT? (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Natia Mirotadze, Universität Salzburg
Proper Names in the Georgian Versions of the Book of Esther (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Joshua Alfaro, Universität Salzburg
Onomastica Sacra and the Beginnings of Septuagint Interpretation (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S1-209

SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Seminar

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Syntax of Late Biblical Hebrew**

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Misheck Nyirenda, United Bible Societies, Presiding

Cynthia L. Miller-Naudé, University of the Free State and
Jacobus A. Naudé, University of the Free State
Syntactic Features of Left Dislocation in Late Biblical Hebrew (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Nili Samet, Bar-Ilan University
The Quivis Construction in Biblical Hebrew: A History of a Syntactic Change (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Adina Moshavi, Bar-Ilan University
בארבעה לחדש: The Syntax of Expressing the Day of the Month in Late Biblical Hebrew (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Emmanuel Mastey, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
How Conservative Is the “Extreme Conservative”? The Language of Zechariah from a Syntactic Viewpoint (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S1-210

SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Revisiting the Esoteric Paul; Book Review: Dylan M. Burns, Almut-Barbara Renger, eds. *New Antiquities: Transformations of Ancient Religion in the New Age and Beyond*.**

April DeConick, Rice University, Presiding

The Esoteric Paul

Hwankyu Kim, Rice University
Once Hidden, but Now Revealed: The Language of “Mystery” in Pauline Letters (25 min)

Bas van Os, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Gnostic Spirituality and the Reading of Paul (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Book Review: Dylan M. Burns, Almut-Barbara Renger, eds.. *New Antiquities: Transformations of Ancient Religion in the New Age and Beyond*

Lautaro Lanzillotta, University of Groningen, Panelist (15 min)

Dylan Burns, Freie Universität Berlin, Panelist (15 min)

Claire Fanger, Rice University, Panelist (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S1-211

SBL The Historical Paul Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Benjamin White, Clemson University, Presiding

Timothy Milinovich, Dominican University
Paul as Priest and Augur in Romans (30 min)

Matthew Sharp, University of Edinburgh
“Will It Be Better for Onasimos to Marry the Woman?” Oracular Enquiries and Paul’s Advice in 1 Cor 7 (30 min)

John Van Maaren, Catholic University of America
Reading Paul within Judaism: Criteria, Methodology, and Moving beyond Binaries (30 min)

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P1-211a

Qur'anic Studies: Methodology and Hermeneutics (IQSA)

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Post-classical and Modern Qur'anic Exegesis**

Zahra Moeini Meybodi, University of Chicago
Redefining Rationality: Nuṣrat Amin's Exegesis of Imān (20 min)

Pieter Coppens, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
'Modernist' and 'Puritan' Salafi Tafsiṛ: 'Abdub, Qāsimi and Riḍā in Comparison (20 min)

Paola Pizzi, Sapienza Università di Roma
Tawḥīd as Social Justice: The Anthropocentric Hermeneutics of the Syrian Theologian Ġawdat Sa'īd (b. 1931) (20 min)

Seyed Hossein Hosseini Nassab, Emory University
Mulla Sadra's Hermeneutics and Exegesis of the Light-Verse (Q 24:35): A Comparative Analysis (20 min)

S1-212

SBL Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Penelope Barter, Tilburg University, Presiding

Bill Morrow, Queen's University
Mourning for Tammuz in Ezekiel 8:14: An Allusion to Royal Funerals in the First Temple (24 min)

David Rothstein, Ariel University
Divine Presence and the Ark in Ezekiel and the Temple Scroll (24 min)

Rachel Erin Stuart, Emory University
Whom Shall They Know? An Analysis of Divine Self-Expression in the Phrase Ani Yḥwh (24 min)

Benjamin D. Giffone, LCC International University
"Anger Exhausted" for the Sake of YHWH's Name in Ezekiel 20: Did YHWH Really Relent from Wrath Poured Out on Israel? (24 min)

Stephen Cook, Virginia Theological Seminary
Metaphor: When Tenor Impedes on Vehicle (24 min)

S1-213

SBL Writing/Reading Jeremiah Section

3:00 PM–5:00 PM

Theme: **Rage and Resilience**

Juliana Claassens, Universiteit van Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch, Presiding (5 min)

Jennifer M. Matheny, Nazarene Theological Seminary
The Raging Prophet: Acceptance Commitment Therapy (ACT) as a Pathway Forward through Pain (20 min)

Elizabeth Boase, University of Divinity, Respondent (10 min)

Jaime L. Waters, DePaul University
Bottoms Up: Drinking God's Cup of Wrath (20 min)

Steed Davidson, McCormick Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S1-301

SBL Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics; Contextual Biblical Interpretation; Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures; Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation; Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Stud Seminar / Contextual Biblical Interpretation Section / Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures Section / Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Section / Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Studies Section

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Theme: **Talk with the President**

Richard Horsley, University of Massachusetts Boston, Presiding (2 min)

Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University, Panelist (10 min)

Cheryl Anderson, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)

Monica J. Melanchthon, University of Divinity, Panelist (10 min)

Gregory Cuéllar, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)

Eric Thomas, Drew University, Panelist (10 min)

Gale Yee, Episcopal Divinity School, Respondent (10 min)

Jione Havea, Independent Scholar, Respondent (3 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S1-302

SBL Bible and Film Section

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Theme: **Ethics and Cinematic Reception**

Robby Waddell, Southeastern University
A Hidden Life: Nonviolent Civil Disobedience and Romans in Age of Totalitarianism (40 min)

Jared Calaway, Illinois College
Activating Gospel Animality in the Filmic Imagination (40 min)

S1-303

SBL Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Jeffery Leonard, Samford University, Presiding

Richard Liantonio, University of Manchester
You Turned My Mourning Upside Down: Emotion, Metaphor, and Spatiality in Psalm 30 (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Meghan D. Musy, Evangel University
Hearing the Ascent: Exploring Voicing and Movement in the Psalms of the Ascents (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Anja Marschall, Universität Leipzig
*The Comparison with the Blowing Hind in Psalm 42:1 and Its
 Meaning for the Description of the Næpæš (20 min)*

Discussion (4 min)

Andrew Abernethy, Wheaton College
*Seeing the King in Isaiah: Disruptive Metaphor in Isaiah 6 and 33
 (20 min)*

Discussion (4 min)

Suzanne Silk, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Praise by Nonhuman Creatures in the Book of Psalms (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

P1-304

International Syriac Language Project

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Recent Studies in Syriac Bible**

Richard A. Taylor, Dallas Theological Seminary, Presiding
 Terry C. Falla, Pilgrim Theological College, University of Divinity
 and Beryl Turner, University of Divinity
*The Data of a Lexicon as a Doorway to Discovery: Unique Features of
 KPG and Their Application to Future Research (30 min)*

Paul Noorlander, Leiden University
*A Syntax of Syriac Double Objects in the Bible in Contrast to Hebrew
 and Arabic (30 min)*

Richard A. Taylor, Dallas Theological Seminary
*Reflections on the Syriac Psalter in Light of the Antioch Bible Project
 (30 min)*

S1-305

SBL Intertextuality in the New Testament / Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible Section / Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Human Violence in the Hebrew Bible, Early Jewish
 Writings, and the New Testament**

Max Lee, North Park Theological Seminary, Presiding
 John Dominic Crossan, DePaul University
*Josephus and Nonviolent Resistance: The Immediate Jewish Matrix of
 Jesus of Nazareth (20 min)*

Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Respondent
 (10 min)

Jacob Wright, Emory University
*Rahab and Israel versus Paul and the Church: A Study of
 Paradigmatic Outsiders (20 min)*

Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Respondent
 (10 min)

Eric Seibert, Messiah University
*Preventing Violence by Valorizing the Other: The Subversive Power of
 the Good Samaritan (and the Good Canaanite, the Good Moabite, the
 Good Gentile...) (20 min)*

Brad Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, Respondent
 (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S1-306

SBL Israelite Prophetic Literature Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Cesar Melgar, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Presiding
 Caroline Batchelder, Alphacrucis College, Sydney, Australia
*Seeing the Might of Israel: The Figure of the Servant as a Conceptual
 Blend in Isaiah's Servant Poetry (24 min)*

Tyler J. Mowry, Baylor University
*Expecting Israel, Hearing Babylon: Performance and Structural Logic
 in Jer 50:11–46 (24 min)*

Rosanne Liebermann, Washington University in St. Louis
*A Sprout or a Sprig? Davidic Descendants in Jeremiah and Ezekiel
 (24 min)*

Katherine Smith, Mary Andrews College
The Rhetoric of Sexual Shaming in Ezekiel 16 and 23 (24 min)

P1-307

National Association of Professors of Hebrew

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Book Event, Zev Garber and Kenneth Hanson, *Judaism
 and Jesus* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2020)**

Hélène Dallaire, Denver Seminary, Presiding (5 min)

Kenneth Hanson, University of Central Florida
Kashering Jesus: Christological Conundrums (20 min)

David Rudolph, The King's University
The Jewish Jesus and Messianic Judaism (20 min)

Mark S Kinzer, Messianic Jewish Theological Institute
Judaism and the Divine Jesus (20 min)

Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College
Open Door to Close Argumentation: The Jesus Factor (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S1-308

SBL Reading, Theory, and the Bible Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **The Bible and Critical Theory**

Jay Twomey, University of Cincinnati, Presiding (5 min)

M. L. Case, Drury University
*Good Women and Bad Women: Systematic Misogyny and the
 Marriage of Michal and David (10 min)*

Ludwig Beethoven J. Noya, Vanderbilt University
Onan, Sly Civility, and the Anonymous Collectivity (10 min)

Erin Runions, Pomona College
*The Worm That Will Not Die: Isaiah 66:24 in the Background of the
 Prison Industrial Complex (10 min)*

Jennifer L. Koosed, Albright College
*The Animal Pedagogue: Wisdom, Anthropology, and Posthumanism
 (10 min)*

Gil Rosenberg, Landmark College
*Ambivalent Future: God, Sinthomosexuality, and Children in Genesis
 11–22 (10 min)*

Roundtable Discussion (65 min)

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S1-309

SBL Student Advisory Board SBL Committees

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: Labor and Advocacy: Graduate Students and Contingent Faculty in Biblical Studies

Co-sponsored with the Professional Development Committee.

Within the past ten years, there has been an emergence of graduate student lobbying and organization efforts. These efforts have benefited graduate students by disclosing the injustices graduate students face and giving them leverage to negotiate with administrations, but unionizing has also resulted in experiences of backlash like loss of appointment, rigidity in negotiations, and the emergence of propositions that significantly impact unionization efforts. This panel will: 1) discuss the nuts and bolts to establishing an effective graduate student union, 2) think through effective bargaining strategies, 3) explore the setbacks of graduate student unionization, and 4) consider the National Labor Relations Board's proposed rule that will restrict graduate unionization.

Kirsty Jones, Georgetown University, Presiding

LaToya Leary, Florida State University, Presiding

Chance Bonar, Harvard University, Panelist

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University, Panelist

Jordan Conley, Boston University, Panelist

Joe Longarino, Duke University, Panelist

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

S2-101

SBL Art and Religions of Antiquity / Greco-Roman Religions Section / Greco-Roman Religions Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: The Art of the Assemblage: Altars, Mixtures, and Other Odd Juxtapositions

Papers will discuss juxtapositions of images, objects, and features at focal points of religious activity, exploring the mutual influencing of images and the gaining of meaning (and even agency) through relationship to other things. Presenters will also relate their papers to the theoretical model of "Assemblage" as set forth in Jane Bennett, *Vibrant Matter* (Duke Univ. Press, 2010), ch. 2, "The Agency of Assemblages." Discussion following the papers will include the applicability of the category "Assemblages" and how the papers test it.

David Frankfurter, Boston University, Presiding

Hannah Lents, University of Texas at Austin

Ares among the Tyrannicides: Visual Relationships at the Altar of Ares beyond the Odeon (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Zachary Domach, Columbia University in the City of New York
Representation and Ritual on the Roman Frontier: Votives to the Matronae Aefaniae (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Eric C. Smith, Iliff School of Theology
Juxtaposing Johannine Signs: Interpreting Cana and Lazarus Together in Gold Glass (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa
At the Sacred Portal (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S2-102

SBL Book of Acts Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Drew Strait, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Presiding

Jeffrey Hubbard, Yale Divinity School

Paul the Middle Platonist? Exegetical Traditions on Timaeus 28c and the Characterization of Paul in Acts 17:22–31 (30 min)

Mark Jeong, Duke University

A Tale of Two Cities: The Politics of Acts Reconsidered (30 min)

Jee Hei Park, General Theological Seminary

Travel as a Political Theoria: Paul's Journey in Acts 13:1–14:28 as Example (30 min)

Shaily Shashikant Patel, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

(Almost) with You in Spirit: Hierarchical Ordering and the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles (30 min)

S2-103

SBL Christian Apocrypha / Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section / Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: Apocryphal Texts in Coptic

Tuomas Rasimus, Helsingin Yliopisto - Helsingfors Universitet, Presiding

Dylan M. Burns, Freie Universität Berlin

The Nag Hammadi Apocalypses from the "(Gnostic) Revelation Dialogues" to the "Apostolic Memoirs" (24 min)

Jacob A. Lollar, Abilene Christian University

The Martyrdom of Luke the Evangelist: An Original Coptic Apocryphon? (24 min)

Hugo Lundhaug, Universitetet i Oslo

Sitting on the Mount of Olives: Coptic Apocryphal Dialogues from the Wisdom of Jesus Christ to the Mysteries of John (24 min)

Emmanouela Grypeou, Stockholm University

Pistis Sophia and Demons of the Afterlife (24 min)

Ivan Miroshnikov, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study

The Preaching of Philip (CANT 252): Prospect and Retrospect (24 min)

S2-104

SBL Gospel of Mark Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Beyond Bios: Genre and the Gospel of Mark**

This section takes a fresh look at genre and the Gospel of Mark. The view that Mark and other gospels are bioi is well-known. What other genres might influence how Mark is written, either as a whole or in part, and best understood? Each paper will be 20 minutes, followed by discussion.

Elizabeth Shively, University of St. Andrews, Presiding

Jon Carman, Baylor University

Mark as Tragicomedy? Considering the Role and Function of Humor in Mark 4:35–6:6a (22 min)

Nathanael Vette, University of Edinburgh

Scripturalized Narrative in the Gospel of Mark and the Second Temple Period (22 min)

Paul D. Wheatley, University of Notre Dame

Mark as Cultic Narrative: Ritual in Mark 14:3–9 as Key to Mark's Genre (22 min)

Daniel B. Glover, Baylor University

Mark's Demonic Christology: Proclamations of Jesus's Identity by Unclean Spirits as "Speech-in-Character" (22 min)

Josiah D. Hall, Baylor University

Demons and Discipleship: The Application of the Progymnasmata in Mark 5:1–20 (22 min)

Discussion (10 min)

P2-105

International Syriac Language Project

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Recent Studies in Semitic Lexicography**

Richard Taylor, Dallas Theological Seminary, Presiding

Michael Sokoloff, Bar-Ilan University

New Developments in Christian Palestinian Aramaic (30 min)

David J.A. Clines, University of Sheffield

Synonym Hunting in Classical Hebrew: The How, the Why, and the Wherefore (30 min)

Matthew Morgenstern, Tel Aviv University

Ten Years of the New Mandaic Lexicon Project (30 min)

S2-106

SBL Jewish, Christian, and Graeco-Roman Travel in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Byzantine Periods (300 BCE–600 CE) Consultation

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Travel in Antiquity and Early Christianity**

Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta, Presiding

Daniel P. Mueller, Marquette University

Mary Did You Run? Reassessing the Cause and Nature of Mary's Travel in Luke 1:39 (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Robert Williams, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute

Journeying in Philostratus's The Life of Apollonius of Tyana and Luke's Travel Narrative (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Timothy Luckritz Marquis, Virginia Commonwealth University

Urban Graveyards, Mobility, and Voluntary Travel in Early Christian Historiography (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S2-107

SBL Josephus Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Speeches in Josephus**

This session will consist of a seminar-style discussion of major speeches in Josephus' writings. Translations and papers will be circulated in advance.

David Levenson, Florida State University, Presiding

Jan Willem van Henten, Universiteit van Amsterdam

Speech in Josephus (1 min)

Discussion (14 min)

Joseph Sievers, Pontificio Istituto Biblico and Chris Seeman, Walsh University

Herod's Succession Speech (War 1.457–466//Antiquities 16.132–134) (1 min)

Discussion (24 min)

Break (15 min)

Steve Mason, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

Ananus' Speech (War 4.162–192) (1 min)

Discussion (24 min)

Break (15 min)

Honora Chapman, California State University - Fresno

Josephus' Speech before the Walls of Jerusalem (War 5.362–419) (1 min)

Discussion (24 min)

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S2-108

SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew / Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Seminar / Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **The Intersection of Text and Language in the Hebrew Bible: Innovative Tools and Methods**

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Aaron Hornkohl, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Dean Forbes, University of the Free State
Trueing BH Spelling's Bloated Horseshoe (20 min)

David Joseph Sigrist, Stellenbosch University
*Resinous Texts: Toward a Cognitive-Oriented Text-Critical
Categorisation Model as Applied to the Judaean Desert Witnesses of
the Book of Deuteronomy (20 min)*

Leeor Gottlieb, Bar-Ilan University
*A Whole New Playing Field: Cross-Textual Searching with the
Targums WordMap (20 min)*

Wido van Peursen, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
The ETCBC Syntactic Database of the Hebrew Bible (20 min)

Joel Brown, Accordance Bible Software
*Bridging the Hebrew/Greek Divide: New Possibilities with the
CATSS Database in Accordance (20 min)*

Discussion (20 min)

S2-109

SBL Meals in the Greco-Roman World Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Meals and Water Rites/Meals, Affect, and Religious Experience**

Chan Sok Park, College of Wooster, Presiding

Henrike Dilling, University of Rostock
*Water Rites as Structuring Elements in Ancient Meals: An
Examintaion of the Footwashing in John 12 and 13 (25 min)*

Paul Olatubosun Adaja, Loyola University of Chicago
*The Cup and the Development of Bread-and-Water Eucharist
(25 min)*

Nils Neumann, Leibniz Universität Hannover
*Gender Role Conflicts, Violence, and Emotions in Ancient Symposia
(25 min)*

Susan Marks, New College of Florida, Respondent (20 min)

P2-110

National Association of Professors of Hebrew

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Teaching Biblical Hebrew for Reading and Interpretation**

The 2020 pedagogy session of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew will consider the principles and methods of classroom instruction that promote proficiency in the reading and interpretation of biblical Hebrew texts. When instruction conforms to the Grammar Translation Method (GTM), first-year Hebrew students typically learn to explain the grammatical forms of words and features of texts and then to produce native language translations as proof of comprehension. This session pursues a different aim and is devoted to the practices of Second Language Acquisition (SLA) that promote a higher goal of genuine reading of biblical Hebrew. By shifting the goal of instruction from grammatical description to meaningful engagement with the text's content, teachers aim to equip students to interpret the text better and to avoid hermeneutical faults.

Robert Stallman, Northwest University (Washington), Presiding
(5 min)

Brian Schultz, Fresno Pacific University
Homework Activities for Bolstering Reading Comprehension (30 min)

Rahel Halabe, 1947
*GTM and SLA: Two Valuable Resources for Effective BH
Introductory Programs (30 min)*

Paul Overland, Ashland Theological Seminary
Practical Strategies to Enhance Higher-Order Insights (30 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S2-111

SBL Pentateuch Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Nathan MacDonald, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Benjamin Ziemer, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
*The Changing Authority of Moses and Aaron in the Empirical Known
Hebrew Versions of the Pentateuch (30 min)*

Kevin J. Mattison, High Point University
Hypertextuality: A Theory for Pentateuchal Criticism (30 min)

John Will Rice, Emory University
*The Problem of Midian: The Call of Moses as the Original Beginning
to the Exodus-Conquest Narrative (30 min)*

Royce Anderson, Independent Researcher
*Drunken Noah and His Sons: Ostracism and Acceptance in Human
Relationships (30 min)*

S2-112

SBL Qumran Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **New Commentaries, New Editions: Current Trends in Scholarship on the Dead Sea Scrolls**

This session will be devoted to introducing and discussing a number of current edition and commentary projects in new and existing Dead Sea Scrolls series, as well as new text-edition initiatives, including digital and open-access editions. Of special interest will be theory and methods of translation and producing new textual editions in a dynamic, multimedia environment.

- Esther Chazon, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Presiding
Timothy Lim, University of Edinburgh, Panelist (15 min)
Molly Zahn, University of Kansas - Lawrence, Panelist (15 min)
Charlotte Hempel, University of Birmingham, Panelist (15 min)
Bronson Brown-deVost, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Panelist (15 min)
Alison Schofield, University of Denver, Panelist (15 min)

Roundtable Discussion (45 min)

S2-113

SBL Writing Social-Scientific Commentaries of the New Testament Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Papers will be distributed in advance and only summarized in the session. If you would like to participate the discussion and receive the papers, please contact the program unit chairs.

- Gabriella Gelardini, Nord University, Presiding (4 min)
H.B. Sim, The University of Edinburgh
Rewriting of the Jewish Origin Story: The Reconfiguration of Mt. Sinai Narrative in John and the Continuation of Ethnic Identity (5 min)

Discussion (24 min)

- Sin Pan Ho, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hong Kong
Governing Authorities as Neighbors: Rhetoric of Affirming Christ-Followers as Grace-Giving Community in Romans 13 (5 min)

Discussion (24 min)

- Nina Nikki, University of Helsinki
Identity Construction in 1 Thessalonians (5 min)

Discussion (24 min)

S2-114/A2-109

SBL Bible and Practical Theology Section

11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Theme: **Joint Session with AAR Evangelical Group- “The Intersection of Bible and the United States 2020 Politics”**

The centrality of Bible readings in American politics is as old as the nation. From the allusion to a “city on a hill” of John Winthrop’s sermon with direct reference to Isaiah 5:1 and 42:6 to Matthew 5:14 to today’s “Make America Great”. In this joint session we explore specific passages from the biblical record and how those passages have been used in today’s political discourse. Everyday American religious life as well as 2020 politics have Bible messages intertwine together.

Acknowledging that religion and, particularly, Evangelicalism has a significant role in the USA elections and also that biblical readings have fostered the political aspirations of the Evangelical church theological imaginary, this session addresses this tripartite intersectionality. The role of Evangelicalism has been the source of inside and outside dispute. The role of the Bible is equally relevant to discussion. What is meant by Bible and politics and the role of hermeneutical readings are as relevant today as they were for John Winthrop’s colonial incipient America.

Johny Ramirez-Johnson, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena), Presiding

Joul Layne, University of Texas at Arlington
“Church Friends”: The Precarious Interpretations and Perceptions of Evangelical Christians upon Trump Policy (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Anna Hutchinson, University of Birmingham
The Role of Theological Education in Evangelical Bible Reading and Interpretation (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University
A Battle between Good and Evil: Ethnographic Reflections on the Election from First Baptist Dallas (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary
Evangelical No More: Latinx Pentecostals within US Evangelicalism (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S2-115/A2-116

SBL Jewish Christianity / Christian Judaism Section

11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Theme: **Loving Judaism through Christianity? Roundtable Discussion of Shaul Magid’s R. Elijah Zvi Soloveitchik’s Commentary on the Gospels**

Cosponsored with the AAR Study of Judaism unit

Matt Jackson-McCabe, Cleveland State University, Panelist (10 min)

Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Fordham University, Panelist (10 min)

Eric Gregory, Princeton University, Panelist (10 min)

Eli Stern, Yale University, Panelist (10 min)

Randi Rashkover, George Mason University, Panelist (10 min)

Shaul Magid, Dartmouth College, Respondent (15 min)

S2-201

SBL Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Epigraphy and Religion**

Christine Thomas, University of California-Santa Barbara, Presiding

Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound
Ad futuram memoriam: The Augustan Ludi Saeculares (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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Ekaterini Tsalamponi, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
*Women Slave Owners Doing Business with Female Goddesses: The
Evidence of Manumission Inscriptions of Graeco-Roman Macedonia
(19 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Michael Peppard, Fordham University
*Is No One Immortal? Traditional Greek Epitaphs and Their
Adaptations in Early Christianity (19 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Andrew Henry, Boston University
"Nika!" Inscribing the Charismatic Crowd in Late Antiquity (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Scott Possiel, Boston University
*If These Walls Could Talk: Epigraphy as Performative Practice at a
Christian Cave in Late Antique Bethany (19 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

S2-202

SBL Bible and Emotion Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Varieties of Biblical Emotions**

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, Presiding
Alexander Coe Stewart, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
*Naturally Awed: The Emotion of Awe in the Sciences and Hebrew
Scriptures (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Kyung Min Kim, Yale Divinity School
*"The Grief in Accordance to God" (2 Cor 7:10): Reading Paul's
Understandings on Emotion in the Light of Stoic "εὐπαθείαι"
(25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University
*Expressing Doubt to Instill Confidence and Joy: Paul's Rhetorical
Strategy in Phil 1:19–26 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

S2-203

SBL Contextualizing North African Christianity Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Prophets and Prophecy in North African Christianity**

Jonathan Yates, Villanova University, Presiding (5 min)
J. Columille Dever, University of Notre Dame
*Prophecy Old and New in Tertullian's Adversus Marcionem: Isaiah's
Christ, the Authority of the Paraclete, and Marcion's New Testament
(30 min)*

Edwina Murphy, Morling College
*Examples of Faith and Virtue: Cyprian's Use of the Book of Daniel
(30 min)*

Jesse Hoover, Baylor University
*What Did the Prophet Joshua Prophesy? The Surprising Solution of the
Prophetiae ex omnibus libris collectae (30 min)*

Business Meeting (25 min)

S2-204

SBL Documentary Texts and Literary Interpretation Consultation

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Methods, Approaches, and Best Practices in Researching,
Publishing, and Teaching Documentary Textual Sources**

James Moore, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Humboldt
University of Berlin, Presiding (5 min)

Lester L. Grabbe, University of Hull
*Method in the Approach to Documentary Sources: Observations and
Examples (20 min)*

Bernadette J. Brooten, Brandeis University
*A Letter and a Love Spell in the Context of Woman-Woman Marriage
(20 min)*

Marilyn Lundberg-Melzian, West Semitic Research Project
*The Use of Images in the Teaching of Documentary Sources:
Advantages and Cautions (20 min)*

Laurie E. Pearce, University of California-Berkeley
*Building Babylonian Context for Biblical Interpretation: Approaching
Cuneiform Documentary Sources for the Study of Exilic and Post-
exilic Periods (20 min)*

Susan Ackerman, Dartmouth College
The ASOR/SBL Policy on Unprovenanced Artifacts (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S2-205

SBL Ecological Hermeneutics / Paul and Politics Seminar / Ecological Hermeneutics Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Paul and Ecology**

Anna Miller, Xavier University, Presiding (5 min)

Crystal L. Hall, United Lutheran Seminary
Groaning upon Earth: From Eden to Rome (20 min)

Robert J. Mason Jr, California State University - Northridge
*Romans 8:18–30: Creation between Paul and Caesar; Hope against
Hope (20 min)*

Victoria Balabanski, Flinders University
*Lifestyle and Desire in the Face of Ecological Crisis: Eco-Stoic
Reflections on Col. 1:9–14 (20 min)*

Barbara Rossing, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
*COVID-19, 1 Corinthians 11:29–30, and Discerning the Ecological
Body of Christ: A Public Health Reading (20 min)*

David Horrell, University of Exeter, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S2-206

SBL Gospel of Luke Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Brittany Wilson, Duke University, Presiding

Clarissa Breu, University of Vienna

Female Gestures: Gender Performance in Luke 7:36–50 and 8:43–48 (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Mark Matson, Milligan College

Martha and Mary in the Context of Luke's Unfolding Travel Narrative (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Justin David Strong, University of Notre Dame

The Form and Ethics of the Fable in the Lukan Parables (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Gregory E. Lamb, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Reception, Rediscovery, and Reimagination: Codex Bezae Cantabrigiensis and Luke 16:19–31 (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S2-207

SBL Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Todd Hibbard, University of Detroit Mercy, Presiding

Jonathon Riley, Catholic University of America

Masculinity and Kingship: Complicating the Violence of the David and Goliath Narrative (30 min)

Josef Sykora, Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College

A Different Kind of Crusade: Jesus's Commissioning of His Disciples in Luke 10:1–24 as Reworking the Rules for Warfare in Deuteronomy 20:10–14 (30 min)

James E. Harding, University of Otago

Reading Job between Lamentations and Deutero-Isaiah (30 min)

S2-208

SBL Joshua-Judges Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Tammi Schneider, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Jennifer M. Matheny, Nazarene Theological Seminary

Weeping (בכים) in Judges (30 min)

CJ Gossage, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

The Neglected Numbers of the Narrative of Judges 17–18 (30 min)

Eunyeong Grace Ma, Graduate Theological Union

A Revisit to the Pilegish's Father in the Context of Judges 19 and in the Comparison with Abraham in Genesis 18 (30 min)

Brandon M. Hurlbert, Durham University

Judge, King, or Priest? Rethinking the Argument for Kingship in Judges 17–21 (30 min)

S2-209

SBL Matthew Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Matthew's Gospel: Literary and Socio-historical Perspectives**

Carolin Ziethe, Heidelberg University, Presiding (5 min)

Bruce Henning, Emmaus Bible College

Stretching the Scope of Salvation in Matthew: The Soteriological Significance of Varying Status Levels in the Kingdom (20 min)

Jeremiah Coogan, University of Notre Dame

Reconfigured Matthew in the Second Century (20 min)

Break (10 min)

Jimmy Myers, Duke University

Giving Gifts to Evildoers: The Unity and Meaning of Matthew 5:38–42 (20 min)

Brandon Crowe, Westminster Theological Seminary

The Kingdom of Heaven and Baal-Perazim: New Light on Matthew 11:12 (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S2-210

SBL Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Pamela Reaves, Colorado College, Presiding

Robert Williams, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute

"The Gospel of Truth": Spiritual Enrichment in the Valentinian East (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Kimberly Bauser McBrien, Trinity University

Jesus and Gospel Tradition in the Apocryphon of James (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Rachel Yejee Park, Yale Divinity School

The Rhetoric of Intertextuality in the Trimorphic Protennoia and the Book of Revelation (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Book Review of Ivan Miroshnikov, *The Gospel of Thomas and Plato* (Brill, 2018)

Melissa Sellow, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Panelist (15 min)

Ivan Miroshnikov, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Respondent (15 min)

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P2-211

Qur'anic Studies: Methodology and Hermeneutics (IQSA)

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Classical Qur'anic Hermeneutics: Theology, Metaphysics, and Exegesis**

Khalil Andani, Augustana College

God's Speech through Gabriel's Words: Sunni Ash'ari Conceptions of Qur'anic Revelation (20 min)

Arjun Nair, University of Southern California

Plumbing the World of the Quran, Reading the Cosmos as the Quran: Sayyid 'aydar 'Amuli's (d. 1385) Correspondence (taṭbīq) Theory and the Meaning of the Words of God (kalimāt Allāh) (20 min)

Ramon Harvey, Ebrahim College

Theological Exegesis and Exegetical Theology: Reading al-Māturīdī's Ta'wīlāt al-qur'ān with His Kitāb al-tawhīd (20 min)

Avigail Noy, University of Texas Austin

Quranic Imagery between the Literary and the Literal (20 min)

Syed A.H. Zaidi, Emory University

The Brethren of Purity's Use of the Qur'an in Their Treatise on Love (20 min)

S2-212

SBL Ritual in the Biblical World Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Daniel Belnap, Brigham Young University, Presiding

Goran Zivkovic, McMaster Divinity College

Exiles in the Homeland: Ritual Purification and (Re)construction of the Social Identity of Israel in Zechariah (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Igor Lorencin, Theologische Hochschule Friedensau - Germany
Early Christian Ritual Habits Strengthening the Eschatological Hope (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Warren C. Robertson, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity

Lifting Up Jonah 1:5a in Light of Ritual: An Offering of Reassessment (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

David Calabro, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library

Ritual Hand Placement: Aspects of a New Cultural History (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S2-213

SBL Theological Interpretation of Scripture / Hebrews Seminar / Hebrews Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Theological Interpretation of the Book of Hebrews**

Madison N. Pierce, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Presiding

Michael J. Rhodes, Union University

On the Road to Perfection: Divine and Human Agency, Moral Transformation, and the Epistle to the Hebrews (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Sigurd Grindheim, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences

Eternal Generation of the Son in Heb 1:5 (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Joshua Heavin, Trinity College - Bristol

Is God Trustworthy? God's Self-Oath and the Logic of Divine Simplicity in Hebrews 6:13–20 (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S2-214

SBL Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Job**

Tova Forti, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Presiding

Israel McGrew, Marquette University

The Riddle of Monotheism and Mythologies in Job: On Hebrew Mythological Traditions in Job as Monotheistic Reflection (30 min)

Urmas Nommik, University of Tartu

The Emergence of the Biblical Book of Job on the Backdrop of the So-Called Job Literature (30 min)

James Wykes, Marquette University

And the Two Shall Become One...Dragon? Behemoth and Leviathan in LXX-Job (30 min)

S.A. Magallanes-Tsang, Centro Latino at Fuller Seminary

The Problem of the Poor: A Case for Divine Oversight of Injustice in Job 24 (30 min)

S2-301

SBL Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Teaching Tips for Increasing Student Engagement and Success Online and in Person**

Federico A. Roth, Azusa Pacific University

Exegeting the Campus: Using Walking Field Trips to Promote Learning (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

John Hilton III, Brigham Young University

Teaching Online during COVID 19: Aligning Learning Outcomes, Assignments, Teaching, and Assessments (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Melanie A. Howard, Fresno Pacific University
How Do I Look? Engaging Visual Representations of Jesus to Introduce the Gospel of Matthew (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Jonathan D. Lawrence, Canisius College
On the First Day.... The Professor Created Confusion (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S2-302

SBL Bible and Popular Culture Section / Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Bible, Trauma, and Popular Culture II**

Liz Boase, University of Divinity
Isaac and The Walking Dead (20 min)

Barbara Thiede, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Gang Rape, Murder, and Dismemberment in Judges 19–21 and Little Bee: How Biblical and Modern Authors Inflict Moral Injury (20 min)

Stephanie Day Powell, Manhattan College
Punching through the Line: Reading the Book of Esther with Hannah Gadsby's "Nanette" (20 min)

S2-303

SBL Biblical Ethics Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Biblical Ethics and Peacemaking**

Jacqueline Grey, Alphacrucis College, Presiding

Lindsay Wilson, Ridley College Melbourne
Peacemaking in an Honour-Shame Culture—Joseph and His Brothers as a Case Study (25 min)

Eric A. Seibert, Messiah University
The Woman Who Prevented a Massacre (1 Samuel 25): What Abigail Teaches Us about Nonviolent Peacemaking and about Using the Old Testament to Promote Peace (25 min)

Break (5 min)

Michael J. Gorman, St. Mary's Seminary & University
Paul as Prophetic Intercultural/Intracultural Peacemaker in Galatians (25 min)

Eric Covington, Howard Payne University
The Ethics of Peace in the Community of the Peacemaker (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S2-304

SBL Disputed Paulines Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **The Disputed Pauline Epistles: Current Research**

Lisa Marie Belz, Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, Presiding

Andrew Remington Rillera, Duke University
Penile Substitution: Gentile Circumcision "without Hands" in Colossians (20 min)

Mona Tokarek LaFosse, Martin Luther University College, Wilfrid Laurier University
Women and "the Faith" in 1 Timothy 5: A Battle for Faith and Faithfulness (20 min)

D. Clint Burnett, Johnson University
Democratizing Jesus's Share in God's Temple and Throne: Reading Col 3:1 in Light of Greco-Roman Royal and Imperial Temple and Throne Sharing (20 min)

S2-305

SBL Ideological Criticism Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Ideology in/and the Psalms**

Christopher Zeichmann, University of Toronto, Presiding (5 min)

Tim Hogue, Loyola Marymount University
From Zaphon to Zion: Psalm 20 and the Judahite Transformation of Israelite Traditions (20 min)

Elaine James, Princeton Theological Seminary
Imagining the Earth: The Psalms, Animism, and Ideology (20 min)

SuJung Shin, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
A (Dis)Unified Authorial Ideology of Psalm 68 in the Context of Post-exile (20 min)

Sean Burt, North Dakota State University Main Campus
"Your Statutes Are My Songs": On the Ideology of Reading the Torah Psalms as Poetry (20 min)

Carmen Palmer, Toronto School of Theology, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

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P2-307

Institute for Biblical Research

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Research Group - Biblical Violence**

This group brings together discussions on the hermeneutics of biblical violence, transcending a focus on any one book or corpus, and dialoguing across genres and testaments. The three years of the research group will each pick up on different

hermeneutical approaches. In 2020 the focus will be upon Speech Act Theory. The themes for the two following years are as follows: Humour, satire and subversion (2021) and Intertextuality (2022). We will distribute the papers in advance to members of our group email list. To be added

to this list contact Helen Paynter (paynterh@bristol-baptist.ac.uk). Attendees are encouraged to read the papers in advance, though drop-ins are welcome. For more information, see the IBR website (www.ibr-bbr.org) or contact Helen Paynter or Trevor Laurence (tlaurence@catelesia.com).

Trevor Laurence, Catelesia Institute, Presiding (5 min)

Kit Barker, Sydney Missionary and Bible College
"Did God Really Say...?" Speech Act Theory and Divine Violence (25 min)

Alexiana Fry, Stellenbosch University
Her Body Still Speaks: Speech Act Theory and the Sin of Gibeah (15 min)

Joel Barker, Heritage College & Seminary
"I Will Strike Them Down": The Function of Threats of Divine Violence in Numbers: The Function of Threats of Divine Violence in Numbers (15 min)

Katherine Smith, Mary Andrews College
The Metaphor of Sexual and Physical Violence as a Speech Act in Ezekiel 16 (15 min)

Anthony Lipscomb, Brandeis University
Doing Violent Things with Words: The Root hrp as Metaphorical Stigma (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

P2-306

Institute for Biblical Research

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Research Group - Early Christian Judaism**

This group examines the diverse ways in which Jews embraced Jesus from the lifetime of Jesus until the rise of Islam. "Is Hindsight Really 2020?" is our 2020 theme. The act of looking backwards through church history to confirm contemporary practices and beliefs is a methodological decision that carries with it numerous assumptions that influence our interpretation of the New Testament and later literature. This year's papers identify problematic assumptions that have been barriers to reading the New Testament "within Judaism." Papers will be distributed to our mailing list during the first week of November so that participants can read them in advance. Add yourself to our mailing list here: <https://mailchi.mp/5b4dfc49a2f4/early-christian-judaism>. For more information, see the IBR website (www.ibr-bbr.org) or contact David Sloan (david@davidbsloan.com) and Ben Snyder (ben.snyder@asburyseminary.edu).

David Sloan, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Presiding

Jason A. Staples, North Carolina State University
Righteousness, the τέλος νόμου, and Israel's Restoration: Reevaluating Romans 10:1–13 in an Early Jewish Context (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Charles Cisco, University of Edinburgh
Can Anything Good Come Out of Works of the Law? (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Gregory E. Lamb, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Reception History of Phil 3:2–3a in Dialogue with Mark D. Nanos (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

General Discussion

Discussion (15 min)

S2-308

SBL Religious Experience in Antiquity Section

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Theme: **Business Meeting and Get-Together**

All are welcome to this discussion session, as we foster research into Religious Experience in Antiquity (including the program unit's plans for coming years) and support one another as scholars at this time.

Frederick Tappenden, St. Stephen's College, at the University of Alberta, Panelist (5 min)

Giovanni Bazzana, Harvard University, Panelist (5 min)

Andrew Krause, ACTS Seminaries of Trinity Western University, Panelist (5 min)

Catherine Playoust, University of Divinity (Catholic Theological College), Panelist (5 min)

Discussion (70 min)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

S3-101

SBL Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Joel LeMon, Emory University, Welcome (4 min)

Leslie Virnelson, Princeton Theological Seminary
Representations of Birth and Its Attendants (20 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Silvia Schroer, University of Bern
Mother of All Living (20 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Break (6 min)

Richard Anthony Purcell, Florida Southern College
"Make Love, Not War!" Interpreting the Imagery of Royal Violence, Intimacy, and Progeny in Psalm 45 (20 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Ilona Rashkow, Stony Brook University
Ancient Near Eastern Gods and Their Animal Totems (20 min)

Discussion (7 min)

S3-102

SBL Bible and Film Section

10:00 AM–11:30 AM

Theme: **Cinema Outside Hollywood**

Ma. Marilou S. Ibita, De la Salle University Manila, Philippines
Filming Biblical Interpretations from the Ground: Exploring Matthew's Anti-empire Message in Metro Manila's Context (40 min)

Chan Sok Park, College of Wooster and Teng-Kuan Ng, Georgetown University
Parasite as Apocalypse (40 min)

S3-103

SBL Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Chronicles and Memory**

An invited panel on the topic of memory studies and the Chronicler's history.

Aubrey Buster, Wheaton College (Illinois), Presiding (5 min)

Dan Pioske, Georgia Southern University
Chronicles and the Ruins of Memory (25 min)

Antje Labahn, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal/Bethel
Remember and Forget: Cognitive Hermeneutics in Chronicles (25 min)

Eric X. Jarrard, Wellesley College
The Curious Case of the Contrafacted King: The Death of Josiah in 2 Chronicles 35 (25 min)

Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S3-104

SBL Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Gregory S. Paulson, Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung
Cracking Open the "Black Box": How to Download and Edit Your Own CBGM (and Why This Might Be Fun) (30 min)

Phillip A. Davis, Jr., University of Bonn and Johannes Fröh, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
The Synoptic Hub: A Database for Synoptic Research (30 min)

Martin Wallraff, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Paratexts to the Four Gospels: How to Impose Order in a Disorderly Field (30 min)

Uta Heil, Universität Wien
Digital Critical Edition of the Expositiones in Psalmos of Pseudo-Athanasius of Alexandria (30 min)

S3-107

SBL Joshua-Judges Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Papers dealing with any topic related to either book are welcome.

Sarah Schulz, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Presiding
Carson Bay, Universität Bern - Université de Berne
Joshua as Hebrew Hero of Late Antique Christian Historiography: Iesu Naue in Pseudo-Hegesippus (30 min)

John W Herbst, Virginia Peninsula Baptist Association
Left-Handed? Not! Ehud's Saving Right Arm (30 min)

Ki-Eun Jang, New York University
"After Abimelech" (אחרי אבימלך): A Reflex of the Buried Abimelech Tradition in Judges 10:1 (30 min)

Andrew Garbarino, Princeton Theological Seminary
A Clever Burn: How Jotham's Fable (Judges 9:8–15) Functions as an Imprecatory Wisdom Saying (30 min)

S3-108

SBL Letters of James, Peter, and Jude Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Mariam Kamell Kovalishyn, Regent College, Presiding
J. Benjamin Hussung, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Narrative of Πίστις: A Narratological Approach to Πίστις in 1 Peter (30 min)

Benjamin E. Castaneda, University of St Andrews
Divine Ambiguity: The Grammar of Christology in 2 Peter 1:3–4 (30 min)

William Horst, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)
"Under Punishment until the Day of Judgment": Moral Entanglement as Punishment in Second Peter 2:9 (30 min)

Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University
Reading Paul through the Catholic Epistles: The Widespread Use of Augustine's On Faith and Works by Early Modern Catholic Scholars (30 min)

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S3-109

SBL Pseudepigrapha Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Natia Dundua, Georgian National Center of Manuscripts, Presiding
Elena Dugan, Princeton University
Christian Messiah, Jewish Text? Translation, Transmission, and the Great-Horned "Word" of Enoch (30 min)

Hyung-tae Kim, Durham University
Adamic Renewal of the Cosmos: The Conception of New Creation in Early Jewish Writings (25 min)

Peter Battaglia, Marquette University
A Tale of Two Kings: The Royal Motif in Joseph and Aseneth (25 min)

Dan York, University of Durham
"Make a Fence for the Torah": Re-framing the Woman's Words in Gen 3:3 (25 min)

S3-109a

SBL Racism, Pedagogy and Biblical Studies Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Between Whiteness and Anti-Judaism: A Conversation**

This panel session seeks to discuss how those who work on Anti-Judaism consider other issues of race and racism in biblical studies, and how those who use critical race theory and other approaches to critique white racism engage the issue of anti-Judaism.

Sara Ronis, Saint Mary's University (San Antonio), Presiding (5 min)

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College, Panelist (15 min)

Sung Uk Lim, Yonsei University, Panelist (15 min)

Heidrun Mader, Heidelberg University, Panelist (15 min)

Angela Parker, Mercer University, Panelist (15 min)

Jeremia Punt, Stellenbosch University, Panelist (15 min)

Discussion (40 min)

S3-110

SBL Redefining Christian Origins Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Stan Stowers on Religion as a Social Kind**

The precirculated papers in this session will all respond to Stanley K. Stowers' new theoretical work *Religion as a Social Kind* in relation to the philosophy of religion and the historiography of Early Christianity or "Christian Origins."

Robyn Walsh, University of Miami, Presiding

Stanley K. Stowers, Brown University
Religion as a Social Kind (20 min)

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University, Respondent (15 min)

Merrill Miller, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Respondent (15 min)

Break (5 min)

Sarah Rollens, Rhodes College, Respondent (15 min)

Matthew Baldwin, Mars Hill University, Respondent (15 min)

Break (5 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S3-111

SBL Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Antisemitism and Textual Criticism – The Forgers of the Bible Slander**

As a purely philological approach, textual criticism has never been suspected of antisemitic bias. But as is well known today, all disciplines are conditioned by the cultures in whose context they are practiced. In the history of textual criticism, antisemites have played a role as in other disciplines and some of them are still respected as important textual critics as of today. Well-known examples are the medieval scholar Ibn Hazm in Islam and Paul de Lagarde in Christianity. In this session, TCHB wants to alert a broader scholarly public to the partly antisemitic past of the field of textual criticism by a critical discourse about the slander that Jews forged the Bible in order to suppress the true divine message as communicated by Christianity and Islam, respectively.

Armin Lange, Universität Wien, Presiding

Karin Finsterbusch, Universität Koblenz - Landau, Presiding (10 min)

Irven M. Resnick, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Medieval Christians, Talmud, and the Falsification of Scripture (17 min)

Alessandro Bruni, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
The Manuscripts of the Old Slavonic Bible and the Problem of the So-Called Heresy of the Judaizers in Late-Fifteenth-Century Russia (17 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Gordon D. Nickel, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies

They Disbelieved in Muhammad and in "What He Brought": Probing the Roots of the Muslim Slander that the Jews Forged the Torah (30 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Russell E. Fuller, University of San Diego
The Forgers of the Bible Slander in Early Modern Scholarship (17 min)

Armin Lange, Universität Wien
The Forgers of the Bible Slander in Modern Scholarship (17 min)

Discussion (4 min)

S3-112

SBL Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Bible and Literature**

Lesleigh Cushing, Colgate University, Presiding
Rosanne Liebermann, Washington University in St. Louis and
Laura Yoder, New York University
The Word Inchoate: John Donne's Sermon on Job 19:25–26 (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Julie Newberry, Wheaton College (Illinois)
The Apostle Paul according to Three Anglican Poets (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Jo Carruthers, Lancaster University
Dinah as the Wayward Woman and George Eliot's Challenge in Adam Bede (1859) (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Chloe Blackshear, University of Chicago
Performing Tamar: Tirso, Calderón, and Gálvez de Cabrera (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S3-113/A3-114

SBL Qur'an and Biblical Literature Section

11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Theme: **Modern Reflections**

This panel will explore the relationship between the Qur'an and the Bible with a particular focus on contemporary theological discourses. It will provide analyses of modern responses to theological debates about the Qur'an and its engagement with the Bible and Biblical scholarship.

Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies, Presiding
Elisabeth Kennedy, American University in Cairo
Interpreting Sodom in Cairo: Reading Genesis 18–19 and Its Qur'anic Parallels (30 min)

Samuel J. 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 (30 min)

Halla Attallah, Georgetown University
Gender Rhetoric in the Qur'an: A Feminist Literary Analysis of the Qur'an's Annunciation Scenes (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S3-201

SBL Aramaic Studies Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Aramaic Language and Literature**

Annalisa Azzoni, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Matthew Morgenstern, Tel Aviv University
Mandaic Texts in the Comprehensive Aramaic Lexicon (24 min)
Itai Kagan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Aramaic Kissing (24 min)

Aurélie Bischofberger, Université de Lausanne
In the Footsteps of the Translator of the Pesbitta: The Case of the Unclean Birds (24 min)

Benjamin Suchard, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
The Greek Words in Daniel 3: Code-Switching, Not Loanwords (24 min)

Frank Shaw, Cincinnati, OH
Recent Aramaic Evidence That Fills a Chronological Gap in Divine Name Usage during Second Temple Period Judaism (24 min)

S3-202

SBL Bible and Practical Theology Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Moral Injury and/or Trauma, the Bible, and Practical Theology**

Terry Ann Smith, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Presiding
Douglas A. Hume, Pfeiffer University and Jana Strukova, Independent Scholar
Rhythms of Healing: Rising Up from Trauma through Word, Table, and Cleansing (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Jim Grimshaw, Carroll University and Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary
Troubling Mark 5:1–20 with a Mad Studies Lens: Subjects, Caregivers, and the Insights of Rejected Epistemologies (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Michael S. Koppel, Wesley Theological Seminary
Transfiguring Secrets in Spiritual Care and Practice (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S3-203

SBL Biblical Lexicography Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Greek Lexicography**

Michael Theophilos, Australian Catholic University, Presiding
Laurentiu Florentin Mot, Adventus University
"Until the Number of the Martyrs Is Fulfilled" (Rev 6:11): A Sample of Lexicographic Gaffe? (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Gillian Asquith, Australian Catholic University and Melbourne School of Theology
Ἀδιαλείπτως in the Remembrance-Motifs: Did Paul Really Pray Constantly for His Recipients? (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Aaron Michael Jensen, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
Can ἄλλά and γάρ Really Mark an Inference? A Defense of the "Core Constraint" Approach to Conjunction Lexicography (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Randall Buth, Institute for Biblical Languages and Translation
Greek Lexicography in Greek, ἡ κοινὴ ἐν τῇ κοινῇ (But This Lecture Might Still Be in English) (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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S3-204

SBL Biblical Lexicography Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Hebrew Lexicography**

Reinier de Blois, United Bible Societies, Presiding

David J.A. Clines, University of Sheffield
New Words in Classical Hebrew (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Diana Abernethy, Huntingdon College
Imagined Dynasties: Interpreting and Over-Interpreting מְמֹלָכָה in 1 Sam 13:13–14 (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Lourdes García Ureña, Universidad San Pablo – CEU
Methodology to Study the Language of Colour in the Bible (Hebrew, Greek, and Latin) (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Brandon Simonson, Boston University
Cataloguing Hypocoristica in Onomastic Reference Volumes: Challenges of Definition and Meaning (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S3-205

SBL Christian Apocrypha Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Beyond Canon (An Introduction to the Center for Advanced Studies at the University of Regensburg)**

Janet Spittler, University of Virginia, Presiding

NOTE: The papers for this session will be pre-circulated. Contact Janet Spittler for more information.

Tobias Nicklas, Universität Regensburg
An Introduction to the Beyond Canon Collaborative Research Group (10 min)

Thomas Kraus, Universität Zürich
Senator Marcellus as an Early Christian Role Model: The Destruction and Restoration of a “Statue of Caesar” in Acta Petri 11 (10 min)

Lily Vuong, Central Washington University
Visual Representations of Early Marian Apocryphal Texts as Reception History (10 min)

Cosmin Pricop, University of Bucharest
Retelling Apocryphal Stories through Liturgical Texts (10 min)

Mari Mamyan, Universität Regensburg
St. Thomas the Apostle in Armenian Church Tradition (10 min)

Garrick Allen, Dublin City University
Manuscripts Beyond the Canon (10 min)

Discussion (60 min)

S3-206

SBL Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Daughters and Wives: Feminist Readings of the Hebrew Scriptures**

Sharon Jacob, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Susannah M. Larry, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Victim-Blaming Daughter Zion? Translating “Sin” in Lamentations 1:13–20 (30 min)

Margaret A. Smerko, Union Presbyterian Seminary
From Nameless Victim to Eshet Chayil: Remembering Bath-Jephtbah in Judges 11:34–40 (30 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

S3-207

SBL Hellenistic Judaism / Jewish, Christian, and Graeco-Roman Travel in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Byzantine Periods (300 BCE–600 CE) Section / Jewish, Christian, and Graeco-Roman Travel in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Byzantine Periods (300 BCE–600 CE) Consultation

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Travel and Movement between the Jewish Diaspora and the Land of Israel**

In this open session, co-organized with the consultation “Jewish, Christian, and Graeco-Roman Travel”, we deal with travel and movement between the Diaspora and the Land of Israel.

Pieter Hartog, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Presiding (5 min)

Sung Soo Hong, The University of Texas at Austin
Exile and Diaspora in Philo in the Light of the Hellenistic Philosophical Discourses on Exile (25 min)

Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa
Homeric Textual Criticism and Biblical Texts from Qumran (25 min)

Elizabeth Stell, Oxford University
Performing an Imagined Return in the Exagoge of Ezekiel (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

S3-208

SBL History of Interpretation Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **The Apocrypha/Deuterocanonicals in the History of Interpretation**

Mark Elliott, University of Glasgow, Presiding
Robert Edwards, University of Notre Dame
“God Did Not Make Death”: A Patristic Reception of Wisdom 1:13 and 2:23 (25 min)

Edwina Murphy, Morling College
Tried in the Fire: Cyprian’s Use of Sirach (25 min)

Adam T. Morton, University of Nottingham
Wisdom of Solomon and Sirach in Luther's Interpretation of the Imago Dei (25 min)

David Lincicum, University of Notre Dame
The Wisdom of Solomon: A Christian Text? (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

P3-208a

Institute for Biblical Research

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **IBR Students Coffee Hour**

IBR Students is a new initiative for Student and Associate members of the Institute for Biblical Research (www.ibr-bbr.org) created to connect, encourage, and equip students. We strive to see and build the bridge between academia and the local church. Join us for a time of networking and fellowship, and hear from guest speakers with advice for students. For more information contact students@ibr-bbr.org. RSVP requested but not required.

P3-209

International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Theme: **Ruth, Esther, and Hexapla**

Kristin De Troyer, Universität Salzburg, Presiding

Beatrice Bonanno, Université Catholique de Louvain
The Tirelessness of a Woman: An Analysis of the Character of Ruth in the Second Chapter of the Septuagint of Book of Ruth (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Reinhart Ceulemans, KU Leuven
New Hexaplaric Readings of Proverbs (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Dionisio Candido, Universität Salzburg
Translation Techniques in the Ancient Versions of the Book of Esther (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S3-210

SBL Masoretic Studies / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Section / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Affiliate

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **The Masora and Biblical Hebrew**

Daniel Mynatt, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Presiding
David Marcus, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
PAGIC: A Memory Device to Introduce Students to Masoretic Notes (30 min)
Kristine Heewon Yi, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
*Distinction between the *Ma* and *Mm*: Function vs Placement* (30 min)

David DeLauro, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Tools for Masoretic Study of the Sub Loco Notes in BHS (30 min)

Viktor Golinetz, Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg
Linguistic Categories Attested in the Forms with the Masora Parva Note "Unique" (30 min)

S3-212

SBL Pauline Epistles Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Myth and Ritual**

Laura Dingeldein, University of Illinois at Chicago, Presiding
Emma Wasserman, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Rethinking the Stoicheia of Galatians 4 (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

James B. Prothro, Ave Maria University
Why God's Justice Is Good News: God's Generosity, Impartiality, and Equity in Romans (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

Jolyon Pruszinski, Princeton University
Jesus as Sacrifice, Sacrifice as Purifying Space for God, and the Gentile Body as Purified Space in Paul (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

Ryan D. Collman, University of Edinburgh
Just a Flesh Wound? Reassessing Paul's Supposed Indifference toward Circumcision and Foreskin in 1 Cor 7:19, Gal 5:6, and 6:15 (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

Donghyun Jeong, Emory University
"Baptism for the Dead" (1 Cor 15:29): Ritual Blending and Innovation in Roman Corinth (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

S3-213

SBL Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Discussion of Nyasha Junior, Reimagining Hagar: Blackness and Bible, and Ronald Charles, The Silencing of Slaves in Early Jewish and Christian Texts**

Bernadette Brooten, Brandeis University, Presiding (5 min)

Stacy Davis, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame), Panelist (15 min)

Amanda Mbuvi, High Point University, Panelist (15 min)

Nyasha Junior, Temple University, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Break (5 min)

Jennifer Glancy, Le Moyne College, Panelist (15 min)

J. Albert Harrill, Ohio State University, Panelist (15 min)

Ronald Charles, St. Francis Xavier University, NS, Canada, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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The Qur'an and Late Antiquity (IQSA)

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Johanne Christiansen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding

Juan Cole, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
Staff of Kothar, Aegis of Hephaistos: "Al-Kawthar" in Qur'an 108 as Late Antique Hybridity (20 min)

Abdulla Galadari, Khalifa University of Science & Technology
The Source of Jesus' Miracles in the Qur'an: Oral or Literary Traditions? (20 min)

W Richard Oakes Jr., Independent Scholar
The Talmud Bavli on the "Disagreement" in Q 4:157: Literary, Documentary, Historical, Cultural, and Religious Environment (20 min)

Ulla Tervahauta, Københavns Universitet
Mary, Holy Woman of the Desert and the Virgin Mother (20 min)

Eric DeVilliers, University of Notre Dame
Rabbaniyya and the Roots of Qur'anic Prophetology (20 min)

S3-215

SBL Writing Social-Scientific Commentaries of the New Testament Seminar

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Review of J. Brian Tucker and Aaron Kuecker, ed., T&T Clark Social Identity Commentary on the New Testament**

Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki, Presiding (2 min)

J. Brian Tucker, Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan, Introduction (8 min)

Brian Rosner, Ridley College, Panelist (15 min)

Ryan Heinsch, Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan, Panelist (15 min)

Kathy Ehrensperger, Universität Potsdam, Panelist (15 min)

Adam White, Alphacrucis College, Panelist (15 min)

Gabriella Gelardini, Nord University, Panelist (15 min)

J. Brian Tucker, Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S3-300

SBL Wisdom and Apocalypticism Section

3:00 PM–5:00 PM

Theme: **The Wisdom of Solomon**

Karina Hogan, Fordham University, Presiding

Luca Mazzinghi, Pontificia Università Gregoriana
Wisdom and Law in the Book of Wisdom (20 min)

Catherine Playoust, University of Divinity
"The Trial of Death Touched the Righteous Too" (Wis 18:20): A Comparison of Wisdom 10–19 with Romans (20 min)

Mark Giszczak, Augustine Institute
The Quest of the King in the Wisdom of Solomon (20 min)

Christopher Atkins, Yale University
The Word Was Godward: Divine Directionality in the Johannine Prologue, Hellenistic Judaism, and Middle-Platonism (20 min)

Andrew Montanaro, Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College
Family, Scribal Training, and Apocalypticism in Second Temple Wisdom Instructions (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S3-301/A3-303

SBL Book of Psalms Section

4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Theme: **Bonhoeffer on the Psalms: New Perspectives on Prayerbook of the Bible (1940)**

This session is a joint session with the AAR Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis program unit.

Brad Prebbenow, Lutheran Brethern Seminary, Presiding

Brent A. Strawn, Duke University
Bonhoeffer on Enemies and Imprecation: A Commentary (25 min)

Stephen B. Chapman, Duke University
Who Prays the Psalms? Bonhoeffer's Christological Concentration and Psalm 69 (25 min)

Arnold Huijgen, Theological University of Apeldoorn
Bonhoeffer's Approach of the Psalms as Incentive for Reading the Bible Theologically (25 min)

Brad Prebbenow, Lutheran Brethern Seminary, Respondent (20 min)

S3-302

SBL Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Recently Published Books on Moral Injury, Biblical Studies, and Theology: Roundtable**

This session will be a roundtable discussion of recently published works on moral injury that interface with biblical and theological studies. The authors of the books will briefly discuss their works, two scholars of trauma and moral injury from outside biblical studies will offer responses, and there will be time for panel and audience open discussion.

Joseph McDonald, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Presiding

Roundtable Discussion (75 min)

“Warriors Between Worlds: Moral Injury and Identities in Crisis”
(Lexington, 2019)

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Panelist
*“The Bible and Moral Injury: Reading Scripture Alongside War’s
Unseen Wounds”* (Abingdon, 2020)

Brad Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, Panelist
“Full Darkness: Original Sin, Moral Injury, and Wartime Violence”
(Eerdmans, 2019)

Brian Powers, Durham University, Panelist
“Military Moral Injury and Spiritual Care” (Chalice, 2019)

Nancy Ramsay, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Panelist

Carrie Doehring, Iliff School of Theology, Panelist
“Moral Injury and the Promise of Virtue” (Palgrave Macmillan,
2019)

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, University of Pardubice, Panelist

Other (20 min)

Rita Nakashima Brock, Shay Moral Injury Center, Volunteers of
America, Respondent

Shelly Rambo, Boston University, Respondent

Discussion (25 min)

S3-303

SBL Disputed Paulines Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Book Review: First and Second Timothy and Titus** by
Christopher R. Hutson (Baker Academic, 2019)

Daniel Darko, Gordon College, Presiding (10 min)

Lyn Kidson, Alphacrucis College, Panelist (20 min)

Michael Bird, Ridley Melbourne, Panelist (20 min)

Thomas Hoklotubbe, Cornell College, Panelist (20 min)

Christopher Hutson, Abilene Christian University, Member
(20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

This session consists of invited panelists in review of Christopher R.
Hutson’s commentary on *First and Second Timothy and Titus* (Baker
Academic, 2019).

S3-304

Ethics and Biblical Interpretation / The Forum on Missional Hermeneutics / Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Reparations/Reparational Ethics, the Bible, and the
Missio Dei**

The Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Section and The Forum
on Missional Hermeneutics are jointly sponsoring this session on
reparations discourse and the biblical text. Questions to be considered:
How might reparations be rooted in the Bible, and what contributions
might a biblical account of reparations make to debates about
reparations and ethics? How might biblical readings be informed by
questions from religious communities complicit in racial injustice and
challenged by possible reparations? How might biblical texts call for
reparations as part of God’s mission?

How have historically distorted understandings of mission created a
need for reparations and how may this harmful history be addressed
in light of hermeneutics, ethics, and biblical interpretation? How
does the contemporary question of reparations speak to communities’
participation in God’s mission, understood in terms of communal self-
understanding and purposiveness?

Kristopher Norris, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding
(5 min)

John Franke, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Presiding
(5 min)

Michael J. Rhodes, Union University
*The Jubilee Case for Reparations: Interpreting Scripture’s Jubiliary
Theology in the Aftermath of the Black Manifesto* (20 min)

Michael Barram, Saint Mary’s College of California
*Biblical Formation for Reparation: Missional and Moral Logics for a
More Just Future* (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Brent Laytham, St Mary’s Seminary & University
*Cheap Reconciliation Exchanged for Costly Reparation: Opening
Second Corinthians’ Missio Dei to Antiracism* (20 min)

Matthew Schlimm, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
*No Future without Repentance: Pentateuchal Precedents for
Reparative Justice* (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S3-305

SBL Johannine Literature / Rhetoric and the New Testament Section / Rhetoric and the New Testament Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Johannine Rhetoric: Classical and New Approaches to
John 3**

Craig Koester, Luther Seminary, Presiding

Michael Whintenton, Baylor University
*Ancient Worldmaking, Blending, and Complexity in John 3 and
Beyond, or Recursive Construction of Recurring Characters: Once
Again, Nicodemus* (20 min)

Wil Rogan, Carey Theological College
Nicodemus’s Genius: His Reasoned Refutation of Rebirth in John 3:4
(20 min)

Douglas Estes, South University, Columbia
*The Rhetoric of John 3: Antithetical Argumentation from Jesus and
John* (20 min)

Alicia Myers, Campbell University
Deciphering What “We Know”: Rhetoric and Power in John 3
(20 min)

Jo-Ann Brant, Goshen College, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

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Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **A Book Review Panel of Sarah Emanuel's *Humor, Resistance, and Jewish Cultural Persistence in the Book of Revelation: Roasting Rome* (Cambridge University Press, 2020)**

Empire-critical and postcolonial readings of Revelation are now commonplace, but scholars have yet to put these views into conversation with Jewishness, including Jewish cultural survival strategies. In *Roasting Rome*, Sarah Emanuel positions Revelation within its Jewish context. Together with such historical-critical positioning, she uses multiple critical lenses — including humor, feminist, and postcolonial trauma theories — to demonstrate how the text's author employs the comic as a means by which to undermine Rome and create a signal of transcendence for implied (e.g., male and hypermasculine) Jewish Christ-following audiences. By becoming so hyperbolic in its claims of an ideal, male Jewish selfhood over and against the Roman Empire, however, Emanuel questions if or to what extent Revelation gets “caught” in its own tricks.

Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Presiding (15 min)

Roberto Mata, Santa Clara University, Panelist (15 min)

Lynn R. Huber, Elon University, Panelist (15 min)

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Panelist (15 min)

Break (5 min)

Colleen Conway, Seton Hall University, Panelist (15 min)

Sarah Emanuel, Loyola Marymount University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S3-307

SBL New Testament Textual Criticism Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Text-Critical Commentaries**

Stephen Carlson, Australian Catholic University, Presiding
 Holger Strutwolf, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
 and Greg Paulson, Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung
Writing the Textual Commentary for the ECM of Mark (25 min)

Dirk Jongkind, Tyndale House (Cambridge) and Elijah Hixson,
 The Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts
Writing a Textual Commentary for the Tyndale House Edition
 (25 min)

Grant Edwards, ITSEE
Writing a Textual Commentary on 2 Thessalonians (25 min)

Jeannine Brown, Bethel Seminary (St. Paul, MN), Respondent
 (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S3-308

SBL Teaching Biblical Studies in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Teaching the Bible to GenZ - Part II**

Sylvie Raquel, Trinity International University, Presiding

Brian LePort, TMI Episcopal

Muddy Paper in Plastic Bags: Practicing Textual Criticism (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Timothy A. Gabrielson, Sterling College

Constructing a House Church to Hear Romans (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Matthew G. Whitlock, Seattle University

The Apostle Paul and The Matrix (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Robby Waddell, Southeastern University

The Three Little Pigs and the Synoptic Problem (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S3-309

SBL Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Wisdom Texts outside the Hebrew Bible**

Stuart Weeks, University of Durham, Presiding

Anu Põldsam, Tartu Ülikool

Transformation of Wisdom in the Testament of Job (25 min)

Sun Myung Lyu, Baekseok University

From Cogitation to Revelation: Variegated Means of Wisdom Acquisition in Later Israelite Wisdom Texts (25 min)

Nancy R. Bowen, Earlham School of Religion

Sophia in Wisdom of Solomon and the Goddess Isis: A Comparison
 (25 min)

Seth A. Bledsoe, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen

Unity in Ambiguity: The Multivalent Lexeme yqr as a Core Metaphor for Understanding the Narrative and Sayings of Abiqar (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

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S6-201

SBL Presidential Address

2:30 PM–3:30 PM

James VanderKam, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Adele Reinhartz, Université d'Ottawa - University of Ottawa

The Hermeneutics of Chutzpah: A Disquisition on the Value/s of “Critical Investigation of the Bible” (50 min)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

S7-101

SBL Book of Daniel Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Donald Polaski, Randolph-Macon College, Presiding
Paul Cizek, Marquette University
Resolving Ancient and Modern Judicial Ambiguities in Old Greek Susanna (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Andrew R. Krause, ACTS Seminaries of Trinity Western University
Institutional and Experiential Differences in Old Greek and Theodotianic Susanna (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Emily Pothast, Graduate Theological Union
Mining Memory, Forging Future: Performativity of Metal in the Book of Daniel (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

David Hamidovic, Université de Lausanne
Danielic Traditions Enlightened by the Margins: The Example of Words of Michael (4Q529; 4Q571; 6Q13) (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Daniel Olariu, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Daniel 11:1: A New Solution to an Old Problem (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

S7-102

SBL Book of the Twelve Prophets Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Fresh Approaches to the Book of Malachi**

David Davage, Umeå Universitet, Presiding
Goran Zivkovic, McMaster Divinity College
Blending the Seemingly Unblendable: Purity in the Book of Malachi (30 min)

B.J. Hilbelink, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
The Two-Fold Turning of Fathers and Children in Malachi 3:24 (4:6): A Grammatical Analysis (30 min)

Ethan Schwartz, Villanova University
Malachi in the Twelve and in the Latter Prophets (30 min)

P7-104

Institute for Biblical Research

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Research Group - Early Historical Books (Joshua-Kings)**

The “Early Historical Books (Joshua-Kings)” Research Group is focused on the Old Testament historical books that are set in the pre-exilic period, including the so-called deuteronomistic history as well as the book of Ruth. Emphasis is placed on historical-cultural and literary-theological approaches to interpretation. In keeping with our vision to facilitate research on leadership and authority in Joshua-Kings, we had an open call for papers this year on theocracy, kingship, or monarchy.

For more information, contact David Firth (d.firth@trinitycollegebristol.ac.uk), Ralph Hawkins (rbawkins@averett.edu), and Kenneth Way (ken.way@biola.edu). See also <https://www.ibr-bbr.org/2020-research-groups>.

Kenneth C. Way, Talbot School of Theology (Biola University), Presiding (5 min)

Brandon M. Hurlbert, Durham University
Judge, King, or Priest? Rethinking the Argument for Kingship in Judges 17–21 (20 min)

David Firth, Trinity College Bristol
Critical Views of Wisdom in Samuel's Revolt Narratives (20 min)

Charlie Trimm, Talbot School of Theology (Biola University)
Imperialism and the Israelite Kingship: The Narrator's Critique of David's Behavior as King in His International Wars (20 min)

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary
Between Contrastive and Macro-causal Tendencies: Comparative Historiography in Kings (20 min)

J. Michael Thigpen, Phoenix Seminary
Repentance and the Monarchy: Divine Motive, Forgiveness, and the Mitigation of Punishment in Kings (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S7-105

SBL Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible / Intertextuality in the New Testament Section / Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Human Violence in the Hebrew Bible, Early Jewish Writings, and the New Testament**

Shelley Birdsong, North Central College, Presiding
Vincent Wimbush, Institute for Signifying Scriptures
Scripturalization as Violence (20 min)

Tracy Lemos, Huron University College, Respondent (10 min)
Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University
Exploring Interpretations of Biblical Rape Texts with the Inter(text) of the Public Discourse on the Coronavirus Pandemic (20 min)

Tracy Lemos, Huron University College, Member (10 min)
Loren Stuckenbruck, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Member (20 min)

Cynthia Westfall, McMaster Divinity College, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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S7-106

SBL New Testament Textual Criticism Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Texts and Paratexts**

Christina Kreinecker, KU Leuven, Presiding

Tommy Wasserman, Ansgar University College and Jennifer Knust, Duke University
Codex Bezae as Repository (24 min)

Charles E. Hill, Reformed Theological Seminary
Numbering Acts: The Euthalian Chapters and the capitulatio Vaticana and Their Bearing on the Transmission History of the Acts of the Apostles (24 min)

Jacopo Marcon, University of Birmingham
The Critical Edition of the PS. Oecumenian Catena on Romans: First Considerations (24 min)

David A Flood, II, University of Edinburgh
The Damascene Catenae: 0150, 2110, and 1506 as a New Textual Family of Paul's Letters (24 min)

S7-107

SBL Paul Within Judaism Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Paul and the Rabbis**

Kathy Ehrensperger, Universität Potsdam, Presiding

Menahem Kister, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Deeds, Reward, and Divine Mercy: Jewish Views and Pauline Passages (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Aaron Amit, Bar-Ilan University
Partners in Creation in I Corinthians 11:8–12: An Investigation of the Relationship between Paul and Rabbinic Literature (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

James B. Prothro, Ave Maria University
Colossians within Judaism? Christ and the Torah in Colossians and the Rabbis (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

André Villeneuve, Azusa Pacific University
Divine Marriage in the Pauline Epistles and the Rabbinic Interpretation of the Song of Songs (20 min)

S7-108

SBL Pseudepigrapha Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **A Jewish Narrative in Egypt: A Conversation about Joseph and Aseneth**

This session offers a conversation about issues which emerge from Patricia Ahearne-Kroll, *Aseneth of Egypt: The Composition of a Jewish Narrative* (SBL, 2020).

Randall Chesnutt, Pepperdine University, Presiding

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Trajectories in Aseneth Studies (15 min)

Angela Standhartinger, Philipps-Universität Marburg
The Limitations of Reconstructed Texts (15 min)

Robert Kugler, Lewis & Clark College
"Joseph and Aseneth" as a Jewish Narrative among the Jews of Hellenistic Egypt (15 min)

Patricia Ahearne-Kroll, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities,
Respondent (15 min)

Roundtable Discussion (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S7-109

SBL Qur'an and Biblical Literature Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Comparative Explorations of the Qur'an and Bible**

Daniel J. Crowther, Oxford University
The Dilemma of the Psalms and the Qur'an (30 min)

Abdulla Galadari, Khalifa University of Science & Technology
The Man in the Empty Town: Comparison between the Qur'an and Biblical/Rabbinic Literature (30 min)

Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies
"Rehearsing the Signs of God All Night Long": The Bible, the Qur'an, and Night-Vigils (tabajjud) (30 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

S7-110

SBL Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Women Poets, Artists, and Musicians: Interpreting Scripture through Art and Literature through the Centuries**

Joy Schroeder, Capital University, Presiding

Deborah Niederer Saxon, Butler University
Scriptural Interpretation in the Music of Hildegard of Bingen (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Rachel Toombs, Baylor University
Songs of Heaven: Hildegard of Bingen's Use of Biblical Allusions in Her Symphonia's Marian Hymns (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Erin Risch Zoutendam, Duke University
The Influence of the Psalms in the Mystical Poetry of Hadewijch of Brabant (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Holly Morse, University of Manchester
Mother of Mothers: Exploring Eve's Maternity in Pre-twentieth Century Women's Writings (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S7-111

SBL Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Ethical Reading of the Bible**

Rachel Adelman, Hebrew College, Presiding
Ying Zhang, East China Normal University
Who Is the Ideal Sage for Maimonides(?): Moses and Abraham in the Guide of the Perplexed (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Soo J. Kim, Central Baptist Seminary
When Time Seems a Matter: Dry Bones, Children of the Dry Bones, and a Levinas Reader (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Karl-Henrik Wallerstein, Abo Akademi
Abusive Text or Abusive God: The Difference of Using the Rule of Faith as Lense or as Result (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Katrina Schaafsma, Duke University
Reading as Haman (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Hans Decker, University of Oxford
Rereading Proverbial Ethics: Narrative as a New Hermeneutical Model (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

S7-112

SBL Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Proverbs and Ecclesiastes**

Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University, Presiding
Elizabeth Currier, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Speech Performance in Proverbs: Imagining Speakers Imagining Readers and Readers Imagining Speakers (30 min)

Jesse Peterson, Durham University
Qobeleth's Concept of Meaning: A Philosophical Account (30 min)

Klaus-Peter Adam, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Enemies and Friends as Constructs in Proverbs (30 min)

Alexander T. Kirk, University of Durham
The Burden of the Sages: Tracing the Semantic Typography of אָשָׁם with Proverbs 30:1 as a Test Case (30 min)

S7-201

SBL Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Periphery and Center**

Jorunn Økland, Norwegian Institute at Athens, Presiding
David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan University
Civic Genii in the Cultic Life of Roman North Africa (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

David Wallace-Hare, San Diego State University
The Roman Grain Supply and the Rise of Ceres in Africa Proconsularis and Numidia (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Rhiannon Pare, Princeton University
By Jove! Religion, Memory, and Identity in the Northern Provinces (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Jordan Ryan, Wheaton College (Illinois)
Interpreting the Constantinian Church of the Holy Sepulchre: Theology, Politics, and Religious Competition in Architecture (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Richard Westall, Independent Scholar
The Epigraphic Record and the Creation of St Peter's in the Vatican (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S7-202

SBL Bible and Emotion / Prayer in Antiquity Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Psalms and Emotions**

Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College STM, Presiding
Katherine Schweers, The Catholic University of America
Uncovering Hidden Anger in Psalms 60–80: A New Method (20 min)

Erbele-Kuester, Dorothea, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
Rage for Justice as Prayer (20 min)

Anthony Lipscomb, Brandeis University
Conceptual Metaphors of Shame Nouns in Petitionary Psalms (20 min)

David A. Bosworth, The Catholic University of America
The Psalms as a School of Emotional Regulation (20 min)

Amy Cottrill, Birmingham-Southern College, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

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S7-203

SBL Book of Samuel: Narrative, Theology and Interpretation Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Song-Mi Park, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Kacie Klamm, University of Notre Dame
Threatening Potential and Unforeseen Calm: Extending the Ark's Narrative in Samuel (20 min)

Sophia R C Johnson, University of Cambridge
Kingship and Covenant: Reconsidering the Oath of David and Jonathan (20 min)

Jordan Brown, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Aspects of Shame in 2 Samuel 10:1–5 (20 min)

Andrew C. Witt, Tyndale University College and Seminary (Ontario)
"Who Is David? Who Is the Son of Jesse?" Interfigural in the Biographical Psalm Titles (20 min)

S7-204

SBL Christian Apocrypha Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Christian Apocrypha**

Lily Vuong, Central Washington University, Presiding

Nathan J. Hardy, University of Chicago
A Spirited Iconomachy: The Martyrdom of Mark and the Death of Serapis in Alexandria (30 min)

Amity Reading, DePauw University
Virgins, Maidens, and Camels: Redaction XI of the Visio Sancti Pauli in Early English Preaching Materials (30 min)

Brandon Hawk, Rhode Island College
The Latin Eremitic Life of Mary Magdalene: Further Witnesses and a New Version (30 min)

P7-205

Ethnic Chinese Biblical Colloquium

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Theme: **Ethnic Chinese Biblical Studies in the Context of COVID-19**

A panel discussion on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on ethnic Chinese biblical studies and scholars, and the implications of xenophobia, nationalism, economic recession, racism, and racialization, as well as disruptions in higher education.

Yii-Jan Lin, Yale Divinity School, Presiding (5 min)

Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University, Panelist (10 min)

Russell M. Jeung, San Francisco State University, Panelist (10 min)

Timothy Lim, University of Edinburgh, Panelist (10 min)

Sze-kar Wan, Southern Methodist University, Panelist (10 min)

Discussion (35 min)

P7-208

Institute for Biblical Research

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Research Group - Book of the Twelve in Biblical Scholarship**

The "Book of the Twelve Prophets in Biblical Scholarship" group focuses on synchronic approaches to the study of the Book of the Twelve/the Minor Prophets. This year we are continuing to explore the theme of "Empire, Power, and Politics in the Twelve." For more information, see the IBR website (www.ibr-bbr.org) or contact Beth M. Stovell (bstovell@ambrose.edu), George Athas (george.athas@moore.edu.au), Daniel Timmer (daniel.timmer@prts.edu) or Colin M. Toffelmire (ctoffelmire@ambrose.edu).

Daniel Timmer, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)

Terence J. Kleven, Central College
"For I Will Cleanse Their Blood (ונקיתי דמים) That I Have Not Cleansed": A Rhetorical Study of the Depiction of the People, the Land, and the Nations in the Book of Joel (35 min)

Nathan Lovell, George Whitefield College
Pax Assyriaca or Pax Zion? Micah's Logic of Peace and Militarism (35 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

P7-207

Institute for Biblical Research

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Emerging Scholarship in Biblical Studies**

This session showcases cutting-edge scholarship from emerging Old and New Testament scholars sponsored by Fellows of the Institute for Biblical Research. All are welcome to attend. Summaries of the papers will be read at the session, leaving opportunity for discussion. Papers will be available for review by October 1 at www.ibr-bbr.org/emerging-scholarship. Contact Rick Hess (rick@densem.edu) or Ruth Anne Reese (ruthanne.reese@asburyseminary.edu) for more information.

Richard S. Hess, Denver Seminary, Presiding

Ruth Anne Reese, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding

Guang Chen, Trinity International University
A Cultic Understanding of Genesis 4:7 (9 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Abbie F. Mantor, Asbury Theological Seminary
Caring for the Sufferers among Us: Job 3 through the Lens of Classical Rhetoric and Modern Psychological Trauma Studies (9 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Kevin Foth, McMaster Divinity College
Toward a Poetics of the Righteous and the Wicked in the Psalms (9 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Markus Nikkanen, Theological School of Finland
Paul and the Concept of Covenant (9 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Johnathan Harris, Wheaton College
*Justice, Deliverance, and Life: Justification in Galatians and Its LXX
 Background in Light of Contemporary Metaphor Theory (9 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

P7-209

International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Theme: **Content and Context**

Anna Angelini, University of Zurich, Presiding

Jelle Verburg, University of Oxford
*The Value of Motive in the Septuagint's Laws on Theft and Murder
 (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Max Leventhal, University of Cambridge
*The Letter of Aristeas and the "Diaspora" Vocabulary of the LXX
 (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Matthew Albanese, University of Oxford
Greek Isaiah and the LXX as Lexicon (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S7-210

SBL Josephus Seminar

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Chris Seeman, Walsh University, Presiding
 Joabson X. Pena, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
*A Portable Cosmos: The Cosmological Symbolism of the Tent in
 Josephus' Judaeen Antiquities (15 min)*

Discussion (20 min)

Break (5 min)

Carson Bay, Universität Bern - Université de Berne
The Nature of the "Law(s) of Nature" in Flavius Josephus (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Break (10 min)

David R. Edwards, Florida State University
Tradition and Innovation in Josephus' Antiquities (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S7-211

SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Seminar / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Affiliate

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Linguistic Variation in Biblical Hebrew**

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Jacobus Naude, University of the Free State, Presiding
 Brian Donnelly-Lewis, University of California-Los Angeles
*The Origin of the Hebrew Nitpaal: A Sociolinguistic Proposal
 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Tania Notarius, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Impersonal Verbal Constructions in Biblical Hebrew (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Jesse Scheumann, Sattler College
*A Re-examination of Verbal Agreement with Conjoined Subjects in
 Biblical Hebrew (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Joshua Berman, Bar-Ilan University
*Determining the Significance of Lexical Features as Indicative of
 CBH and LBH: Insights from The Tiberias Stylistic Classifier for the
 Hebrew Bible (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

S7-212

SBL Metaphor Theory and the Hebrew Bible / Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Metaphors and Theology in the Book of Ezekiel**

Michael Lyons, University of St. Andrews, Presiding
 Heather Macumber, Providence University College
A Monstrous Showdown: God versus Pharaoh in Ezekiel 32 (20 min)

Kipp Swinney, Baylor University
*Born of Fire, Perfected in War: The Sword and the Making of an
 Allegory in Ezekiel 21 (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Kevin Chau, University of the Free State
*Cooking with the Right Gadgets: Examining Ezekiel's Metaphor of
 the Boiling Pot (Ezekiel 24:1–14) through Poetry, the Holiness Code,
 and Textual Criticism (20 min)*

Sean Burt, North Dakota State University Main Campus
The Art of Ezekiel's Poetry (20 min)

Lieve Teugels, Protestant Theological University Amsterdam
The Vine Metaphor in Ezekiel 15, 17, and 19 (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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S7-213

SBL Qumran Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

- Jutta Jokiranta, University of Helsinki, Presiding
 John Kampen, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Reading Instruction as a Sectarian Composition (30 min)
- Hillel Mali, New York University and Naphtali Meshel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Hierarchy and Impurity from 4QTohorot A to Mishnah Kelim 1 (30 min)
- Patrick J. Angiolillo, New York University
New Hymns and Old: 4Q433a and the Composition History of 1QH^a (30 min)

P7-301

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Theme: **Pedagogies of Justice and Care in Liminal Times**

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.

- Nancy Lynne Westfield, Presiding
 Shehnaz Haqqani, Mercer University-Macon, Panelist
 Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary, Panelist
 Sara Ronis, Saint Mary's University (San Antonio), Panelist
 Ben Sanders, Eden Theological Seminary, Panelist
 Lisa Thompson, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Panelist

S7-302

SBL Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Teaching Today's Students—Online and in Person**

- John Hilton III, Brigham Young University
Spiritual Outcomes and Online General Education Religion Courses (20 min)
- Discussion (10 min)
 Ian Kinman, Fordham University
Teaching Canonization: A Musical Analogy (20 min)
- Discussion (10 min)
 Nicholas A. Elder, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
Bridging the Residential and Online (New Testament) Classroom (20 min)
- Discussion (10 min)
 Alexander P. Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University
Baby Yoda and the Cultivation of a Biblical Imagination (20 min)
- Discussion (10 min)

S7-303

SBL Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Trauma and the Book of Daniel**

Session 1 is an open joint session developed with the “Book of Daniel” program unit and will explore the interpretive intersections of Daniel traditions and trauma studies. Papers may use any Daniel tradition—canonical, pre-canonical, or non-canonical—as a departure point for exploring how the materials relate to historical moments of trauma in specific times, places, and locales or speak into ongoing experiences and perceptions of trauma in lives and communities. The thematic session will conclude with an invited respondent.

- Donald Polaski, Randolph-Macon College, Presiding
 John Ahn, Howard University
The Smell of Cultural Trauma: 9–11 and Dan 3 (25 min)
- Jonathan Redding, Nebraska Wesleyan University
Cheer Their Trauma, Celebrate Their Deaths: Billy Graham's Receptions of Daniel, Revelation, and Their Impact on American Evangelical Rhetoric of Global Trauma (25 min)
- Hyun Woo Kim, Emory University and Jee Hyun Baek, Boston University
Re-reading of Daniel as the Scribal “Double Telling” of Trauma (25 min)
- LeAnn Snow Flesher, Graduate Theological Union/ABSW
Daniel: A Continuous Traumatic Stress Disorder Monograph (25 min)
- Business Meeting (20 min)

S7-304**SBL Contextualizing North African Christianity Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Professional Seminar on Epigraphy**

This is the second of a series of professional seminars designed to better equip scholars of North African Christianity, and Religion in Late Antiquity in general, in the use of material culture in their research, teaching, and publications.

Edwina Murphy, Morling College, Presiding (5 min)

William Tabbernee, University of Oklahoma
Epigraphic Evidence for Early North African Christianity (40 min)

Break (10 min)

Karen Stern, Brooklyn College (CUNY)
New Data for Old Cultures: Considering Jews of Roman North Africa through Recent Epigraphic and Archaeological Findings (20 min)

Break (5 min)

Margaret M. Mitchell, University of Chicago
Epigraphy and Historiography: Lessons from Abercius (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S7-305**SBL Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Caribbean Soundings**

Marlon Winedt, United Bible Societies
The Papiamentu Study Bible: An Attempt at Popular Theological Formation through Creole Bible Translation (30 min)

Althea Spencer Miller, Drew University
Creoleness, Orality, and the Scriptures: A Holistic Interpretative Method (30 min)

Carol Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University
Pitchy-Patchy and John Bull: Patchwork Aesthetics, Performance, and Texts in the Anglophone Caribbean (30 min)

S7-306**SBL Johannine Literature Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Lindsey Trozzo, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Stuart B. Langley, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Who Says That God Loves the World? A Historical Argument to Identify the Ambiguous Speakers in John 3 (25 min)

Chang Seon An, Chongshin University
Reconsidering the Rhetoric of Temporality: Communal Time and Family Tree in 1 John (25 min)

Jeannine Hanger, University of Aberdeen
The Role of Touch in Comprehending Love: Jesus' Footwashing in John 13 (25 min)

Hugo Mendez, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The Invented Eyewitness of the Gospel and Epistles of John: A Literary History (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S7-307**SBL John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Language and Reception**

Justin Jeffcoat Schedtler, Wartburg College, Presiding
T.C. Schmidt, Fairfield University
The Allegorical Key: Revelation and Its Interpretation in Eastern Commentators (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Martina Vercesi, University of St Andrews
The Thousand-Year Kingdom (Rev 20–21) in the Textual Transmission: A Difficult Journey through Manuscripts and Church Fathers (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Garrett Best, Asbury Theological Seminary
Irregular Grammar in John's Apocalypse: Ineptitude or Artistry? (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Clarissa Breu, University of Vienna
John and Ezekiel: Everything Starts with a Quote (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Ralph J. Korner, Taylor College and Seminary
Are John's "Not Jews" Non-Pauline Judaizing Gentile Christos-Followers? (2:9; 3:9): An Apokalypsis of John's Non-supersessionist Agenda (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

S7-308**SBL Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Thinking with Gregory L. Cuéllar's Empire, the British Museum, and the Making of the Biblical Scholar (2019) and Resacralizing the Other at the US–Mexico Border (2020)**

This session features panelists invited to respond to Gregory L. Cuéllar's *Empire, the British Museum, and the Making of the Biblical Scholar in the Nineteenth Century* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019) and *Resacralizing the Other at the US–Mexico Border: A Borderland Hermeneutic* (Routledge, 2020). The idea is not necessarily for the panelists to provide "book reviews" so much as to think with and alongside Cuéllar's work.

Gilberto Ruiz, Saint Anselm College, Presiding

Kay Smith, Azusa Pacific University, Panelist (15 min)

Néstor Medina, Emmanuel College, Panelist (15 min)

Timothy Sandoval, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Panelist (15 min)

Horacio Vela, University of the Incarnate Word, Panelist (15 min)

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton, Panelist (15 min)

Gregory Cuéllar, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Respondent (20 min)

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S7-309

SBL Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **The Creativity of Early Christian Discourse**

Harry Maier, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding (5 min)

Roy R. Jeal, Booth University College
Creative Development: Blended Discourse in Colossians (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

David Janssen, University of Divinity, Melbourne
Paul and the Cuirass: Conceptual Blending in 1 Thessalonians 5:1–10 (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

M Alroy Mascenghe, University of Cape Town
The Invention of the Christ Rhetorolect: A Case Study from 1 Corinthians 15:1–34 (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Bart B. Bruehler, Indiana Wesleyan University
The Flow and Blending of Religious Textures in Luke's Account of the Mission of the Seventy (Luke 10:1–24) (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Early Christian discourse as represented in and beyond the New Testament displays noticeable creativity while simultaneously engaging with a wide range of religious cultures and traditions in the ancient world. The papers in this session will employ insights from cognitive blending, critical spatiality, and sociorhetorical interpretation to explore the varieties of religious discourses in the Mediterranean milieu and how they were creatively blended in the texts of the New Testament and Early Christianity to generate rhetorically effective communication.

S7-310

SBL Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Spatial Theories and Biblical Studies**

This session features papers that employ spatial theories for the interpretation of biblical texts and cultures.

Eric Smith, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

John Mandsager, University of South Carolina - Columbia
The Plants of the Field: Differentiations, Unruly Vines, and Spatial Practices in Early Rabbinic Literature (25 min)

Alisha Paddock, University of Birmingham
Βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ and ἐκκλησία τοῦ θεοῦ: Boundary Markers for the Corinthian Believers (25 min)

Jolyon Pruszinski, Princeton University
Home and the Fourth Gospel: Hermeneutics of Domestic Space and the "Two-Level Drama" (25 min)

S7-311

SBL Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **How to Read the Bible Ethically?**

David Frankel, Presiding

Michael Oblath, University of Alaska
What Did Abraham Sacrifice on Moriah? (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Sonya Cronin, Florida State University
Exodus 32–34 as a Choreographed a Fight Dance: The Relationship between Moses and YHWH in Light of Jonah (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Vincenz Heereman, University of Notre Dame
Priestly Self-Critique in Num 15:22–31: Theological Implications of an Unforgivable Sin (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Mark R. Glanville, Regent College
Ethics of Reading an Unethical Text Ethically: A Fresh Reading of herem (Canaanite Destruction) in Deuteronomy and Joshua (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Michael J. Chan, Luther Seminary
A Stone Unturned: Political Authority in Martin Luther's 1530 Preface to the Book of Daniel (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

S8-101

SBL Archaeology of the Biblical World Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Louis C. Jonker, Universiteit van Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch

A Conflation of Divine and Royal Imagery? The Case of the Winged Disk Imagery in Achaemenid Persia (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Zachary Thomas, Macquarie University and Scott Booth, Pillar Seminary
Contextualising the Shifting Identities of Abel Beth Maacah in Archaeology and Text (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Christina Olson, Baylor University
Where Dead Kings Are Buried: Theological and Cultic Implications of Royal Burial in the Books of Kings and Ezekiel (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Andres Nõmmik, University of Helsinki
Some Considerations on the Connections between the Cult in Cyprus and Philistia (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S8-102

SBL Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Section / Bible and Popular Culture Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Bible, Trauma, and Popular Culture**

Sarah Emanuel, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Ma. Marilou S. Ibita, De la Salle University Manila, Philippines
Embodied Trauma, Embodied Gospel: Matthew in Film, Theater, and Songs (20 min)

June Dickie, University of KwaZulu-Natal
The Intersection of the Story of Ruth with Local Drama (Including Elements of Xhosa/Cape Colored Culture), as a Means to Promote Healing from "Township Trauma" (20 min)

Mariah Q. Richardson, Gardner-Webb University
Under the Same Sun of Absence Trauma: Human Resilience in Ecclesiastes and A Raisin in the Sun (20 min)

S8-103

SBL Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Blessing and Cursing in Ancient Hebrew Poetry and Beyond**

Beth Stovell, Ambrose University College and Seminary, Presiding

John Hobbins, The Davenant Institute
Recovering a Curse in Psalm 119:21: The Place of Curses in Psalms of Lament (25 min)

Beth Elness-Hanson, Johannelund School of Theology and Johanna Rönnlund, VID Specialized University
Women's Ways of Blessing YHWH: An Intercultural Analysis of Poetic Blessings in the Hebrew Bible (25 min)

Garrett Galvin, Franciscan School of Theology
The Power of Curses in the Pentateuch and Protection against Evil Forces (25 min)

Jeffery Leonard, Samford University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Business Meeting (10 min)

S8-104

SBL Children in the Biblical World Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Sharon Betsworth, Oklahoma City University, Presiding
Daniel Justel, Universidad Eclesiástica San Dámaso
Welcoming and Rejecting Children in Biblical and Cuneiform Literature (25 min)

Naomi Graetz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Effect of Obstetric Violence on Children in the Biblical World (25 min)

David A. Schones, Austin College
Birth and Death in Shunem: Infertility and Child Mortality in 2 Kings 4 (25 min)

Tyler S. Fulcher, Duke University
The Rhetorical Significance of Imperiled Children in 1 and 2 Kings (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-105

SBL Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **The Experience of the Other: Inclusion, Exclusion, and Judeophobia**

Kristin De Troyer, Universität Salzburg, Presiding
Katell Berthelot, CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research)
Philo and Tacitus on Conversion to Judaism, Inclusion, and Exclusion (30 min)

Logan Williams, Durham University
Aesthetic Divine Encounter: Ben Sira's Ekphrasis on Simon ben Onias in Light of Greco-Roman Epiphany Strategies (30 min)

Joe Morgan Currie, Harvard University
Nebuchadnezzar's Rage and Achilles' Wrath: Decentering the "Other" in Hellenistic Education (30 min)

Maren Niehoff, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Romans as Philo of Alexandria's "Other": Negotiating Politics and Judeophobia (30 min)

S8-106

SBL Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Disability and Healthcare in the New Testament and Ancient Christianity**

Lena Nogossek-Raithe, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Negotiating Deviating Bodies: Context, Function, and Norm of Disability in Mark's Healing Narratives (24 min)

Seonghyun Choi, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The Greatest Showman: Jesus and the Two Blind Men in Mark 8:22–26 and 10:46–52 (24 min)

Joseph Lee, Yale University
The Specter of Hysteria in Soranus of Ephesus: Womb "Feeling with" Body (24 min)

Frederick David Carr, Roberts Wesleyan College
Experiencing Changes and Changing Experiences: Pauline Transformation and Altered Sensory Capacities (24 min)

Christina M. Kreinecker, KU Leuven
Women Suffering in Ancient Everyday Life (24 min)

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P8-107

International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies

10:00 AM–11:30 AM

Theme: **Revision and Recension**

Alison Salvesen, University of Oxford, Presiding

Miika Tucker, University of Helsinki

The Character of the Translational Differences within Jer LXX That Reflect Known Revisional Tendencies (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Daniel Olariu, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Recensional Contextual Additions: Insights from Theodotion Daniel (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Tyler Smith, University of Salzburg

Recensional Activity in Addition C of the Alpha Text of Esther? (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S8-108

SBL Israelite Prophetic Literature Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Job Jindo, Academy for Jewish Religion, Presiding

Luiz Gustavo Assis, Boston College

Updating the Biblical GPS: 'Eglat Šelišiyāh as 'Ataroth in the Oracle against Moab (Isaiah 15–16) (30 min)

Avigail Aravna, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Mythological Concepts and Arrogance in Isa 25:6–8 and Isa 28:7–22 (30 min)

Joshua Berman, Bar-Ilan University

Measuring Style Using the Tiberian Stylistic Classifier for the Hebrew Bible Isaiah: The Case of Isaiah 34 (30 min)

Lida Panov, Universität Zürich

Innerbiblical Exegesis of the Isaiah Tradition in the Hezekiah-Isaiah Narratives (30 min)

S8-109

SBL Johannine Literature Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Christopher Skinner, Loyola University of Chicago, Presiding

Adesola Akala, Durham University

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman: Visual Hermeneutics as an Effective Pedagogical Method for the Gospel of John (20 min)

Andrew G. Benko, Southwestern University

"Our Father Jacob": Racial Rhetoric in John 4:4–26 (20 min)

Amy Smith Carman, Brite Divinity School (TCU)

The First Samaritan Convert as Woman and Slave: A Feminist Analysis of John 4:1–42 (20 min)

Andrew Byers, Cranmer Hall, St John's College, Durham University

John and "the Other" in Early Christianity: Schismatics, Secessionists, Strangers, and Other Evangelists (20 min)

Thomas Tops, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit

A Historical-Contextual Study of Dialectical Interrogation in John 6:5–14 and 8:46–59 (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-110

SBL Josephus Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Chris Seeman, Walsh University, Presiding

Bas van Os, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Artabanus and Antipas in Josephus' Jewish Antiquities, Book 18 (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Break (5 min)

Jordan Henderson, Florida State University

Josephus' Roman Alexander? A Comparison of the Origins of Hellenistic and Roman Rule of the Jews in Antiquitates Judaicae (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Break (10 min)

Warren Campbell, University of Notre Dame

Autographs and Archives: The Apologetic Purchase of Bookishness in Contra Apionem (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-110a

SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Seminar / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Affiliate

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Typological and Grammatical Categorization of Biblical Hebrew**

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Cynthia Miller-Naude, University of the Free State, Presiding

Matthew Anstey, Flinders University

The Syllable Typology of Tiberian Hebrew (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Dougald McLaurin III, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Defining Collective Nouns: How Cognitive Linguistics Helps Biblical Hebrew Grammarians (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Jun Sato, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto

A Reconsideration of Semantic Labeling for Hebrew Verbs: Interaction between Grammatical Aspect and Lexical Aspect (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Elizabeth Robar, Tyndale House

Caution: Morphology at Work (Though Not as We'd Expect) (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S8-111

SBL Midrash Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Innovative Approaches to Midrash**

Rivka Ulmer, Bucknell University, Presiding

Gilad Elbom, Oregon State University

Metatextual Rivalries: Scripture, Midrash, Kabbalah (20 min)

Marc Hirshman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Certain and Simple Sense in the Aggadic Interpretation of the Bible (20 min)

Matthew Goldstone, Academy for Jewish Religion

Towards a Cautious Model for Comparing Tannaitic Midrashim and the Gospels (20 min)

W. David Nelson, Independent Scholar

Humming the Bridge: Improvisation, Performance, and the Comprehensive Study of the Midrashic Proof-text (20 min)

Lieve Teugels, Protestant Theological University Amsterdam

Field/Vineyard and Nachalah/Segulah Metaphors in Bible and Rabbinic Parables (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-111a

SBL Prophetic Texts and Their Ancient Contexts / Egyptology and Ancient Israel Seminar / Egyptology and Ancient Israel Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Prophets and Prophecy in Ancient Egypt, the Levant, and the Hebrew Bible**

Bernd Schipper, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Humboldt University of Berlin, Presiding

Christopher B. Hays, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena), Presiding

Alexandra von Lieven, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

Divine Will and Human Decision-Making: Divinatory Techniques in Ancient Egypt and Their Hermeneutics (15 min)

John Huddleston, College of Charleston

The First Isaiah: A Literary Polymath between Assyria and Egypt? (15 min)

Dan'el Kahn, University of Haifa

The Angel of God and the Griffin: Divine Intervention in War (15 min)

Joseph Cross, University of Chicago

Finding God in Nineveh: A Case Study in Judean and Egyptian Prophetic Imagination (15 min)

Discussion (60 min)

S8-112

SBL Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **The Comparative Textual Criticism of Religious Scriptures**

Textual Criticism is a methodological approach to various religious and non-religious literatures from antiquity through modern times. However, the textual critical work on these literary corpora happens in isolation from each other and even textual critics of, e.g., the New Testament interact rarely with textual critics of the Hebrew Bible. This lack of interdisciplinarity represents not only a lost chance to learn from one another but it also does not allow to discover common mechanisms that may underly the transmission of literary canons in ancient or modern cultures. This session is a first attempt at the comparative textual criticism of corpora of authoritative writings and hopes to identify commonalities and differences in their textual transmission.

Armin Lange, Universität Wien, Presiding (2 min)

Graeme Bird, Gordon College

Textual Criticism and the Homeric Epics (17 min)

Emanuel Tov, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible (17 min)

David Trobisch, Technische Universität Dresden

How to Solve a Text-Critical Problem by Discerning between Distinctive Editions: A Case Study of Lk 24:13 (17 min)

Marijn van Putten, Leiden University

The Early Textual Transmission of the Quran (17 min)

Signe Cohen, University of Missouri

Textual Criticism and Orally Transmitted Texts (17 min)

Nicholas Trautz, University of Virginia

A History and Critique of Text-Critical Approaches in the Study of Buddhist Literature (17 min)

Roundtable Discussion (16 min)

P8-113

The Qur'an and the Biblical Tradition (IQSA)

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Session I**

Klaus von Stosch, University of Paderborn

Why Mary and Jesus Had to Eat: On the Legacy of Q 5:75 (24 min)

Thomas Hoffmann, University of Copenhagen

A Ban in the Qur'an: Was hērem Part of God's sunna? (24 min)

David Penchansky, University of Saint Thomas (Saint Paul, MN)

The Prophet and the Blind Man: Surat-al-Abasa and a Gospel Story (24 min)

Rachel Claire Dryden, Cambridge/Oxford

Iblis on Trial: Guilty until Proven Innocent? (24 min)

Emran El-Badawi, University of Houston

The Zaqqum Tree and Biblical Asherah Grove (24 min)

S8-114

SBL Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Luncheon

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

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S8-201

SBL Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Jewish Narratives**

Eric Vanden Eykel, Ferrum College, Presiding

Agata Grzybowska, University of Warsaw
*Jewish Fiction in the Egyptian Diaspora and the Development of
Fictional Prose Narratives in the Hellenistic Period (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Monika Amsler, University of Maryland - University College
Narratives, Tablets, and Ostraca: A Conversation (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S8-202

SBL Biblical Lexicography Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Practical Lexicography**

This session is devoted to the practical and theoretical task of lexicography, that is the essential art of compiling, writing critiquing and editing lexica. The session focus, as per the focus of this Program Unit is ancient languages relating to Biblical lexicography.

Reinier de Blois, American Bible Society
*A Day in the Life of a Lexicographer: Semantic Analysis from a
Cognitive Linguistic Perspective (20 min)*

Discussion (4 min)

Klaas Spronk, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit and Paul Sanders, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit
The Semantics of Ancient Hebrew Database: History and Future of an Ambitious Project (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

William A. Ross, Reformed Theological Seminary
Too Practical? Early Modern Septuagint Lexicography and Its Effects (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Michael P. Theophilos, Australian Catholic University
Numismatic Evidence in Greek Lexicography (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Milton Eng, William Paterson University
Lessons on Practical Lexicography in the Baker Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

S8-203

SBL Chronicles–Ezra–Nehemiah Section

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Theme: **Book Review Panel of Israel Finkelstein, Hasmonean Realities behind Ezra, Nehemiah, and Chronicles**

Philip Yoo, University of Texas at Austin, Presiding

Deirdre Fulton, Baylor University, Panelist (20 min)

Diana Edelman, University of Oslo, Panelist (20 min)

Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv University, Panelist (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S8-204

SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Micah Kiel, Saint Ambrose University, Presiding

Paavo Tucker, Lipscomb University

What Does It Profit? Qohelet and the Commodification of Nature (30 min)

Dominic S. Irudayaraj, Pontificio Istituto Biblico
Destruction–Restoration Dichotomy in Isaiah 34–35: An Ecological Reappraisal (30 min)

Rebecca Copeland, Boston University School of Theology
Blessing the Fig Tree: Redeeming Nonconforming Bodies in Matthew 21:18–22:14 (30 min)

Jung Ae Kim, Drew University

Give Me a Drink of Water: Eco-feminist Reading of John 4 (30 min)

S8-205

SBL Greco-Roman Religions Section

1:00 PM–2:15 PM

Theme: **Interpreting Greek and Roman ‘Religions’ in Context in the Mediterranean World**

Papers will not be read in the online session. The presentations will be available before the session on the following channel: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1550425748497548/> Papers will be available beforehand and can be requested from the program unit chair, Gerhard van den Heever, vdheega@unisa.ac.za. The online session will only consist of the discussion of the papers. The session program lists the presenters and their paper topics as they would have appeared on the original program book.

Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa, Presiding

Ranjani Atur, University of California–Santa Barbara

Seeing Is Believing: Considering Viewership in Ancient Greek Religion via Indian Darśan (1 min)

Patrick Stange, University of Toronto

Phrygian Confessions: The Vita Abercii and the Epigraphic Habit of Confession (1 min)

Frederick E. Brenk, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome

Investigating and Theorizing: The Small Artifacts in the Temple of Isis at Pompeii (1 min)

Discussion (40 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

S8-206**SBL Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Urmas Nommik, University of Tartu
The Royal Lore in Genesis and Its Relation to the Ancient Near Eastern Literature (30 min)

Jaime A. Myers, New York University
Godnapping under Empire: An Examination of Imperial and Subversive Scribal Strategies (30 min)

Patricia R. Jelbert, University of Gloucestershire
The Book of Chronicles and Ancient Near Eastern Colophon Chronography (30 min)

Ethan Schwartz, Villanova University
Greek Philosophical Analogues to the Prophetic Critique of Cultic Impropropriety (30 min)

S8-207**SBL Midrash Section / History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism Section**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Emotion and Affect in Rabbinic Literature**

Rivka Ulmer, Bucknell University, Presiding
 Erez DeGolan, Columbia University in the City of New York
“Evil Trogonos” (y. Sukkah 5:1/55b) and the Roman Economy of Emotions (25 min)

Matthew Hass, Harvard University
Emotional Merit and the Aqedah in Genesis Rabbah (25 min)

Ronit Nikolsky, Groningen University
Studying Emotions in Midrash without Being Abusive (25 min)

Jon Schofer, University of Texas at Austin
The Death of Moses, and the Understanding of Deuteronomy, in Deuteronomy Rabbah 11:10 (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-208**SBL Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Section**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **The Bible and US Racism**

Margaret Oget, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary,
 Presiding (5 min)

Rodolfo Galvan Estrada III, Fuller Theological Seminary
Redefining Racism as an Anti-Pneumatic Activity: Rereading the Spirit in the Gospel of John (20 min)

Dong Hyeon Jeong, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Simon the Tanner, Empires, and Assemblages: A New Materialist Asian American Reading of Acts 9:43 (20 min)

Shawn Kelley, Daemen College
Spoken and Unspoken: Racial Categories in Scholarly Constructs of the Ethiopian Eunuch and Cornelius (20 min)

Yii-Jan Lin, Yale Divinity School
“A Scourge in the Hand of God”: Apocalypse, Plague, and the Other (20 min)

Discussion (35 min)

S8-209**SBL Nature Imagery and Conceptions of Nature in the Bible Consultation**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Tree Images (in the Wild and in Agriculture): Themes and Functions**

This session is structured around the figurative use of parts of the tree: roots, branches, fruit, trunk/height, stumps, etc. Hebrew Bible scholars will cooperate with botanists and archaeobotanists to provide new insights into arboreal imagery.

Mark Boda, McMaster Divinity College, Presiding

William Osborne, College of the Ozarks, Introduction (5 min)

Amy Balogh, Regis University
Can a Tree Help Where It Is Planted? The Metaphor of Roots and Soil in the Hebrew Bible (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Brady Alan Beard, Emory University
Fig Trees in the Prophetic Imagination (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Norma Franklin, University of Haifa
The Apotropaic Power of the Date-Palm Image (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S8-210**SBL Textual Criticism of Samuel – Kings Section**

1:00 PM–2:45 PM

Theme: **Translation Techniques in the Versions of Samuel, Kings, and Esther**

The papers in this session address issues of technique and linguistics in the ancient translations of Samuel, Kings, and Esther.

Sarah Yardney, University of Chicago, Presiding

Jonathan Robker, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
Solomon's Wisdom in the Traditions (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Vladimir Olivero, University of Oxford
At the Interface between Textual Criticism and Linguistics: The Case of 2 Kings 18–20 (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Dionisio Candido, Universität Salzburg
Translation Techniques in the Vetus Latina of the Book of Esther (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (15 min)

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P8-211

The Qur'an: Surah Studies (IQSA)

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Nevin Reda, Presiding

Shawkat Toorawa, Presiding

Halla Attallah, Georgetown University

*Abraham's Argument in Q 6:74–84: A Literary-Critical Examination
of the Type-Scene in Sūrat Al-An'ām (24 min)*

Sohaib Saeed, Freiburg University

Surat al-An'ām as 'mufassir' and 'mufassar' (24 min)

Jáchym Šenkyřík, Charles University

"wa huwa alladhī ja'alakum khalā'ifa l arđi..." (Q. 6:165):

*"Succession" (خلف) as a Major Theme of Surat al-An'ām Regarding the
Dialectics of the Inter-Communal Relations (24 min)*

Samuel Wilder, Freie University Berlin

*Chronology and "Transitional" Form: Sūrat al-An'ām in the Late
Meccan Corpus (24 min)*

Adam Flowers, University of Chicago

The Qur'anic Treatise (24 min)

S8-212

SBL Transmission of Traditions in the Second Temple Period Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Transmission of Psalm and Prophetic Traditions**

Anja Klein, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Collin Cornell, Sewanee: The University of the South

*Pap. Amb 63 vi as a Missing Link in the Transmission of Royal
Traditions (30 min)*

Gary P. Klump, Marquette University

Ben Sira and the Psalms (30 min)

Drew Longacre, Qumran Institute, University of Groningen

The 4Q83 Psalter and the Missing Half of the 11Q5 Psalter (30 min)

Megan R. Remington, University of California-Los Angeles

*From Ezekiel to Daniel: Reworking Hybrid Creatures in Visionary
Literature (30 min)*

S8-213

SBL Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section / Bible and Visual Art Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **A Celebration of Samuel E. Balentine and Discussion of
His Festschrift, *Seeking Wisdom's Depths and Torah's Heights***

Contributors to *Seeking Wisdom's Depths and Torah's Heights: Essays in
Honor of Samuel E. Balentine* (Smyth & Helwys, 2020) will reflect on
their essays and the impact of Samuel E. Balentine's scholarship. This
session will close with remarks from Dr. Balentine.

Barry R. Huff and Patricia Vesely, Principia College and
Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding (20 min)

E. Carson Brisson, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Panelist
(10 min)

Katharine J. Dell, University of Cambridge, Panelist (10 min)

Phillip Michael Lasater, Universität Zürich, Panelist (10 min)

William P. Brown, Columbia Theological Seminary, Panelist
(10 min)

Heidi J. Hornik, Baylor University, Panelist (10 min)

Samuel L. Adams, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Panelist
(10 min)

Marvin A. Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology, Panelist
(10 min)

Heather Woodworth Brannon, Emory University, Panelist
(10 min)

Mark E. Biddle, Independent Scholar, Panelist (10 min)

Samuel E. Balentine, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Respondent
(10 min)

S8-214

SBL Women in the Biblical World Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Phyllis Bird, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Gender Distinction in Israelite Personal Names (20 min)

Jaime L. Waters, DePaul University
Women as Mourners and Prophetic Mediators (20 min)

Rachel Ofer, Herzog College - Mikhlelet Herzog
The Medium of Endor in Modern Hebrew Literature (20 min)

S8-215

SBL Writing Social-Scientific Commentaries of the New Testament Seminar

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Review of Robert L. Brawley, Luke: A Social Identity
Commentary. T&T Clark Social Identity Commentaries on the
New Testament**

Kathy Ehrensperger, Universität Potsdam, Presiding (5 min)

Philip Esler, University of Gloucestershire, Panelist (15 min)

Joel Green, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena), Panelist
(15 min)

Aaron Kuecker, Trinity Christian College, Panelist (15 min)

Julia Snyder, University of Cambridge, Panelist (15 min)

Break (5 min)

Robert Brawley, McCormick Theological Seminary, Respondent
(20 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S8-300

SBL Women Student Members Networking Session

3:30 PM–5:00 PM

Theme: **Building Resilience in the Academy and Beyond**

Student Workshop with Maria Lamonaca Wisdom

Angela Harkins, Boston College School of Theology and
Ministry, Presiding

Maria Lamonaca Wisdom, Duke University, Panelist

S8-301/A8-315

SBL Reading, Theory, and the Bible Section

4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Theme: **A Thousand Readings: Theology and the Bible with
Deleuze and Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus*, Forty Years Later**

This session is co-sponsored with the AAR Sacred Texts, Theory, and
Theological Construction Unit.

Since its publication in 1980, Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari's
A Thousand Plateaus has inspired a slow yet significant, tectonic
engagement in biblical and theological studies. Yet, Deleuze and
Guattari's potential for biblical and theological studies remains just
as elusive as it may be vital. The papers in this session assemble a
number of creative biblical, theological, and philosophical scholars
thinking with alongside Deleuze and Guattari's work in general, and
A Thousand Plateaus more specifically. Each paper in this session
explores trajectories and potential connections Deleuze and Guattari's
philosophical make for our present scholarly moment and speculate
about what our moment(s) might yet become.

Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College, Presiding (10 min)

Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
The 40-Year-Old Rhizome: A Limiting and Liberating Legacy
(25 min)

David J. Fuller, McMaster Divinity College
*Coding and Speech, Writing and Desire: Reading 2 Enoch with
Deleuze and Guattari* (25 min)

D. Brendan Johnson, Duke Divinity School
*De-/Reterritorialization in Ezekiel: Eschatology, Prophecy, and the
"Schizophrenic Physician"* (25 min)

S8-302

SBL African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Honoring Intellectual Ancestors: Cain Hope Felder and
New Voices in African American Biblical Hermeneutics**

Mitzi J. Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary
Hair 'On the Verge': A Womanist Queering of 1 Cor 11:1–16 (20 min)

Justin Reed, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
*Xenophilia, Xenophobia, and the World behind the Text: Reading the
"Others" in Genesis through Tinted Lenses* (20 min)

Terry Ann Smith, New Brunswick Theological Seminary and
Janice McLean-Farrell, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
*Nurturing the Disruptive Voice: Reflections on Naaman's Slave Girl
(2 King 5) and Cultivating the Voices of African American and Black
Immigrant Girls* (20 min)

Charles V Gilmer, Duquesne University
*African American Biblical Hermeneutic of Justice and Princeton
Seminary's Slavery Audit* (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-303

SBL Assyriology and the Bible Section

5:00 PM–6:45 PM

Theme: **Literature and Cultus**

Jeffrey Cooley, Boston College, Presiding

Elizabeth VanDyke, University of California-Los Angeles
*Designing the Golden Calf: A Reappraisal and Reinterpretation of
Exodus 32:4a* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

John Day, University of Oxford
*Was the Biblical Flood Story Dependent on the Gilgamesh Epic or the
Atrahasis Epic?* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Benedikt Hensel, Universität Zürich
*Deporting God(s) and Demonstrating Power: The Ark Narrative(s)
1 Sam 4–6*/ 2 Sam 6* as an Answer to the Assyrian Practice of
Godnapping* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S8-304

SBL Bible and Practical Theology Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Intersections between Biblical Interpretation and Practical
Theology**

Deborah Appler, Moravian College & Theological Seminary,
Presiding (5 min)

Kyoochan Lee, Calvary Presbyterian Church in Mesa, Arizona
*Behind Peter's Pentecost Sermon (Acts 2:14–36): The Effectiveness
Principles Argued in Light of the Hearers' Responses (Acts 2:37, 40)*
(30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Juan Marcelo Zanga Céspedes, Universidad Peruana Unión
Perception of the #MeToo Movement from a Peruvian Perspective
(30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (5 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

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S8-305

SBL Christian Theology and the Bible / Matthew Section / Matthew Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Women Interpreters of Matthew's Women**

This session of invited panelists focuses on interpreting the women in Matthew's Gospel, with a special emphasis on women interpreters and including interpretations from a theological perspective. Co-sponsored by the Matthew section and the Christian Theology and the Bible section.

Nathan Eubank, University of Notre Dame, Presiding (5 min)

Jeannine Brown, Bethel Seminary (St. Paul, MN)
*Interpreting Gentile Women in Matthew: Misrepresentation,
Misappropriation, and a Missed Chance (20 min)*

Dorothy Jean Weaver, Eastern Mennonite Seminary
Women and Empire: A Study of Matthew's Narrative (20 min)

Break (5 min)

Edith Humphrey, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Matriarchs, Mothers, and Mediation in Matthew (20 min)

Celia I. Wolff, Northwest Nazarene University
Dogged Faith: Matthew 15:21–28 in Literary Context (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-306

SBL Early Jewish Christian Relations Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Early Jewish-Christian Relations: State of the Field and
Continuing Relevance**

Thirty years after this program unit was inaugurated, this session features two kinds of papers. First, we have papers that assess the state of the field, suggest points of contact and points of departure, and elicit conversations about future directions for the study of early Jewish Christian relations. Second, we feature papers that put this work on ancient Jewish-Christian relations in conversation with modern violence and discourses of violence.

Susanna Drake, Macalester College, Presiding

Joshua Paul Smith, University of Denver
Locating Luke: Ta Ethnē and the Authorship of Acts (25 min)

Eric Brewer, Baylor University
*Jesus and Jesus on Banqueting Behavior: Luke 14:7–14 in Light of
Sirach 32:1–2 (25 min)*

David Leonhardt, Duke University
Befriending Nicodemus (25 min)

Aaron Ricker, McGill University
The Synagogue of Satan, Then and Now (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-307

SBL Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, Presiding

Jimmy Hoke, Luther College
*Chastity and Asexuality: Asexual Resonances around the Acts of Thecla
(20 min)*

Discussion (4 min)

Charlene van der Walt, University of KwaZulu-Natal
*Moving beyond the Text as Slogan: Reading Genesis 19 in the Context
of LGBTI Lived Realities in African Faith Contexts (20 min)*

Discussion (4 min)

Michael Rosenberg, Hebrew College
Miriam, Wisdom, and the Goddess in Rabbinic Literature (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Eric C. Smith, Iliff School of Theology
*Queerer Meals: Agape, Potlucks, and Alternative Community
(20 min)*

Discussion (4 min)

James E. Harding, University of Otago
The Threat of Male Rape in the Hebrew Bible (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

S8-308

SBL Redefining Christian Origins Seminar

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Imagining/Inventing Christian Antiquity**

Seminar session with papers exploring the question of how the category of "origins" has played a role in the history of scholarship on Christianity and how social interests have been served by origins-related discourses within early Christian social formations.

Matthew Baldwin, Mars Hill University, Presiding

Sarah E. Rollens, Rhodes College
Rethinking the Concept of Mission in Early Christianity (15 min)

Kevin McGinnis, Stonehill College
*An Office without an Origin: Redefining the Priesthood in Early
Christianity (15 min)*

M. David Litwa, ACU Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry
Theorizing Alternative "Gnostic" Christianities (15 min)

Meira Kensky, Coe College, Respondent (20 min)

Break (10 min)

Discussion (45 min)

S8-309

SBL Religions of Israel and Judah in Their West Asian Environment Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Review of Phyllis Bird, *Harlot or Holy Woman? A Study of Hebrew Qeḏešah* (Eisenbrauns, an imprint of Pennsylvania State University Press, 2019)**

Simeon Chavel, University of Chicago, Presiding
Jessie DeGrado, Brandeis University, Panelist (20 min)
Madadh Richey, University of Chicago, Panelist (20 min)
Caryn Tamber-Rosenau, University of Houston, Panelist (20 min)
Heath Dewrell, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)
Phyllis Bird, Garrett–Evangelical Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S8-310

SBL Student Advisory Board SBL Committees

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Turning Your Dissertation into a Book**

Co-sponsored with the Professional Development Committee.

Whether you are just getting ready to write your dissertation, have recently submitted it, or long ago completed it, the prospect of revising your dissertation into a book can be daunting. Ph.D. students and early career scholars are more aware than ever of the need to turn their dissertations into published books. To help demystify this process, SBL's Student Advisory Board and Professional Development Committee have brought together editors from university and independent presses to share their tips for successfully revising your dissertation into a monograph and landing a publishing contract. The panelists will share their perspectives on how to make your dissertation a viable book project, what makes a great book proposal, and how to approach a press about your project.

Camille Angelo, Yale University, Presiding
Ian Nelson Mills, Duke University, Presiding
Angela Zautcke, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Jennifer Banks, Yale University Press, Panelist
James Ernest, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, Panelist
Elaine Maisner, University of North Carolina Press, Panelist
Kyle Smith, University of Toronto, Panelist
Kyle Wagner, University of Chicago Press, Panelist

S8-401

SBL Intertextuality in the New Testament Section

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Theme: **Intertextuality in the Epistles**

Isaac Morales, Providence College (Rhode Island), Presiding
Paul T Sloan, Houston Baptist University
Blood on the Hilasterion: The Renewed Cult in Ezek 43:20 and Rom 3:25 (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Zane McGee, Emory University
An Accusation of Divine Abandonment: Making Sense of the Citation of Ps 44:23 in Romans 8. (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Xiuxia Xue, China Graduate School of Theology
Paul's Concept of the Messiah in the Letter to the Romans: An Intertextual Analysis (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Nathan Porter, Duke University
Cyrus the Great as the God of Israel in Isaiah 45: The Intertextual Christology of Philippians 2:5–11 (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Julie M. Leyva, Duke University
God Said It Where? Tracing a Mystery Citation in Hebrews 13 (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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S9-101

SBL Archaeology of Roman Palestine Consultation

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Book Review Panel: Khirbet Qumrān and Ain Feshkha IV A: Qumran Cave 11Q: Archaeology and New Scroll Fragments**

Matthew Grey, Brigham Young University, Welcome (5 min)
Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta, Introduction (5 min)
Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta, Presiding
George Brooke, University of Manchester, Panelist (20 min)
Jurgen Zangenberg, Leiden University, Panelist (20 min)
Sidnie White Crawford, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Panelist (20 min)
Lawrence Schiffman, New York University, Panelist (20 min)
Marcello Fidanzio, Facoltà Teologia Lugano, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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S9-102

SBL Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Christopher Jones, Washburn University, Presiding

Kaz Hayashi, Baylor University
*The Angel of YHWH Wielding a Sword: The Iconographical
Background of 1 Chronicles 21 (20 min)*

Lacy K. Crocker Papadakis, University of Miami and Baylor
University
*Chronicles and Sacred Space: An Account of Solomon's Temple Sans
Windows (20 min)*

D. Allen Hutchison, Stellenbosch University
*A Blameworthy Burial: A Methodology and Case Study for Inner-
Biblical Allusion in 2 Chr 16:14 (20 min)*

R. Jarrett Van Tine, University of St. Andrews
*The Reception of Chronicles by the Author of the First Gospel: The
Kingdom of Heaven as the Restored Cultic Empire (20 min)*

Jason A. Staples, North Carolina State University
*Shouts of Joy Mixed with Weeping in a City with Walls: The Failed
Restoration(s) of Ezra-Nehemiah (20 min)*

Paul Cizek, Marquette University
*Finding Deuteronomy's Law of Vows in the Mouth of Zerubbabel
(20 min)*

S9-103

SBL Ethiopic Bible and Literature Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Ethiopic Canon, Bible, and Interpretation**

Curt Niccum, Abilene Christian University, Presiding
Nebeyou Alemu Terefe, Wycliffe Ethiopia
*The Term Cush and Its Appropriation in the Andemta Commentary
Tradition (20 min)*

Jeremy R. Brown, Catholic University of America
*Foundations of a Genre: The Early Corpus of the Ethiopic Miracles of
Mary (20 min)*

Ralph Lee, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Faculty of
and Steve Delamarter, George Fox University
The Oldest Extant Versions of Ethiopic Deuteronomy (20 min)

Daniel Assefa, Tibeb Research Center
*Dibekulu Zewde's Amharic Book on the Ethiopic Biblical Canon
(20 min)*

Garry Jost, Textual History of the Ethiopic Old Testament
Ethiopic Obadiah: Methodology and Analysis (20 min)

Christian Seppänen, University of Helsinki
Translator's Additions in the Ethiopic Bible in 2 Sam 1–9 (20 min)

S9-104

SBL John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Material Culture, Place, and Space**

Michelle Fletcher, King's College London, Presiding

Jonathan Groce, Emory University
*Barbaric Empire: Reading Revelation 13 at the Great Altar of
Pergamon (20 min)*

Discussion (4 min)

Andrew R. Guffey, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
*The Missing Image: Imagining the Divine in the Book of Revelation,
Other Jewish Visionary Texts, and Their Material Environments
(20 min)*

Discussion (4 min)

Ross E. Winkle, Pacific Union College
*(The) Speaking of the Altar: Animate Architecture in the Heavenly
Temple in Rev 16:7 (20 min)*

Discussion (4 min)

Yevgeniy Runkevich, University of California-Santa Barbara
Re-centering Patmos (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Jamie Davies, Trinity College, Bristol
Reading the Apocalypse with Christopher Nolan (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

S9-105

SBL LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Laurel Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary, Presiding

Christopher B. Zeichmann, University of Toronto
*A Homophile Centurion and the Legality of Love: Matt 8:5–13/Luke
7:1–10 in Continental Europe, 1950–1990 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Kerry Carnahan, University of Connecticut
*"I Was Asleep, I Was a Kind of Sleep": The Song of Songs' Trans
Shulamit (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

S9-106

SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Matthew Anstey, Flinders University, Presiding

Kevin Grasso, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Qatal: The Perfect Perfective (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Young Bok Kim, University of Chicago
*Free Forms of Address and the Cases of Expressive Shift in Biblical
Hebrew (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Vasile Condrea, Dublin City University
Reclaiming Harald Weinrich's Text-Linguistics: The Syntax of Genesis 24 as Test Case (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

David E. S. Stein, Freelance Editorial Services
The Hebrew Noun 'is as a Marker of Consequential Participation (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S9-107

SBL Novum Testamentum Graecum: Editio Critica Maior Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **The Editio Critica Maior of the Gospel according to Mark**

Tommy Wasserman, Ansgar Teologiske Høgskole, Presiding (5 min)

Holger Strutwolf, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
Textual Decisions in the ECM of Mark (25 min)

Elizabeth Shively, University of St. Andrews
A Response to the Proposed Textual Changes in the ECM of Mark (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Katharina Schröder, Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung
The Coptic Tradition in the ECM: Developments, Achievements, Prospect (20 min)

David Vasquez, Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung
An Investigation into the New Testament Citations of the Gospel of Mark Found in the Works of the Early Church Fathers (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S9-108

SBL Scripture and Paul Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **2 Corinthians**

Roy Ciampa, Samford University, Presiding (15 min)

Paul B. Duff, The George Washington University
Paul, Moses, and the Glory of God in 2 Corinthians 3 (35 min)

James Scott, Trinity Western University
2 Corinthians 3–4 and the Language of Creation: The Citation of Gen 1:3 in 2 Cor 4:6 (35 min)

B. J. Oropeza, Azusa Pacific University
Reconciliation in "Light" of the New Creation: Confirming Isaianic Influence on Paul's Use of καταλλαγή in 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 (35 min)

S9-109

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions / Greco-Roman Religions Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Fur, Feathers, Paws, and Gods; Animals in Ancient Mediterranean Religions**

Daniel Schowalter, Carthage College, Presiding

Jeffrey Brodd, California State University - Sacramento
The Motif of Docility in Cultic Animals of Mediterranean Antiquity (20 min)

Carolina Lopez-Ruiz, Ohio State University
A Boat-Eating Lion? An Afterlife Motif Found in a Tartessic Ivory and Its Phoenician Comparanda (20 min)

Ilona Rashkow, Stony Brook University
Monsters in the Ancient Near East: A Bridge between the Terrestrial and the Divine (20 min)

Jordan D. Rosenblum, University of Wisconsin-Madison
"A Courtyard of a Non-Jew ... Is Like a Cattle-Pen": The Human Other as Non-human Animal in Rabbinic Literature (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (10 min)

S9-110

SBL Synoptic Gospels Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Review of Matthew Thiessen, Jesus and the Forces of Death: The Gospels' Portrayal of Ritual Impurity within First-Century Judaism (Baker 2020)**

Abraham Smith, Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Matthew Thiessen, McMaster University, Introduction (10 min)

Roy Gane, Andrews University, Panelist (20 min)

Loren Stuckenbruck, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Panelist (20 min)

Angela Harkins, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Panelist (20 min)

Anders Runesson, University of Oslo, Panelist (20 min)

Matthew Thiessen, McMaster University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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P9-111

The Qur'an and the Biblical Tradition (IQSA)

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Session II**

Elon Harvey, The University of Chicago
Q 18:39b, the Hawqala, and Zech. 4:6b (24 min)

Zishan Ghaffar, University of Paderborn
*Counterfactual Intertextuality in the Qur'an and the Exegetical
Tradition of Syriac Christianity (24 min)*

Johanne Louise Christiansen, University of Southern Denmark
*"God Is Teaching You (wa-yu'allimukumu llāhu)" (Q 2:282): On
Teachers and Their Roles in the Qur'an and the Hebrew Bible
(24 min)*

Saqib Hussain, Oxford University
*The Qur'anic Decalogue in Light of Early-Jewish and Patristic
Literature (24 min)*

Tugrul Kurt, University of Frankfurt
*Early Muslim Exegetes' Injil Criticism: A Case of tahrīf? Socio-
political Dynamics of Proving Identity (24 min)*

S9-112

SBL Women in the Biblical World Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Women in the Biblical Legal Codes**

Kelsey Spinnato, Southern Methodist University
Ruth and the Interpretation of Biblical Law (20 min)

Sarah Cook, University of Georgia
*Exclusive Laws with Symmetrical Punishments: Is the Bētūlāh of
Deuteronomy 22 a Kind of Bat Sōreret? (20 min)*

Carmen Palmer, Martin Luther University College
*Searching for an Inclusive Approach to Biblical Laws Relating to
Women: Using the Dead Sea Scrolls as a Comparative Tool (20 min)*

Kelsi Morrison-Atkins, Harvard University
*Performing Piety: "Dress Codes" and the Construction of Gender in 1
Timothy (20 min)*

Ekaterina Kozlova, London School of Theology
*An Indecent Proposal or a Ritualized Quest for Survival? The
Threshing Floor Episode in Ruth 3 Reconsidered (20 min)*

S9-201

SBL Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Christy Cobb, Wingate University, Presiding

Jeannie Sellick, University of Virginia
*Virgin Acts: Blinding, Castration, and the Violence of Male Chastity
(20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

R. Gillian Glass, University of British Columbia
*Goodness, Gracious, Great Swords of Fire! The Judeo-Hellenic Context
of Military Scenes in Joseph and Aseneth (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Katharine Fitzgerald, McMaster University
*Trapped: Beauty and Sexual Violence in Susanna and the Elders
(20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

April Hoelke Simpson, Southern Methodist University
*The Gods and (Dis)Honor: The Relationship between Divinely
Caused Suffering and Honor in Metamorphoses, Callirhoe, and Mark
(20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

S9-202

SBL Assyriology and the Bible Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Nuru Eššu eli Etemme Labruti**

Rannfrid Thelle, Wichita State University, Presiding

David Danzig, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New
York University
*Shanati: A Project to Reconstruct the First Millennium BCE Ancient
Babylonian Chronology to the Day (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Yuval Levavi, Universität Wien
*Ghost Archival Patterns: The Generational Problem with Yabwistic
Names (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Øyvind Bjørn, University of Texas at Austin
*Of Brambles of Briars: Ecocritical Readings in Isaiah and Neo-
Assyrian Royal Inscriptions (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Eric J. Harvey, Brandeis University
*On Stumbling Blocks and Blind Pups: Blindness as Metaphor and
Symbol in Hebrew and Akkadian Literature (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

S9-203

SBL Biblical Law Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Shalom E. Holtz, Yeshiva University
Swearing by or in God's Temple: Implications of God's Own Oaths
(20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Orit Malka, Tel Aviv University
*On the Meaning of *hē'id* in the Hebrew Bible: Between Summoning Witnesses and Imposing Oaths* (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Greg Church, Johns Hopkins University
When Law Becomes Ritual: The Defilement of the Land in Numbers 35 (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Robert D. Miller II, Catholic University of America
Orality and Performance in Biblical and Israelite Law (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S9-204

SBL Book of Samuel: Narrative, Theology and Interpretation Section / Biblical Ethics Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Women and Violence in the Book of Samuel**

David Firth, Trinity College - Bristol, Presiding
Ilse Muellner, Universität Kassel
Frightening Continuities: Reading Stories on Sexual Violence in the Book of Samuel Today (30 min)

Johanna W.H. van Wijk-Bos, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Breaking the Silence: The Violation of Tamar in 2 Samuel 13 (30 min)

Mariam Kamell Kovalishyn, Regent College, Respondent
(30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S9-205

SBL Historical Geography of the Biblical World Consultation

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Administration in the Levant in the Persian Period**

David Moster, Institute of Biblical Culture, Presiding
Peter Bedford, Union College, Presiding (5 min)
Peter Altmann, Universität Zürich
The Historical Development of Temple and State Administration in Persian-Period Yehud: Emphasizing the Extra-Biblical Sources (18 min)

Ryan A. Boehm, Tulane University
Achaemenid Administration of the Southern Coast: The View from Ashkelon (18 min)

Benedikt Hensel, Universität Zürich
The Administration of Samaria in the Persian Period and the Ethnic Identity of Its Population: A Perspective from the Material Evidence (18 min)

Hayah Katz, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee
The Upper Galilee during the Persian Period (18 min)

Yigal Levin, Bar-Ilan University
The Administration of Idumea in the Persian and Early Hellenistic Periods (18 min)

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S9-206

SBL Jewish Christianity / Christian Judaism Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Rereading the Jewishness of Revelation**

Annette Reed, New York University, Presiding
David Frankfurter, Boston University
Reframing the Book of Revelation as a Jewish Apocalypse (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

John Marshall, University of Toronto
John's Apocalypse: "Jewish" or "Judean"? (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

Rebekah Haigh, Princeton University
A Jewish War Scroll: Exploring Revelation as Performance (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

Sarah Emanuel, Loyola Marymount University
Roasting Rome: Humor as Jewish Imperial Resistance in the Book of Revelation (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

Elaine Pagels, Princeton University
"The Innumerable Multitude": Converted or Coerced? (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

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P9-206a

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Women and Gender in the Qur'an**

The Qur'an features women and girl figures in accounts of human origins, in stories of the founding and destruction of nations, in narratives of conquest, in episodes of romantic attraction, and in incidents of family strife. Several figures leverage their kinship networks to the benefit of vulnerable male figures in distress. Moreover, sex, as a feature of embodiment and as an act of intimacy, factors into many Qur'anic narratives. In *Women and Gender in the Qur'an* (Oxford University Press, 2020) Celene Ibrahim considers major and minor figures referenced in the Qur'an, including those who appear in narratives of sacred history, in parables, in descriptions of the eternal abode, and in verses that allude to events contemporaneous with the advent of the Qur'an in Arabia. With reference to this book, the panelists discuss the construction of gender in the Qur'an.

- Zayn Kassam, Pomona College, Presiding (10 min)
- Fatima Seedat, University of Cape Town, Panelist (15 min)
- Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College, Panelist (15 min)
- Rahel Fischbach, James Madison University, Panelist (15 min)

Break (5 min)

- Nevin Reda, University of Toronto, Panelist (15 min)
- Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, Panelist (15 min)
- Celene Ibrahim, Groton School, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S9-207

SBL Mark Passion Narrative Seminar

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Gethsemane: Mark 14:26–42**

- Thomas Shepherd, Andrews University, Presiding (5 min)
- Holly J. Carey, Point University
Abandoned by All? How Gethsemane Illuminates the Presence of the Father in the Passion Narrative (10 min)
- Brian Gamel, Baylor University, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Business Meeting (60 min)

S9-208

SBL Masoretic Studies Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Masoretic Medieval Treatises and Traditions**

- Elvira Martin-Contreras, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC), Presiding
- Kim Phillips, University of Cambridge
Shorthand Bible Manuscripts from the Cairo Genizah (30 min)
- Benjamin Ziemer, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
The List of the Unique Words Beginning with ם as Clue for a Stemma of the Okhla Manuscripts (30 min)
- Nehemia Gordon, Makor Hebrew Foundation
Text-Correcting Qere, Scribal Errors, and Textual Variants in Medieval Hebrew Bible Manuscripts (30 min)

S9-209

SBL New Testament Textual Criticism Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Variants and Variant Carriers**

- Juan Hernandez, Bethel University (Minnesota), Presiding
- Elizabeth Schrader, Duke University
Protecting Mary's Virginity: An Overlooked "Western Non-interpolation" in Mark's Gospel? (24 min)
- James W. Barker, Western Kentucky University
Papyrus 43: An Intentional Opisthograph of the Johannine Epistles and Apocalypse (24 min)
- Peter Montoro, University of Birmingham
"Consistently Byzantine?" The Romans Text of Saba 20 and the Textual Transformation of Chrysostom's Exegetical Legacy (24 min)
- An-Ting Yi, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Johann Jakob Wettstein and Codex Vaticanus (24 min)

S9-210

SBL Paul and Politics Seminar

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

- Angela Parker, Mercer University, Presiding
- Najeeb T. Haddad, Notre Dame of Maryland University
Paul, the Colonized Colonizer: Reconsidering Counter-Imperial Interpretations of Rom 13:1–7 (35 min)
- Christina L. Bryant, Brite Divinity School (TCU)
Politics and Domestic Violence in 1 Corinthians 4:14–21 (35 min)

S9-211

SBL Prayer in Antiquity Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

- Eileen Schuller, McMaster University, Presiding
- Atar Livneh, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
A Roman Exemplarity Discourse Meets Moses' Prayer: References to Past Events in A.J. 4.40–50 (25 min)

Samantha J. Scott, Marquette University
Failed Prayers of Lament in the Animal Apocalypse? Towards an Ideological Critique of the Efficacy of Second Temple Prophetic Literature (25 min)

Shlomo Zuckier, McGill University
Reciprocal Prayer in Rabbinic Literature (25 min)

Tyler Smith, University of Salzburg
Lord, Make Hate: The Greek Rhetorical Tradition and Prayers in the Greek Additions to Esther (25 min)

P9-211a

Qur'anic Exegesis: Unpublished and Recently Published tafsir Studies (IQSA)

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Kamal R. Ahmed, Princeton University
The Ta'wīlāt abl al-Sunnah of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Māturīdī (d. 333/944): Reconsidering Genres and Disciplines of Knowledge (25 min)

Conor Dube, Harvard University
More Thoughts on Tafsīr and Its Genre(s): Considerations from al-Ḥākim al-Jishumī's Tabḍīb fī al-tafsīr (25 min)

Zarif Rahman, University of Virginia
Al-Māturīdī's Typology of Waḥī: Towards a Nuanced Understanding of a Central Islamic Term (25 min)

S9-212

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions / Religious Competition in Late Antiquity Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Jesus Meets Asklepios: Healing and Medicine in Ancient Mediterranean Religion**

Nancy Evans, Wheaton College (Massachusetts), Presiding (5 min)

Hanne Eisenfeld, Boston College
Pindar's Asklepios and the Limits of the Possible (25 min)

Jennifer Larson, Kent State University Main Campus
Jesus and Asklepios: Cognitive Perspectives on the Miraculous (25 min)

Bronwen L. Wickkiser, Wabash College
Agony: Medicine and Religious Authority in Galen and the Gospels (25 min)

Warren Campbell, University of Notre Dame and Marshall King, University of Notre Dame
Scripturalizing Alchemy: The Chemistry of Moses in Late Antiquity (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

P9-213

The Qur'an: Manuscripts and Textual Criticism (IQSA)

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Shady Hekmat Nasser, Harvard University, Presiding

Alba Fedeli, Universität Hamburg, Presiding

Hythem Sidky, Independent Scholar
Consonantal Dotting in the Reading Traditions as Evidence of an Inherited Tradition (24 min)

Marijn van Putten, Leiden University
The Ibn Mas'udoid Text Tradition in Early Quranic Manuscripts (24 min)

Daniel Alan Brubaker, Rice
A Variant Quran: Further Discussion of the Text and Special Features of MS.474.2003 and Related Fragments (24 min)

Yasir Qadhi, The Islamic Seminary of America
A Re-examination of the Tradition of the "Seven Ahṛuf" (24 min)

Discussion (24 min)

P9-300

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions

3:30 PM–4:30 PM

Theme: **Networking Session**

S9-301

SBL Aramaic Studies Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **New Approaches in Targum Studies**

Andrew Litke, Catholic University of America, Presiding
AJ Berkovitz, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion
Speech Identification as a Literary-Translational Technique in Targum Psalms (30 min)

Binyamin Y. Goldstein, Yeshiva University
Peering in Maps for Ports and Piers and Roads: The Textual Transmission of Targum Proverbs (30 min)

Terence J. Kleven, Central College and Max Planck Institute
Targum Onqelos on Tyrannical Warriors in Genesis 6 (30 min)

Moshe J. Bernstein, Yeshiva University
Two Aramaic Poems for the Ninth of Av: Liturgical and Literary Contexts (30 min)

S9-302

SBL Cognitive Linguistics in Biblical Interpretation Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Cognitive Linguistics and the Translation of Biblical Texts**

David J. Sigris, Stellenbosch University
What Are You? Understanding the γένος of 1 Peter 2:9 as a Model for Carrying Out "Cognitive-Oriented" Exegesis (30 min)

Travis Wright, University of Cambridge
Topic Activation in the Pentateuch: A Proposal for Evaluating the Role of Prepositions in Discourse Structure (30 min)

Michael G. Aubrey, Wycliffe Bible Translators
The Divergent Senses of λύω (30 min)

Elizabeth Currier, University of Wisconsin-Madison
A Loose Bow Is a Deceptive Bow: Metaphor and Translations of rēmyyāh (30 min)

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S9-303

SBL Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Rebecca Bultman, University of Virginia
Finding a Character in a String of Characters: Using TEI to Support Digital Character Analysis of the Anthropomorphic Angels of the Jewish Novels (24 min)

Paul Robertson, University of New Hampshire
Applying Cosine Similarity to Paul's Letters: Mathematically Modeling Formal and Stylistic Similarities (24 min)

Gregory Y. Glazov, Seton Hall University
Online Database of Scriptural Models for the Holocaust (24 min)

Robert Turnbull, Ridley College and Melbourne University
Analyzing Scribal Habits through Bayesian Phylogenetic Analysis (24 min)

Joey McCollum, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
The open-cbqm Library: Design and Demonstration (24 min)

S9-304

SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Papers from the Canceled 2020 International Meeting**

This session contains some presentations that were accepted as local papers for the 2020 International Meeting in Adelaide before it was canceled.

Peter Trudinger, Flinders University, Presiding
Brian Kolia, University of Divinity
Qohelet and the Moana (Deep Sea): Futility in Diaspora? (30 min)

Ben Laie, Kanana Fou Theological Seminary, American Samoa
Jonah 2: Salvation from the Moana (Deep Sea) (30 min)

S9-305

SBL Hellenistic Judaism Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **On the Occasion of 50 Years of JSJ and 25 years of JSJS: What Is Hellenistic Judaism?**

This panel, by invitation, takes the 50 years anniversary of the Journal for the Study of Judaism and the 25 years anniversary of its Supplements as an opportunity to ask a fundamental question relevant for these publications (and many others) as well as for this SBL section (and several others): What is to be understood by "Hellenistic Judaism"? Since Martin Hengel's ground breaking Habilitationsschrift *Judentum und Hellenismus*, published in its first edition 50 years ago, scholars in Jewish Studies, Classics, and Biblical Studies have intensely debated the relation of Hellenism and Judaism opening up a wide range of interpretations, from suggesting different labels (such

as Jewish Hellenism) to questioning the very existence of something like Hellenistic Judaism. The panel will bring together a variety of different approaches to the question.

Sarah Pearce, University of Southampton, Presiding (5 min)

Shaye Cohen, Harvard University, Panelist (15 min)

Maren Niehoff, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Panelist (15 min)

Sylvie Honigman, Tel Aviv University, Panelist (15 min)

Benjamin Wright, Lehigh University, Panelist (15 min)

Françoise Mirguet, Arizona State University, Panelist (15 min)

John Collins, Yale University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (25 min)

P9-306

Institute for Biblical Research

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Research Group - Isaiah and Intertextuality**

The IBR Isaiah group is part of a multi-year project in the general theme of Isaiah, Intertextuality, and the Old Testament. In 2020, the group is exploring intertextual links between Isaiah and the Nevi'im, with four invited papers. For more information, see the IBR website at www.ibr-bbr.org or contact Andrew Abernethy (andrew.abernethy@wheaton.edu) or Wilson de Angelo Cunha (wilsoncunha@letu.edu).

Andrew Abernethy, Wheaton College (Illinois), Presiding

Wilson de Angelo Cunha, LeTourneau University, Presiding

Hugh G. M. Williamson, University of Oxford
Isaiah and Jeremiah (25 min)

Beth M. Stovell, Ambrose University College and Seminary
Of King and Coal, Hearing and Hardening: Ezekiel's Intertextual Use of Isaiah in Conceptualizing Divine Presence and Prophetic Call (25 min)

Alphonso Groenewald, University of Pretoria
Social Justice versus Cult Criticism in Isaiah (1:10–20) and Amos (5:21–24)? A Trauma Perspective (25 min)

Mark Boda, McMaster Divinity College
Isaiah in Zechariah: Assyria and Babylon in the Redemptive Plan for Zion (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S9-307

SBL Philo of Alexandria Seminar

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Philo's "On the Life of Moses"**

David Runia, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School
How to Structure a Bios: Philo's Life of Moses (25 min)

A. Judith Göppinger, Universität Bern
Two Approaches to One Theme: Moses in Philo and Josephus (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

René Bloch, Universität Bern - Université de Berne
De vita Mosis 2.31–44: A Sample Commentary (25 min)

Katell Berthelot, CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research)
Philo on the Superiority and Universality of the Torah in De vita Mosis 2.12–24: The Significance of Philo's Roman Context (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S9-309**SBL Redescribing Christian Origins Seminar**

5:00 PM–6:00 PM

Theme: **Business Meeting**

Business meeting to discuss Redescribing Christian Origin Seminar.

S9-310**SBL Religious Experience in Antiquity / Lived Religiousness in Antiquity Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Catherine Playoust, University of Divinity, Presiding (4 min)

Reed Carlson, United Lutheran Seminary
Attending Bodies: "Learning to Be Affected" by Spirits in Biblical Literature (24 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Eric M. Trinkka, James Madison University
Cultures of Mobility and Lived Religion in the Ancient World (24 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Rebecca Harris, Messiah College
Living in the Liminal: Accessing the Divine in Qumran Religious Practice (24 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Graden Wayne Dahlberg, Oblate School of Theology
Memory in the Desert: Anamnesis as Active Presence (24 min)

Discussion (5 min)

P9-311**Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Viewing Iconic Texts**

SCRIPT fosters academic discourse about the social functions of books and texts that exceed their semantic meaning and interpretation, such as their display as cultural artifacts, their ritual use in religious and political ceremonies, their performance by recitation and theater, and their depiction in art.

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding
Jonathan Homrighausen, Duke University
*Scribing an Iconic Text: An Experiential, Performative Approach to Writing Mezuzot (30 min)*Juan E. Campo, University of California Santa Barbara
*Talismanic Significance of the Qur'an in the Mansions of Ottoman Cairo (30 min)*Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University
*The Bible as My Witness: Digital Bibles, Visual Anonymity, and Performative Iconicity (30 min)*Dan Siedell, Drew University
A Knot in the Rosary: Rilke's "Letters on Cézanne" as Liturgical Text (30 min)

S9-312**SBL Strategies for Minoritized Scholars to Succeed**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

In spite of significant efforts and achievements, minoritized scholars often face obstacles to professional growth and success. In this round table format session, minoritized scholars will discuss strategies for succeeding in the academy and the networks that can be helpful in the process. The session is jointly sponsored by the Committee on Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession (CUREMP) and the Professional Development Committee.

Ronald Charles, St. Francis Xavier University, NS, Canada, Presiding

Gay Byron, Howard University, Panelist (18 min)

Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University, Panelist (18 min)

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross, Panelist (18 min)

Jean-Pierre Ruiz, Saint John's University, Panelist (18 min)

Vincent Wimbush, Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Panelist (18 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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S10-101**SBL Biblical Law Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Dylan R. Johnson, University of Zürich
Divine Law or the Law of the King? The Emergence of the Mesopotamian Collection Genre (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Matthias Hopf, Universität Zürich
Customary Law and Authoritarian Law: Some Considerations of Semantic Differences and Legal Concepts in the Hebrew Bible (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Yael Landman, University of Pennsylvania; Gorgias Press
A Lost Cause? Unpacking the Bible's Lost Property Laws (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Nicholas J. Campbell, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Prohibited Mixtures: A Comparative Interpretation (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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S10-102

SBL Intertextuality in the New Testament Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Intertextuality in the Gospels**

Julie Newberry, Wheaton College (Illinois), Presiding

Marc Groenbech-Dam, University of Aberdeen
*Intertextual Interplay in Matt 21:1–5: The Ironic Narrative
Implications of a Proposed Allusion and Double Allusion to 2 Sam
16:1–2 (20 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Reed Metcalf, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)
*Fire and Water: Luke's Use of Judgment and Repentance Texts in the
Book of Ezekiel (20 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Bruce Henning, Emmaus Bible College
*Elijah's Ever Falling Mantle: The Reuse of Elijah Imagery for John,
Jesus, and the Disciples in Luke-Acts (20 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Nicholas J. Schaser, Macalester College
*Reversing Eden: The Intertextual Inversion of Genesis 1–3 in John's
Passion (20 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S10-103

SBL Literature and History of the Persian Period Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Mark Leuchter, Temple University, Presiding

Jason M. Silverman, University of Helsinki
*The Persian "Royal Road" as "Social Network": The Southern Levant
(25 min)*

Kristin Helms, Roberts Wesleyan College
*The Roaming Eyes of Yabweh in Zech 4:10b and the Context of
Persian Religions (25 min)*

David J. Fuller, McMaster Divinity College
*Finding a (Persian) Home for Habakkuk: Context and Criteria for
Situating Prophecy (25 min)*

H. Clay Smith, Baylor University
*Is Zechariah among the Prophets? Zechariah 3:1–10 and the
Enduring Role of Prophets in Post-Monarchic Yehud (25 min)*

S10-104

SBL Meals in the HB/OT and Its World Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Food in Crisis: In light of COVID 19, the Meals in the
HB/OT and Its World unit will host a virtual panel and open
discussion on meals/food in times of crisis in ancient Israel and the
Hebrew Bible**

Dorothea Erbele-Kuester, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität
Mainz, Presiding (5 min)

Peter Altmann, Universität Zürich
*The Sword, Plague, and Hunger: Covid through the Eyes of Jeremiah
(15 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Michelle Stinson, Simpson University
Food and the Poetics of Community Lament (15 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Stephen Reed, University of Jamestown
Food Security and Egypt in the Pentateuch (15 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Margaret Cohen, W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological
Research
Pandemic Planting and Cultic Cultivation (15 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S10-105

SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Commentary on Radcliffe Edmonds, Drawing Down the
Moon: Magic in the Ancient Greco-Roman World**

Kimberly Stratton, Carleton University, Introduction (10 min)

Shannon Grimes, Meredith College
Alchemy in Edmonds's Drawing Down the Moon (20 min)

James R. Davila, University of St. Andrews
*Magic in the Ancient Greco-Roman and Ancient Jewish Worlds
(20 min)*

Greg Shaw, Stonehill College
Ancient Magic, Theurgy, and Philosophy (20 min)

Naomi Janowitz, University of California-Davis
Erotic Love Magic and the Problem of Female Agency (20 min)

Radcliffe Edmonds, Bryn Mawr College, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S10-106

SBL Redescriving Christian Origins Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Intersections with Material Culture: Presence and Absence**

Seminar with papers exploring the ways that discourses in and on material culture can contribute to our data sets, theories, and methods in the study of early Christianity.

Matthew Baldwin, Mars Hill University, Presiding

Caroline Johnson Hodge, College of the Holy Cross
“My God and the God of This House”: Christian Household Cult before Constantine (15 min)

Jennifer Eyl, Tufts University
Pistis in Philo, Paul, and Josephus (15 min)

Daniel Ullucci, Stonehill College
Funding Spiritual Offerings: Wealth and the Spread of Early Christianity (15 min)

Nicola Lewis, Claremont Graduate University, Respondent
(20 min)

Break (10 min)

Discussion (45 min)

S10-107

SBL Scripture and Paul Seminar

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **2 Corinthians and Philippians**

Edith Humphrey, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Presiding
(15 min)

David Starling, Morling College,
Scripture, Equality, and Redistribution in 2 Corinthians 8:15 (35 min)

Jane Lancaster Patterson, Seminary of the Southwest
Philippians and the Fragrant Offering of the Gentiles (35 min)

Erik Waaler, NLA University College
Philippians 2:9–16: Who Is the Lord of the Eschaton, Whose Name Is above Every Name? (35 min)

S10-108

SBL Syriac Studies Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Religious Diversity in the Late Antique Syriac East**

Jeff Childers, Abilene Christian University, Presiding

Daniel L. McConaughy, California State University - Northridge
An Analysis of the Text of Acts in Paris Syriac 30 (24 min)

Shlomi Efrati, University of Haifa
“And Rested the Seventh Day”: Sabbath’s Rest in Jewish, Hellenistic, and Christian Exegesis and Polemics (24 min)

Ethan Laster, Saint Louis University
“For the Love of the Son:” Death and Exemplarity in Jacob of Serug’s “Memra on the Maccabean Martyrs” (24 min)

Laura Locke Estes, Saint Louis University
The Shifting Hanpe in Syriac Christian Thought (24 min)

Robin Darling Young, Catholic University of America
Evagrius of Pontus’ Greek Letters, in Syriac (24 min)

S10-109

SBL Textual Criticism of Samuel – Kings Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Critical Editions of Samuel-Kings**

This session presents collaboration between four critical edition projects on Samuel and Kings:

Hebrew Bible—A Critical Edition (HBCE): An eclectic edition of the HB with an apparatus and commentary.

Biblia Hebraica Quinta (BHQ): A diplomatic edition of the MT with an extensive apparatus.

Septuaginta: Vetus Testamentum Graecum (SVTG): “The Göttingen Septuagint”; an eclectic edition of the LXX with full apparatus of the LXX manuscripts and Hexaplaric readings.

Hexapla Project: A critical online edition of the Hexaplaric material.

Kristin De Troyer, Universität Salzburg, Presiding

Craig E. Morrison, Pontificio Istituto Biblico
The Younger Versions (Peshitta, Targum, and Vulgate) in the Critical Apparatus of the Biblia Hebraica Quinta in 1 and 2 Samuel (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Guy Darshan, Tel Aviv University
Theological Alterations in the Text of Samuel and the Making of a Critical Edition (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Tuukka Kauhanen, University of Helsinki
The Septuagint and the Hexapla of 2 Samuel (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Andres Piquer Otero, Universidad Complutense de Madrid and
Pablo Torrijano Morales, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Editing the Lost: The Transition between 2 Kgs 10 and 2 Kgs 11 in LXX and HBCE Editions (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

P10-110

SBL The Societal Qur’an (IQSA)

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Johanna Pink, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
The Qur’an and Empire: Languages, Social Spaces, and Modes of Translation (24 min)

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University
Inscriptions of an Empire: Qur’an and the Imperial Visual Landscape (24 min)

M. Brett Wilson, Central European University
Challenging the Obligation to Fast during Ramadan via Qur’anic Interpretation (1920–1960) (24 min)

Francesca Badini, Fscire
The Qur’anic Commentary of Muḥammad al-Gazālī (1917–1996): Introduction to the Tafsir and analysis of Q. IV:2–4 (24 min)

Margherita Picchi, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII
A South African Tafsir of Praxis: Gender Based Violence in Claremont Main Road Mosque’s Sermons (2013–2020) (24 min)

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S10-111

SBL Transmission of Traditions in the Second Temple Period Section

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Diversity in the Transmission of Traditions**

Dionisio Candido, Universität Salzburg, Presiding

Ariel Feldman, Brite Divinity School

Transmitting Exodus and Deuteronomy in Tefillin and Mezuzot from Qumran (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Jessi Orpana, University of Helsinki

Changing Dimensions of Prophetic Figures (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Joshua Scott, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor

Delineation of the Politics of Identity: The Textual Transmission of Isaiah's Enthronement Scenes in the Parables of Enoch (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Andrea Antenan Peecher, Princeton University

Jewish Orphica: Reframing the Textual History of Jewish Pseudo-Orpheus (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S10-201

SBL Bible and Film Section / Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Justice and the Marginalized: Biblical Reception in Film**

Brandon R. Grafius, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

Us and the Tethered of Genesis (40 min)

Jeff Jay, Wabash College

Not So Good News for the Gay Jesus in The First Temptation of Christ (40 min)

Samaria Divine, University of Georgia

The Five Heartbeats: A Visual Reading of Psalm 137 (40 min)

S10-202

SBL Book of Psalms Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

This session will conclude with a brief meeting to discuss ideas for future Book of Psalms sessions. Those interested are welcome to join the conversation.

Christine Jones, Carson–Newman University, Presiding

Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher, Catholic Private University of Linz

The Many Facets of the Enemies in Ps 94 (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

John Screnock, University of Oxford

Thinking Poetically with the Second Temple Scribes (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (40 min)

S10-203

SBL Cognitive Linguistics in Biblical Interpretation Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Karolien Vermeulen, University of Antwerp and Elizabeth Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)

Prototypes and Bible Reading: (Illustrated with) Good and Poor Examples (24 min)

James Duguid, The Catholic University of America

Nothingness and Teleology in Isaiah 40–66 (24 min)

Bryan Elliff, University of California–Los Angeles

Rhetorical Recycling of Metaphors in Job (24 min)

Nicholas Bailey, SIL International

Translating “in Christ”: A Case Study (24 min)

Laura J Hunt, Ashland Theological Seminary

Time Mapping in Nursing Metaphors (24 min)

S10-204

SBL Deuteronomistic History Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Guangchun Chen, Zhejiang University

The Political Role of Queen Mothers and the Expansion of the Kingdom of Judah: An New Perspective on the ‘am ha‘ares in the Book of Kings (25 min)

Jonathan S. Greer, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary

The Deference of Jeroboam in 1 Kings 12 and the Case for a Hezekian Edition of a Monarchic History (25 min)

Mark Lackowski, University of Notre Dame

Samson among the Deuteronomists? (25 min)

Timothy M. Wilis, Pepperdine University

The Rhetorical Function of 2 Samuel 7:13a (25 min)*

S10-205

SBL Greco-Roman Religions / Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions Section / Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions Affiliate

1:00 PM–2:15 PM

Theme: **When Mediterranean Religions Intersect: Emerging Hybrid Discourses in Comparison**

Papers will not be read in the online session. The presentations will be available before the session on the following channel: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1550425748497548/> Papers will be available beforehand and can be requested from the program unit chair, Gerhard van den Heever, vdbeega@unisa.ac.za. The online session will only consist of the discussion of the papers. The session program lists the presenters and their paper topics as they would have appeared on the original program book.

Maria Doerfler, Yale University, Presiding

Pieter J.J. Botha, University of South Africa
Paul and the Goddess

Andrew S. Wade, University of Aberdeen
The Corinthian Ecclesiae among the Corinthian Temples: A Contextualization of Paul's Temple Language in 1 Corinthians

Laura Carnevale, University Aldo Moro of Bari, Italy
Attending Sacred Places: Continuities and Discontinuities from "Paganism" to "Christianity" in Late Antique Michaelic Sanctuaries

Jeffrey Brodd, California State University - Sacramento,
Respondent

Discussion (60 min)

S10-206

SBL Historical Geography of the Biblical World Consultation

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Assorted Topics**

Chris McKinny, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi,
Presiding (1 min)

Ralph K. Hawkins, Averett University
Khirbet 'Auja el-Foqa: An Iron Age Fortified City in the Jericho Valley (17 min)

Deborah Hurn, Avondale University College
Har Karkom, Mount Sinai, and the Exodus (17 min)

Aubrey Taylor McClain, Greenville University
The Promised Land of Genesis 15: Historical Geography and the Critical Spatial Approach (17 min)

Chris McKinny, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi and
Deborah Cassuto, Bar-Ilan University
Looms on Location: Textile Production in the Shephelah and the Identity of Biblical Beth-ashbea (1 Chr 4:21) (17 min)

David Moster, The Institute of Biblical Culture
Crossing the Jordan River: North vs. South (17 min)

R. Steven Notley, Nyack College, NYC
Historical Geographical Evidence for the Identification of Bethsaida-Julias (17 min)

Philip Yoo, University of Texas at Austin
The Location of Kadesh and the Geography of the Pentateuch (17 min)

S10-207

SBL Israelite Prophetic Literature Section / Israelite Prophetic Literature Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Violence against Women and/or Children within the Prophetic Texts**

Hyun Chul Paul Kim, Methodist Theological School in Ohio,
Presiding

Anthony P. SooHoo, Pontificio Istituto Biblico
"May These Gods Be Our Witnesses": Justifying Violence in Neo-Assyrian Sources and the Book of Deuteronomy (30 min)

Paba Nidhani De Andrado, Curry College
The Resilience of the Captive Girl Child in 2 Kings 5 (30 min)

Jason Anthony Riley, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)
Scorched Birth Tactics: The Eighth-Century Prophets and Rhetoric of Violence against Children in War (30 min)

S10-208

SBL Mark Passion Narrative Seminar

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Psalms 41–43 in Mark's Passion Narrative**

Holly Carey, Point University, Presiding (5 min)

Jocelyn McWhirter, Albion College
ὁ παραδιδούς με: Messianic Exegesis of Psalm 41 in Mark's Gospel (10 min)

Max Botner, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, Respondent
(10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Break (10 min)

Jen Gilbertson, Eston College
Jesus Laments: The Significance of the Allusion to Pss 42–43 in Mark 14:34 (10 min)

Elizabeth Shively, University of St. Andrews, Respondent
(10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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S10-209

SBL Rhetoric and the New Testament Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Deception, Irony, and Other Rhetorical In(ter)ventions**

Mark Given, Missouri State University, Presiding (5 min)

Daniel L. Smith, Saint Louis University
Israel in the Wilderness and Appius Claudius in the Forum: The Rhetoric of Exemplarity in New Testament Texts (15 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Nina E. Livesey, University of Oklahoma
Parousia in Pauline Epistolography (15 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Michael Kochenash, Hunan University
Subverting Literary Models to Incorporate Gentiles: "Radical Rhetoric" in Joseph and Aseneth and the Book of Acts (15 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Break (10 min)

Susan Benton, Baylor University
The Topoi of Characterization, Irony, and the Mixed Chreia of Luke 20:20–26: An Early Christian Chreia Its Varied Expressions (15 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Tyler Smith, University of Salzburg
Deception and an Aristotelian Rhetoric of Characterization in the Fourth Gospel (15 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Roundtable Discussion (10 min)

S10-210

SBL Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Cairo Genizah, and the Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible**

The papers of this session engage with how the manuscript discoveries of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Cairo Genizah have impacted and continue to impact the textual criticism of the Hebrew Bible in all its versions.

Russell Fuller, University of San Diego, Presiding (5 min)

Hila Dayfani, University of Haifa
The Transmission of the Samaritan Pentateuch Group: A New Perspective (20 min)

Discussion (3 min)

Jordan Barr, West Virginia University Medicine
Rethinking the Text-Critical Value of Rewritten Scripture: Deuteronomy 17 in the Temple Scroll and 4QRevised Pentateuch (20 min)

Discussion (3 min)

Jonathan Aurelius Mellison, Princeton Theological Seminary
A Text-Critical Proposal for Deuteronomy 32:43 (20 min)

Discussion (3 min)

Joshua M. Matson, Florida State University
What Does Cairo Have to Do with Qumran? Studying the Textual History of the Hebrew Bible Minor Prophets through the Dead Sea Scrolls and Cairo Genizah (20 min)

Discussion (3 min)

James Nati, Santa Clara University/Graduate Theological Union
The Qumran Rule Texts and the Ontology of Literature in Early Judaism (20 min)

Discussion (3 min)

S10-211

SBL The Historical Paul Section / Paul within Judaism Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Paul as Pharisee**

Heidi Wendt, McGill University, Presiding

Pamela Eisenbaum, Iliff School of Theology
Paul: The Once and Forever Pharisee (25 min)

Maren Niehoff, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Paul's Interpretation of the Psalms: Between the Pharisees and Philo (25 min)

Jonathan Klawans, Boston University
An Elusive Identity: The Historical Paul and the Pharisaic Saul (25 min)

Matthew Novenson, University of Edinburgh, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S10-212

SBL Ugaritic Studies and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy Section

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Theme: **Ugaritic Studies**

Eric Reymond, Yale Divinity School, Presiding

Noga Ayali-Darshan, Bar-Ilan University
The Love of Baal for a Cow: Its Background, Dissemination, and Development in Ugarit (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Alison K. Hawanchak, Asbury Theological Seminary
When Women Go Hunting: A Reading of Aqhat's Encounter with the Goddess Anat (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Eric McDonnell Jr., Emory University
Will Womankind Now Be Hunting? Constructions of Gender in the Aqhat Epic (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S10-300**SBL Annual Business Meeting**

3:00 PM–4:00 PM

S10-301**SBL Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Austin Busch, SUNY Brockport, Presiding (5 min)

Nathan Fredrickson, University of California-Santa Barbara
Myth, History, and Canon: Canon Creation in Ancient and Contemporary Texts and Contexts (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Jenelle R. D'Alessandro, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)
Anat and Judges 5 in Cognitive Linguistic Analysis: Deborah and Jael as a "Complex Heroic Blend" of the Ugaritic Warrior Goddess Anat (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Marshall Cunningham, University of Chicago
The Mythomoteur and the Construction of Diaspora Identity: The Case of Judeans in Egypt in the Sixth and Fifth Centuries BCE (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Stephen Young, Appalachian State University
Jesus, Myth, and Other Jewish Mythmakers (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Roundtable Discussion (15 min)

S10-302**SBL Children in the Biblical World Section / Israelite Prophetic Literature Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Violence against Women and/or Children within the Prophetic Texts**

Kristine Henriksen Garroway, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Presiding

Daniel Smith-Christopher, Loyola Marymount University
From Family Hearth to God the Arsonist: The Politics of Fire in Amos (25 min)Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary
The Wife and Mother: Mercy for The Womb in the Divine Marriage Metaphor (25 min)Susannah M. Larry, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
"Who Has Borne Me These?" Surrogacy as Attempted Comfort in Deutero-Isaiah (25 min)

S10-303**SBL Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

David Hollander, Iowa State University, Presiding

Katherine H. Burgett, Duke University
Choosing the Right Master: Negotiating Liminal Ownership in Plautus and Romans 6 (30 min)

Lyn M. Kidson, Alphacrucis College

Funding Widows in 1 Timothy 5: The Economy of Asia Minor and the Limits of Benefaction (30 min)

Anna M. V. Bowden, Nazareth College

The Marble Economy of Ephesus (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

P10-304**Institute for Biblical Research**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Research Group - Linguistics and the Biblical Text**This research group will address topic and focus in both Biblical Hebrew and Greek this year. Papers will provide a brief history of scholarship, including outstanding problems and some innovative view in the area of topic and focus for either Biblical Hebrew or Biblical Greek. Papers will also be posted online a month ahead of time, with a 20-minute summary to be given during the Research Group meeting, followed by a designated respondent and open discussion. For more information, see the IBR website at www.ibr-bbr.org or contact Elizabeth Robar (elizabeth.robargmail.com) or Will Ross (williamross27@gmail.com).

William Ross, Reformed Theological Seminary, Welcome (5 min)

David J. Fuller, McMaster Divinity College
Cohesion as a Criterion for the Pragmatics of Biblical Hebrew Word Order: A New Proposal (20 min)

Kevin Grasso, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Aaron Michael Jensen, South African Theological Seminary
Fronted Adjuncts and What They Teach Us about Information Structure (20 min)

Travis Wright, University of Cambridge, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Business Meeting (15 min)

S10-305**SBL Latter-day Saints and the Bible Section**

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **LDS Reception of Selected Biblical Texts**

Jill Kirby, Edgewood College, Presiding

Joshua M. Sears, Brigham Young University
Deutero-Isaiah in the Book of Mormon: A History and Synthesis of Latter-day Saint Approaches (30 min)Jonathon Riley, Catholic University of America
"Until the Cities be Wasted without Inhabitant": The Book of Mormon's Reception of Isaiah 6 (30 min)Colby Townsend, Indiana University Bloomington
The Plainness of Isaiah Restored: Adam Clarke's Role in the Book of Mormon Quotations of Isaiah (30 min)Grant Adamson, University of Arizona
Mary and the Virgin Birth in the Age of Reason and Book of Mormon (30 min)

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SBL Prayer in Antiquity Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Praying with Attention to Materiality and Corporeality**

Daniel Falk, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Tupá Guerra, Museu do Tribunal de Contas da União
Musical Prayers: The Use of Musical Instruments Associated with Apotropaic Prayers in 4QSongs of the Maskilb and 6QpapHymn (20 min)

Daniel Eastman, Yale University

“Beat Your Head with Heartfelt Pounding before the Cross”: Prayer and Cross Veneration in Late Ancient Monasticism (20 min)

Corine Milad, University of Toronto

Praying for the Body: Origen and Augustine on Corporeality and Daily Bread (20 min)

Michael Swartz, Ohio State University, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S10-308

SBL Q Section

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Open Session**

The first part of this session features papers that were accepted into the Open Session, and the second part is comprised of Sara Parks’ and Harry Fleddermann’s review of Olegs Andrejevs’ new book *Apocalypticism in the Synoptic Sayings Source*, followed by a response by Olegs Andrejevs.

Giovanni Bazzana, Harvard University, Presiding

David B. Sloan, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Rethinking the Arguments for Q and the Criteria for Identifying It (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Lukas Weissensteiner, Graz University

Jesus and Violence in Q: An Exegetical Response to Theses of a Violent Jesus from Eisler to Aslan (20 min)

Break (10 min)

Sara Parks, University of Nottingham, Panelist (15 min)

Harry Fleddermann, Alverno College, Panelist (15 min)

Olegs Andrejevs, Loyola University of Chicago, Respondent (10 min)

Roundtable Discussion (20 min)

P10-309

The Forum on Missional Hermeneutics

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: **Interrogating the Terminology and Grammar of ‘Missional’ Hermeneutics**

Traditionally, mission has been understood to involve efforts designed to expand, most often by conversion, the geographical and cultural reach of the Christian faith. Indeed, mission in this context has been understood as closely related to, or even synonymous with, evangelistic outreach and other initiating activities designed to bring non-Christians into the Christian fold. Biblically and theologically, however, such understandings are often profoundly reductionistic. With good reason, the word “mission” and related terminology have become deeply suspect and problematic for many within and beyond the Christian community.

In line with its commitments to critical engagement with biblical texts and to self-consciously rigorous assessment of its presuppositions, methodologies, and findings, the steering committee of The Forum on Missional Hermeneutics will sponsor a session dedicated to interrogating the terminology and grammar of “mission” and “missional” relative to the theory and practice of missional hermeneutics. Are there semantic options other than mission-terminology that would be preferable? What assumptions must be unpacked and examined? What is at stake in these terminological choices—biblically, theologically, historically, ethically, and hermeneutically? Should mission terminology be jettisoned, or can—and should—it be salvaged? Six short, 10-minute papers, from a variety of perspectives, will introduce the session, to be followed by open-ended discussion.

John Franke, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Presiding (5 min)

Michael Barram, Saint Mary’s College of California, Panelist (10 min)

Dennis Edwards, North Park Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)

Stina Busman Jost, Bethel University, Panelist (10 min)

Bo Lim, Seattle Pacific University, Panelist (10 min)

Lisa Bowens, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)

John Franke, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Panelist (10 min)

Discussion (55 min)



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University
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- ☞ Association of Practical Theology

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- ☞ College Theology Society
- ☞ Colloquium on Violence and Religion
- ☞ European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism
- ☞ Feminist Studies in Religion
- ☞ Hagiography Society
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- ☞ International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies
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- ☞ International Society for Chinese Philosophy
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- ☞ 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
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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

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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.

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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

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A29-100

International Connections Committee Meeting

Sunday, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University, Presiding

A29-101

Theological Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

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



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Sunday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

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.

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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 Freiburger, 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

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

Sunday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A29-303

Publications Committee Meeting

Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding



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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
Ritual Assemblages: Esoteric Bodies and the Problem of Agency

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 黄公望 (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.

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

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?

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Karola Radler, Stellenbosch University
Navigating a Road Through Law, Faith, and Justice
 William Boyce, University of Virginia
The Unnatural in Bonhoeffer's Ethics

Brendan Case, Duke University
"The Doers of the Law Will Be Justified": Resolving a Pauline Dilemma
 Responding:
 Joanna Leidenhag, University of Saint Andrews

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

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 Stainton, 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
Cuts and Crossroads: Religio-Horror, Secularism, and the 'Supernatural' in Black Cinema

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



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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
Liturgical Imagination: Leadership of Ministers with Disabilities

Responding:

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

A30-113



Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Theme: **Book Review Panel, John J. Thatamanil's *Circling the Elephant: A Comparative Theology of Religious Diversity* (Fordham University Press, 2020)**

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 Boursier, 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

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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 Rabbinic 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***Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM****A30-201****African Religions Unit**Theme: **Public, Political and Material Religions in Contemporary West Africa**

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Emily Stratton, Indiana University
*Jesus in the Apple Icon: Vehicle Decals and Ecologies of Value in Urban Ghana*James Kwateng-Yeboah, Queen's University
*Framing Debates About Homosexuality in Ghana (2006–2018): The Multiple Modernities Paradigm?*Justice Anquandah Arthur, Pentecost University College
*Religion in Public Spheres: Exploring Religious Education and Religious Diversity in Public Schools in Ghana*Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Theorizing the Local and the Global of Religion in the Niger Delta: A Pragmatic Account***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 Lergen, 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



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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

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology
"Rabel 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 Mamtara, College of Wooster

Digital Media and Religious Programming in the Swaminarayan Sampraday 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

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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 Pflanz, University of Alabama
*Sexularisms*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 The 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-Ciullo, 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
*Saintly 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

Business Meeting:

Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University, and Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding

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

Business Meeting:

W. David Hall, Centre College, and Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding

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
Andrew Monteith, Elon University
Brian K. Pennington, Elon University
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
Joseph Witt, Mississippi State University



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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

Business Meeting:

Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver, Presiding

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: Shabkar's (1781–1851) Contribution to Tibetan Buddhist Animal Ethics

Jeffrey Nicolaisen, 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

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A30-303**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit**Theme: **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
*Labor Negotiations at the Home Shrine: Analyzing Bengali American Hindu Women's Home Shrine Care as Reproductive Labor*Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University
*Orderly Bodies, Orderly Souls, Orderly Citizens: Reforming the Racialized Immigrant Through Physical Discipline*Francisco Garcia, Vanderbilt University
Moving From the Table to the Streets: The Solidarity and Promise of Interfaith Organizing

A30-304**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**Theme: **Participation and Life in God**

Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Natalia Marandiuc, Southern Methodist University, Presiding


Kirsten Guidero, Indiana Wesleyan University
*Participation, Theosis, and Deification, All Yes: A Modest Proposal*Charles Guth, Princeton Theological Seminary
*To Share Life with God: Participation as Friendship*Eric Mabry, Christ the King Seminary
Repraesentatur et Efficitur: Sacramental Presence, Participation, and Meaning in the Life of Christ

A30-305**Gay Men and Religion Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit**Theme: **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
*Being Ex-Trans in Australia? Gender in LGBT Conversion Ideology and Practice*Wei-Jen Chen, Chicago Theological Seminary
*Challenges to the LGBTQ-Identical Churches in Taiwan in the Post-Equal Marriage Era*Tristan Carwile, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Queer Eschaton: An Anti-Doctrine of Embodiment

A30-306 **Religion in South Asia Unit**Theme: **Lives and Afterlives of Texts: Translation and Reception of the Tiruvāymoḷi — Round Table Discussion of Endless Song: Tiruvāymoḷi by Archana Venkatesan**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Leah Comeau, University of the Sciences, Presiding

Panelists:

Sucharita Adluri, Cleveland State University

Manasicha Akepiyapornchai, Cornell University

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Steven P. Hopkins, Swarthmore College

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida


Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington

Responding:

Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis

Business Meeting:

Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma, and Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary, Presiding

A30-307 **Islamic Mysticism Unit**Theme: **Theoretical Sufism and the Lived Human Experience**

Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding

Adam Tyson, University of California, Riverside
*Religious Pluralism and the Philosophy of Wahdat al-Wujud in Bedreddin's Revolt*Mohammed Rustom, New York University, Abu Dhabi
*Fallen in Love: Ayn al-Qudat's Satanology in Context*Arthur Schechter, University of Chicago
*Nearness to the Real: Sainthood as Ontological Proximity in the Thought of Dawūd al-Qaysarī*Elizabeth Sartell, University of Chicago
*The Letters of Creation in Judaism and Islam*Kabira Masotta, Catholic University of Louvain
Spiritual Anthropology of the Border in the First Ascetics of Islam

Business Meeting:

Cyrus Zargar, University of Central Florida, Presiding



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A30-308



Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit

Theme: **Book Panel, John D. Caputo's *Cross and Cosmos: A Theology of Difficult Glory* (Indiana University Press, 2019)**

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. Bateza, St. Olaf College
- Sigrídur Gudmarsdóttir, 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
Embodying Islamic Political Theology: Towards a Theory of Theological Imaginary

Travis LaCouter, University of Oxford
To Speak with Scorched Tongues: Denise Levertov's Revolutionary Theopoetics

Joseph Harroff, Temple University
Reimagining Cosmopolitanism with Tianxia 天下: A Pluralizing Confucian Political Theology

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University
Liberation Without Reform? Mawdudi's God and the Theopolitics to Decolonize the Muslims of India

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
Searching for Continuity Amidst Change: Scottish Reformed Theology at the Turn of the 20th Century

Chelsea Williams, Princeton Theological Seminary
Reforming the Reformers: Karl Barth's Reading of the Lord's Prayer, the Kingdom and Its Coming

Henry Kuo, Greensboro College
The Dangers of Being Reformed and Reforming

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A30-312*New!* ★**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

Panelists:

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

Panelists:

Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University

Anandi Silva Knuppel, Lawrence University

Andrew Monteith, Elon University

Amanda Mbuvi, 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



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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
Fearing the Powerless: Sakura Sōgorō 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

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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

Panelists:

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University

David Mozina, Boston College

Kimberley Patton, Harvard University

Gil Raz, Dartmouth College

Responding:

Poul Andersen, University of Hawai'i

Business Meeting:

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, and Jonathan Pettit, University of Hawai'i, Presiding

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.

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

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

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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.



Peter Smith

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.



Jaweed Kaleem

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.



Kalpana Jain

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



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Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

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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 (Sunni-Shia) Unity and the Contemporary Mujtahids, (Case Study of Ayatollahs Mohseni 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 Twelve Shi'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 Mexica

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
Mictlan, 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 Cumberland
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

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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'ān in the Brethren of Purity's (Ikhwān al-Ṣafā')
Conception of Theurgy and Magic*

Zarif Rahman, University of Virginia
*Al-Māturīdī's Typology of Wahī: 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

Maeve 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



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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



Navarātri Seminar

Theme: **Rethinking Navarātri**

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona, Presiding

Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University
Celebrating Vasant Navaratri: Kaila 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 Navarātri 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 Welter, University of Arizona

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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 Montreal 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.

Todd Speidell, Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
T. F. Torrance's Soteriological Suspension of the Ethical

Responding:

Christian D. Kettler, Friends University

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

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 Latterell, 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



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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

Touching 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 Sabn's Kwan Um School of Zen

Business Meeting:

Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies, and Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Hospice by the Bay, Presiding

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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 Preservación de los Taínos en Puerto Rico

Mary Diggin, Velarde, NM
The Albuquerque Cuartocentenario 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



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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

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Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

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

David Germano, University of Virginia

Tracing an Original Theology of Matter Underlying a Normative Theology of Vision: The 11th Century Foundations of the Great Perfection Seminal Heart

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

New!

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



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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

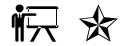
Cindy K. Wesley, University of Northern Colorado, Presiding

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 Religion-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

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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 Oblong 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 Shaykha Fariha al-Jerrabi

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 Cisbeterosexual 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”: Halakha, 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



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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
Restitutio Divina: An Embodied Approach to Gender-Based Violence

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

P1-302

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

Dara Delgado, University of Dayton

All in the Name: A Social-Historical Examination of the Civic Engagement of Bishop Arthur M. Brazier, an Apostolic Pentecostal Bishop on Chicago's Southside

John Maiden, Open University

Charismatic Renewal, Communitarianism and Reconciliation, c. 1965–1980

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

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

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A2-100

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 Lañkāvatāra 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

A2-101

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

P2-102



Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Theme: **Natal and Convert Christians and Buddhists**

Wednesday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Karen Enriquez, 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 weakness 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

P2-103

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

P2-104

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 wheelererr@up.edu.

Timothy Robinson, Brite Divinity School
He Talks to Trees! Interpreting Howard Thurman's Nature Mysticism



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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
"All Shall Be Well": Julian of Norwich, Rene Girard, Jacques Lacan, and the "Other Side" of Christian Mysticism

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

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

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

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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 Babá'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

Shaunessé Jacobs, Boston University
Black Maternal Morality as a Health and Humans Rights Issue

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

Wylín 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 Lunyu

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

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
Evangelicalism No More: Latinx Pentecostals within US Evangelicalism

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

Joul Smith, University of Texas, Arlington
"Church Friends": The Precarious Interpretations and Perceptions of Evangelical Christians Upon Trump Policy

Business Meeting:

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



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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

Vijñāna 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

Reconsidering the Rise of the Religious Right: A Reexamination of Three Unstable Footings Supporting Traditional Narratives of the Rise of the Religious Right

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 Waldron, 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

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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 Jos 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

Beverly Foulks 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



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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 Florence

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 Chicana 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

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Wildcard Sessions

A2-202

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

A2-203

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

A2-204

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

Axel 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

A2-205



Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: J. Brent Crosson's *Experiments with Power: Obeah and the Remaking of Religion* (University of Chicago Press, 2020)**

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

A2-206

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

A2-207



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

Business Meeting:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, and Karen O'Brien-Kop, University of Roehampton, Presiding



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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

Ashley Reed, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
The Fictional Medium: Spiritualism and Women's Religious Authority in Elizabeth Oakes Smith's Bertha and Lily

Lydia Willsky-Ciullo, Fairfield University
"Practicing Self-Culture in Community: Caroline Dall and Historical Pictures Retouched"

Michael Putnam, Brown University
Zitkala-Sa and the Politics of Paganism

Responding:

Ann Braude, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, and Zachary Purvis, University of Göttingen, Presiding

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

Rebecca Copeland, Boston University
The Goodness of Dependence: A Relational Corrective to Myths of Nature

Allison Covey, Villanova University
Relationality, Moral Injury, and Religious Community Among Women in Animal Rights Activism

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

Jim Robinson, Fordham University
Spiraling into Wider Justice: The Life, Legacy, and Insights of Rosemary Radford Ruether

James Dechant, Fordham University
Two Savvy Australians: Denis Edwards and Anthony Kelly on the Task of Human Knowing in an Ecological Age

Tim Middleton, University of Oxford
The Wounded Body of God: A Theology of Ecological Trauma and the Legacy of Sallie McFague

A2-212



Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Book Panel: *Christ and the Common Life: Political Theology and the Case for Democracy* (Eerdmans, 2019) by Luke Bretherton; *Faith in American Public Life* (Baylor, 2019) by Melissa Rogers**

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico

Responding:

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

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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. Chenequa Walker-Barnes

Carolyn Bratnober, 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 Revolutionary Brain in the Academy

Responding:

Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

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



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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

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- 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

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 Blót and Húsel

Fredrik Gregorius, Linköping 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

Business Meeting:

- Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, and Damon Berry, Saint Lawrence University, Presiding

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

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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

Business Meeting:

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

A2-309



Practical Theology Unit

Theme: **Decoloniality, Religious Practices, and Practical Theology**

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Courtney T. Goto, Boston University, Presiding

Daniel Hauge, Boston University
Comfortable White Affect as Colonial Practice, and the Oppressive Power of Norms

Linwood Blizzard, Virginia Union University
Expanding the Theological Voice of the Ancestors: The Body and Embodied Collective Memory as Epistemology for Pedagogies in Introducing Post-Colonial Theological Inquiry

Katherine Kunz, University of Basel
Offering "A Piece of Home" to Asylum-Seekers in Switzerland: Possibilities for Decolonizing Church Outreach

Britta Meiers Carlson, Boston University
Striving to Be Mainline: White Performativity as a Barrier to Equity and Diversity in U.S. Progressive Christian Denominations

Responding:

Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Christian Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, Presiding

A2-310

Religion and Politics Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: **The Space of the State**

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter's University, Presiding

Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University
Contact Zone: Supernature and the State in the Big Thicket

Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina
The Path of Improvement: Religion, Politics, and Labor in Transit.

Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University
Buddhist Religious Activity Sites: The Evolution of State-Controlled Religious Space in China

Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University
State Cosmology, Gurus, and the Re-making of Singapore

Responding:

Samuel Kigar, University of Puget Sound



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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 Purāna

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, and
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

Theme: **The Importance of Engaged Feminist Scholarship: A Cross-Disciplinary Discussion of Juliane Hammer's recent book, Peaceful Families: American Muslim Efforts Against Domestic Violence (Princeton University Press, 2019)**

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Brittany Landorf, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:

Kayla Renée Wheeler, Xavier University

Saadia Yacoub, Williams College

Traci C. West, Drew University

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

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Yogācāra Studies Unit

Theme: **Text Panel: Yogācāra in Dharmakīrti: *Pramāṇavārttika* 3.194–224**

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

John Dunne, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Panelists:

- Nilanjan Das, University College London
- Catherine Prueitt, University of British Columbia University
- Davey Tomlinson, Villanova University
- Alexander Yiannopoulos, Emory University
- Smriti Khanal, Harvard University

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A3-100

Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **Mountains, Cliffs, and Inscriptions: Explorations in Daoist Epigraphy**

Thursday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Raz Gil, Dartmouth College, Presiding

- Wen Lei, Institute of History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
The Abbey Celebrating the Tang 慶唐觀: Representation and Evolution of a Sacred Site from the Tang Dynasty
- Jie Zhou, Alliance Theological Seminary
Art, Religion and Heritage: Multiple Identities of Daoist Cliff Statues in Dazu Nanshan
- Jonathan Pettit, University of Hawai'i
Parallel Worlds: Hagiographic Juxtaposition in Early Daoist Stele Monuments

P3-100

Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **Beyond Scapegoats: Marginalized Voices in Conversation with René Girard**

Thursday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University, Presiding

- Julia Robinson Moore, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Mimetic Theory through the Voices of the Little Rock Nine: Black Scapegoats in the Desegregation of Central High School, 1957–1958
- Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa
An Escalation to Extremes: Purity Spirals and Victimization
- Chelsea King, University of Notre Dame
Girard, the Feminist? Bringing Mimetic Theory into Dialogue with Feminist Critiques of Sacrifice
- James Alison, Madrid, Spain
Title Forthcoming

Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A3-101

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee

Theme: **Reports from the Field: COVID and Contingency**

Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

This session will provide an update from the field on how COVID has been impacting contingent faculty and campuses across the country. We will share data as it is available and brainstorm ways to address concerns.

A3-102



Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: **Another Plan A: Religious Studies Education and Careers Beyond the Academy**

Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Worried about the tenure-track job market? Thinking that a career in higher ed no longer matches your interests and goals? Or just wondering about options? Join the Applied Religious Studies Committee for a discussion on career paths off the tenure track and/or outside the academy. Panelists hold masters and doctoral degrees in a variety of religious studies and theology specializations and will discuss fields including: publishing and editing; freelance writing; nonprofits and foundations; government; religious communities; academic administration; and more. Panelists will discuss the ways faculty, departments, and the AAR might better support scholars as they consider diverse careers. Come hear more about what graduate education in religious studies and the theology already do to prepare us for and enhance our practice of various careers, and help us think about what more the academy can and should do to support scholars in the pursuit of diverse professional opportunities.

This panel will include substantial time for audience Q&A and discussion. Please come and share your thoughts!

Panelists:

- Gina Cogan, Boston University
- Walker Bristol, Tufts University
- Casey Crosbie, Claremont School of Theology
- Zahra Jamal, Rice University
- Eric Lewis Williams, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture



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Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

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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:

Zhang 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 Lipsitc, Harvard University
- Stephen Zoloth, Northeastern University
- Laurie Garrett, Princeton University

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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 Freiburger, 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 Universitat Berlin
"I've Seen You": Reflections on Ethnographic Theology, Accountability, & Christian-Muslim Relations

Business Meeting:

Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden, Presiding



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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

On William Stringfellow's Celibacy: The Protestant Left and the Epistemology of the Closet, 1950–1985

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:

Ángel 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

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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
Faith and Topography: A Remote Sensing Analysis of Religious Interaction in Jos North, Nigeria

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 Mamtara, 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'



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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 Mamtara, 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.

Panelists:

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

April D. DeConick, Rice University

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

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

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Wildcard Sessions

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
Where Do We Go From Here: Trans-Versing the SOUL of Black Folx
Edgar “Trey” Clark, Fuller Theological Seminary
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
Promiscuous Practices: How Collective Caregiving Crosses Religious and Political Boundaries in Uganda
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
Glossolalia: 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
Reamogetje Ngoepe, Union Theological Seminary
Black Pentecostal Women: Praying as Ritual for Healing from Intersectional (Racial) Trauma
Jaeyeon 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



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Religion and Ecology Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **New Book Roundtable: Anna M. Gade's *Muslim Environmentalisms: Religious and Social Foundations* (Columbia University Press, 2019)**

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
The Public Debates on Violent Extremism in Sweden; New Concepts and Meanings and Consequences for Religious Practice

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 Bredvik, Heidelberg University
Discussing the Faith: A Sociolinguistic 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

Dana Logan, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Evangelical Meetings and the Aesthetics of Boredom in Minute-Taking

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

Nermeen Mouftah, Butler University
Sacrificial Skins: The Value of Pakistan's Eid al-Azha 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

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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*



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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

Zhang 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 Telli, 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, 4:00PM –6:00 PM

Brad Pribbenow, Lutheran Brethren Seminary, Presiding

Brent A. Strawn, Duke University
Bonhoeffer on Enemies and Imprecation: A Commentary

Stephen B. Chapman, University of Tübingen
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

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A3-307

Evangelical Studies Unit

Theme: **Complexities of Evangelical Perspectives**

Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Peter Choi, Newbiggin 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 Potter, 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

Khrystyne 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

Business Meeting:

Andrea McComb Sanchez, University of Arizona, and Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

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

Business Meeting:

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University, and Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico, Presiding

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
Ascesis 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



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

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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 “Jordskott”

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

Boyoung 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

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Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles
 Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD
 Kathryn Common, Boston University
 Alicia Panganiban, Mayo Clinic Health System
 Kimberly Carter, California Institute of Integral Studies
 Tracy McEwan, University of Newcastle, Australia
 Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union
 Mary Ellen Chown, Catholic Network for Women's Equality
 Saphira Rameshfar, Baha'i International Community, United Nations Office
 Mary T. Kantor, Arlington, MA

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

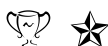
Panelists:

- 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

A3-400



American Academy of Religion Annual Business Meeting and Ray L. Hart Service Award Presentation

Thursday, 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Join the AAR Board of Directors for a brief business meeting and the presentation of the Ray L. Hart Service Award to Elias Kifon Bongmba.



Elias Bongmba

Elias Bongmba is Harry and Hazel Chavanne Professor of Christian Theology and Chair of the Department of Religion at Rice University. A scholar of comparative philosophy, African religions, and Christian theology, he has published influential books and articles on African witchcraft, the African Church's response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, comparative hermeneutics, and African theology,

ethics, and literature. In 2007 he was awarded the Frantz Fanon Prize for Outstanding Work in Caribbean Thought.

Professor Bongmba has served on a variety of AAR steering committees, committees of the board, and juries. His record of service extends far beyond the walls of the academy. He has advised governmental, educational, and church bodies both in his native Cameroon and throughout Africa. Bongmba has also lectured throughout Africa on social justice issues, including poverty, gender, disability, and homosexuality. He has been editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Religions in Africa*, and has served for the past ten years as president of the African Association for the Study of Religion.

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

Sunday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

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.



PLENARY SESSIONS

Sunday, December 6, 2020

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



Amanullah De Sondy

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.



Devan Stahl



Angela Parker



Cassie Trentaz

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



Francis X. Clooney

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.



Jay Garfield

Panelists:

- Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
- Jay Garfield, Smith College

A6-300



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



F. LeRon Shults

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.



Ann Taves



Wesley J. Wildman

Panelists:

F. LeRon Shults, University of Agder

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

A6-301



Presidential Address: The Study of Buddhism in the AAR

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:00 PM

Marla Frederick, Emory University, Presiding



José Cabezón

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



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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

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

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, Barnard 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

Htoi 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

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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
Nonduality 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

Graedon 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



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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 Knowledges 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

Theme: **Authors-Meets-Critics Book Panel: Gerardo Marti, *American Blindspot* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2020); Kyle Lambelet, *Presente! Nonviolent Politics* (Georgetown University Press, 2019); Nichole R. Phillips, *Patriotism Black and White* (Baylor University Press, 2018)**

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:

Nicolette 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

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Nichole Phillips, Emory University, and Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

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Wildcard Sessions

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 Coblentz, 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, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Stoyan Tanev, 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 Turāth: 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 Bhūmi 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 Shangrila*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



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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 Pose as Source for Theological Method

Joel Maynard, 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:

Janette 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, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A7-200



Plenary Panel: The Changing Field of Religious Studies: A Short History of the American Academy of Religion's Annual Meeting

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding



Whitney Bauman

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.



Sarah Cassel



Robert Puckett

Panelists:

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

Sarah Cassel, American Academy of Religion

Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion

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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

A7-203



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 scholars balance being resources of support and active change-makers 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

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



Khaled Abou El Fadl

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



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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

Krishni 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

Beverly 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

Feryal Salem, American Islamic College
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

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Donnell Williamson, Brown University
Ironic Reversal: Kierkegaard and Douglass

Deidre Green, Brigham Young University
Kierkegaardian Christianity and Epistemic Privilege of the Oppressed

Natalia Marandiu, Southern Methodist University
Can Queer Feminism Save Kierkegaard from Charges of Patriarchy?

Responding:

Marilyn Piety, Drexel University

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?

Nindy 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

Theme: **White Christian Privilege: The Illusion of Religious Equality in America (New York University Press, 2020)**

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

Vesna Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Cakra Theory and Buddhist Tantric Epistemology of Perception in the Kālacakra Tantric Literature

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado
The Theology 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 Viraśaivas and Nāthas: Nine Cakras and Sixteen Ādhāras in the “Post-Śaiva Age”

Responding:

John Nemeč, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:

Sravana Borkatky-Varma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, and Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, Presiding



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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 Ogunnaike, 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

Business Meeting:

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

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

Business Meeting:

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

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:

Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding

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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, Worn 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/Americans*Mary J. Streufert, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
*A Feminist Hermeneutic of Constructive Reframing*Trygve Wyller, University of Oslo
The Makeshift 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

Panelists:

Shelly Rambo, Boston University

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary

Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology



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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
Melegueta: To Be Pepperish

Sasha Stern, Yiddish Book Center
The Essence of the Esn: Jewish Food, Yiddish Cookbooks, and Embodied Memory

Hyaewool Choi, University of Iowa
Zen Buddhist Nuns Go Global

Business Meeting:

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, and Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, 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

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont
Muslims, Modernity, and Memorializations of the 1857 Indian Rebellion

Hayden Bellenoit, US Naval Academy
Kayasthas and their Islamicate cultural associations in north India, 1760-1930

Hayden Bellenoit, US Naval Academy
A Modern, 'Eternal' Religion: The Sanatana Dharma of Shradddha 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: Sufi 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

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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 Be(long)ing: 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



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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

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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 Ucchusma Cult of the Middle Period

Responding:

Shih-shan Huang, Rice University

Business Meeting:

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, and Anna Sun, Harvard University, Presiding



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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

Theme: **Author-Meets-Critics: Oliver Freiberger, *Considering
Comparison: A Method for Religious Studies* (Oxford University
Press, 2019)**

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 McClymond, 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
*Education as Freedom, Love, and Praxis: Paulo Freire and
Contemplative Studies in 21st Century American Higher Education*

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

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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
A Womanist 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



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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

Panelists:

Christopher Glen White, Vassar College

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

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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

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

P8-100

Søren Kierkegaard Society

Theme: **Kierkegaard and Phenomenology**

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Jeffrey Hanson, Harvard University, Presiding

Panelists:

Merold Westphal, Fordham University
Eleanor Helms, California Polytechnic State University
Amber Bowen, University of Aberdeen

Responding:

Claudia Welz, Goethe University, Frankfurt
Antony Aumann, Northern Michigan University
Stephen Minister, Augustana University

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A8-200

African Diaspora Religions Unit

Theme: **Embodied Offerings, Digital Libations: Africana Diaspora Experiential Engagements in the Time of COVID-19**

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

A8-201

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 Emojis: 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." Noabidism, Philo-semitism, and Rabbinic Authority in the Global South

Responding:

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College

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 Ellacuria 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

Theme: **The South Asian Roots of Modern Japanese Buddhism: Seeking Śākyamuni by Richard Jaffe (University of Chicago Press, 2019)**

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



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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 Zaatari 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

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A8-208**Practical Theology Unit**Theme: **Pastors in a Changing Religious Context: A Christian Practical Theological Response**

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Sabrina Mueller, University of Zurich, Presiding

Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union
*Pastor as Fundraiser?: Economic Justice and Ecclesial Practices*Dustin Benac, Duke University
*The Evolution of Pastoral and Ecclesial Imagination: Ecclesial Ecology as Place and Prism for Adaptive Work*Ciska Stark, Protestant Theological University Amsterdam
Transformative Theological Education for a New Guild of Pastors Even Without a Solid Church

A8-209**Qur'an Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit**Theme: **Translation, Transmission and Intertextuality in Eastern Late Antiquity**

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Louise Gallorini, American University of Beirut
*A Mystical Function: Angels in the Sufi Commentaries on the Qur'an*Charles Haberl, Rutgers University
Meryey, Standing at the Boundary

Responding:

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University

A8-210**Religion and Politics Unit**Theme: **Religion, Protest, and Revolution**

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Rachel M. Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

Rachana Umashankar, Iona College
*Religion and Revolution: The Poetry of Faiz Ahmad Faiz and Its Many Publics*Joseph Flipper, Bellarmine University
*Camp, Memorial, and Revolution: The Religious Art of the Chilean Protests (2019–2020)*David Warren, Washington University, St. Louis
Why and How Does Consistency Matter? Creating and Preserving Yusuf al-Qaradawi's Image During the Arab Spring and Its Aftermath

A8-211**Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit**Theme: **Mounds, Burial Grounds, and Memory: The Ethics and Politics of Claiming and Stewarding Land on Turtle Island**

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto, Presiding

Panelists:

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Tiffany Hale, Barnard College of Columbia University

Lindsay Montgomery, University of Arizona

Michael Gueno, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

Spencer Dew, Ohio State University / Wittenberg University

Responding:

Philip Deloria, Harvard University

A8-212**Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit and Roman Catholic Studies Unit**Theme: **Healing and Transformation in Catholicisms across the Latina/o Americas**

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, Presiding

Fabio Vieira de Souza, Archdiocese of Montes Claros, Brazil
*Catholic Praxis and Political Praxis in Brazil After the Second Vatican Council*Veronique Lecaros, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, and Ana Lourdes Suarez, Universidad Católica Argentina
*Sexual Abuses in the Latin American Catholic Church: Assessing the Problem and the Responses*Lynn Hillberg Jencks, Santa Clara University
Charismatic Catholicism and Healing Depression Among Latina Immigrants in the US

Responding:

Matthew Peter Casey, Arizona State University

A8-213**Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit**Theme: **Narratively Framing Therapy and Disease**

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona, Presiding

Emma Nolan-Thomas, University of Michigan
*"A Cure for All Maladies": Cupping Practices and the Contested Integration of Islamic and Chinese Medical Traditions in Indonesia*Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University
*The Profit and Price of Historiography as Encounter*Steven Quach, University of California, Riverside
Mindfulness as Healing and Resistance: Buddhist-Inspired Communities Mediated by Meetup.com



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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 Neme, University of Virginia
- Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

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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



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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
'Chinching 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
Cultic 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

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A8-311

Qur'an Unit

Theme: **Reading the Qur'an**

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-Ghazali on Experiencing the Qur'an

Nadir Ansari, York University

Coherence, The Titles of Sūras, and Central Ideas: A Study of the Tafsiṛ of 'Alā'uddīn al-Mubā'imī

Sohaib Saeed, University of Freiburg

Towards a "Canonical Translation" of the Qur'an

A8-312

New!

Religion and Human Rights Unit

Theme: **Activism, Sacred Space, and the Human**

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Michael Spezio, Scripps College, and Gunes Sevinc, 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

Zhang 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 Pantheological Apocalypse of Jeff VanderMeer's Southern Reach: Ecological Catastrophe and the Shattering of Distinctions

Julia McClenon, University of California, Santa Barbara

Time for Aliens: A Cognitive Narratological Analysis of How Ted Chiang Puts Us Inside Alien-Brain Time and Why Sci-Fi Should Keep Doing So

Elliot Mason, Concordia University

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf-God?: Divinity and Monstrosity in Indra Das's The Devourers

Responding:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, and Emanuelle Burton, University of Illinois, Chicago, Presiding

A8-314



Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Transnationalism, Migration, and the Church**

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Carlos Ruiz Martinez, 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

Business Meeting:

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 Assemblages: 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'



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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

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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 Diasporas: Spirit Mediums, Daoist Masters and Ritual Events in Singapore and Malaysia

Responding:

Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara

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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

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

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
Celebrating Creation and Commemorating Life: Ritualizing Pet Death in Christian, Jewish, and Buddhist Communities in the U.S.

Wendy Wiseman, University of California, Santa Barbara
"Do You Believe in Ghosts?": Genocide, Ecocide, and the Im/possibility of Redemption

Business Meeting:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, and Eric Meyer, Carroll College, Presiding

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
The Earliest Chinese Socially Engaged Buddhism

Gitanjali Surendran, Jindal Global Law School
B. R. Ambedkar and the Indian Prehistory of Socially Engaged Buddhism, c 1890–1970

Jessica Zu, Princeton University
Buddhist Story-Telling as Social Commentary: Three Modern Afterlives of the Outcaste Maiden

Jordan Baskerville, University of Wisconsin
Dhamma and Social Change: The Formation of Socially Engaged Buddhist Networks in Thailand

Sara Swenson, Syracuse University
Dirty Dāna: The Emotional Virtue of Generosity Among Buddhist Charities in Vietnam

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?



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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

Loye 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

Christopher Fleming, University of Southern California
In Breach of Trust with God? Fiduciary Principles and the Bar of Limitation in the Ayodhya Verdict

Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen
Hinduization of Space and the Case of Ayodhya

Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University
The Ayodhya Decision and Marwari Merchants: Financing Ram Devotion Through Hanuman

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 Coviello, 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

Emily McKendry-Smith, University of West Georgia
Polysemic Understandings of Tradition and Legitimacy Among the Brahma Kumaris 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 Kyūseikyō

Kirby Sokolow, University of Pennsylvania
Transforming the Incarcerated Self: Buddhist Modernism in American Prisons

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Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, and Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, 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 Rycenga, 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

Rhiannon Grant, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham, UK
Thou Shalt 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 Religiosity 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



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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

- Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University
Pilgrimage and the Performance of Healing at Auschwitz-Birkenau
- Kyle Byron, University of Toronto
Rhythm, Place, and Performance in American Street Preaching
- Hans Olsson, University of Copenhagen
The Performance of God's Champion Farmer: Place-Making, (Environmental) Restoration and Charismatic Christianity in South Africa

Saliha Chattoo, University of Toronto
The Power of Performance: Pentecostals in Texas and the Formation of Sacred Space

Aron Engberg, Lund University
Christian Zionism as a Second Conversion

A9-116



Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Author–Meets–Critics: SherAli Tareen's *Defending Mubammad 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

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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-Samuels, Arizona State University
Jewish Theology for the Anthropocene: Ethics of Care and Responsibility

Responding:

Devorah 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

New! ★

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 Cut 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 Couplets 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

Richard Cross, University of Notre Dame

Miguel J. Romero, University of Notre Dame

John Slotemaker, Boston College



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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 Eckerberger, 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

Theme: **The Power of Context, Identity, and Capital: Three 2020 Books Interrogating Spirituality and Yoga**

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

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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 Couper, 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 Vafaekia, 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

Business Meeting:

Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

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



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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 Tübingen, 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

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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: Shi‘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 Coviello, 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



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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=fltrbZej-M&list=PLvoBfn06oEghdQP3CVo3ixZtnsIVwQZn6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fltrbZej-M&list=PLvoBfn06oEghdQP3CVo3ixZtnsIVwQZn6).

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

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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, Katholieke 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

Connie Gagliardi, University of Toronto
The Icon of “Our Lady Who Brings Down Walls”: Sacralizing 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 Nrenzah, 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

Kimberley 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



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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

Tracy Russell, Saint Louis University

The Bridal Chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom: Gender and the Metaphor of Betrothal in Syriac Virgin Martyr Texts

Monica Mitri, Claremont School of Theology

The Female as Anthropological Role Model in Jacob of Serugh

Ramy Marcos, Hartford Seminary

Women's Conversion and Religious Toleration in Ottoman Islamic Egypt: The Case Study of Fāṭimah of Asyūt

Mitri Raheb, Dar al-Kalima University

Karimeh Abboud: A Female Arab Christian entrepreneur in British Mandate Palestine

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

Matthew Smith, Northwestern University

The Story of Bakelite: Modern Magicians, Polymer Capitalism and the Origin Myths of the Anthropocene

Joanna Smith, University of North Carolina

Negative Sacred Slaughter: Prohibition, Transgression and Gendered Limits on the Kill Floor

Richard Callahan, Gonzaga University

The Civilizing Whale

Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina

Surfacing American Religion: Industrial Expertise and the Religious Erotics of Smooth Surfaces

Responding:

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

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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, Métis 'Queen' of the Munsee: Spiritual Mutism 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 Ornella, 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

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
Rice, Relics and the Blood of Suffering: Material Catholicism in a 19th Century Letter

Responding:

Hillary Kaell, McGill University

Business Meeting:

John Seitz, Fordham University, and Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University, 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



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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: Śāntideva 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 Friendled: 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

Courtney Rabada, Northwestern University
Audre 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

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

Isaac Horwedel, Emory University

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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 Caguenas Roza, 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



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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 Scheper 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

Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas
Incense and Performance: Teaching Ritual Labor in the Nahuatl 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

Yanitsa 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

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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

A10-211



Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit

Theme: **Intercultural Exchanges and the Religions of the Late Antique East**

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

Nicolo Sassi, Indiana University, Bloomington
The Forgotten History of Origenism in Medieval Syria

Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word
The Many Lives of Hind bint al-Nu'man al-Kindiyah: Abbasid Narrations of Late Antique Muslim-Christian Encounters

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

A10-212



Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Two Decades in the Spotlight: Psychological, Cultural, and Religious Impact of Public Awareness of Clergy Sexual Abuse**

Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:00 PM

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University, Presiding

Ahyun Lee, Indiana Wesleyan University
Psychological, Cultural, and Religious Impact of Public Awareness of Clergy Sexual Abuse: Navigating Cultural Differences that Make a Difference

Kathleen McPhillips, University of Newcastle, Australia
Unbearable Knowledge: Cultural Trauma and Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

Responding:

Walter Robinson, *Boston Globe*

Mary Gail Frawley-O'Dea, Presbyterian Psychological Services

Business Meeting:

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary, and Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University, 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

Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding

Irene Ludji, 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 Surveilling Modern Muslims**

Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Zareena Grewal, Yale University, Presiding

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston
The World of Islam

Ehsan Sheikhoharam, 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



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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 Scheper 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

New! ★

Hindu Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Ways of Knowing (II): New Approaches**

Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Lorilai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Presiding

Aleksandar Uskokov, Yale University
Making Sense of Religious Experience: Jīva Gosvāmin 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 Poetess' Folk Drama

Business Meeting:

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

Aaron Proffitt, State University of New York, Albany
Death on the Mantra Path

Elizabeth Noelle Tinsley, University of California, Irvine
Henmyō'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 Sollereeder, University of Oxford
- David Basinger, Roberts Wesleyan College
- Anna Case-Winters, McCormick Theological Seminary

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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

Olaoluwatoni Alimi, Princeton University

Nomaan Hasan, Brown University

A10-309

New!

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

The Value of Christian Hospitality and Solidarity with Strangers for Human Rights Protections of North Korean Trafficked Women in China

Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College

Immigration, Human Rights, and Reproductive Justice: How to be Hospitable at the Border in an Age of Trump

Michael Woolf, Harvard University

Two Different Ways of Thinking: Human Rights Discourse Amongst Recipients and Activists in the Sanctuary Movement of the 1980s

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

Amelia Hall, Naropa University

A Grimoire for the Anthropocene: Klu 'bum as a Guide to Interspecies Reciprocity in the Eastern Himalayas

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

Andre Key, Claflin University

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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

M30-201

Society of Christian Philosophers

Theme: **A Surpassable World? Value Theory and Creation**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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.

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: **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

M1-103

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: **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 Gavriluk, University of St. Thomas
Paul Allen, Corpus Christi College, Vancouver
Tyler McNabb, University of Macau

Responding:

Josh Reeves, Samford 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 Unitarian Universalists 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

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

Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University

Kate Stockly, Boston University

Responding:

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

M2-101

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: *God and Ultimate Origins: A Novel Cosmological Argument*, by Andrew Ter Ern Loke**

11:00 AM–1:00 PM

William Lane Craig, Talbot School of Theology and Houston Baptist University, Presiding

Panelists:

Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh

Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge

Timothy Maness, Boston University

Responding:

Andrew Loke, Hong Kong Baptist University

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 to 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

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@cic.ncbe.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
Jeanine 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
Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo
John Thatamanil, 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

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Gorgias Press

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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

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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.

Stanford University Press

Publishing with Stanford University Press

Tuesday, December 1, 2:00 PM– 2:30 PM

Interested in pitching your book to Stanford University Press? This brief presentation, led by SUP's Executive Editor for the Humanities Erica Wetter, will cover the proposal and submissions process, including: What are the key components of a strong proposal? What makes a project stand out? What should you expect during peer review? What happens after a book is contracted? And, how can you make the most of your publishing experience? A Q&A period will conclude the event.

University of Notre Dame Press

Theology and Religious Studies at the Notre Dame Press

Tuesday, December 1, 2:00 PM–2:30 PM

Join editor Stephen Little as he discusses the mission of Notre Dame Press and its current publication program.

Fortress Press

A Conversation with James Henry Harris and Respondents to his new book, *Black Suffering: Silent Pain, Hidden Hope*

Tuesday, December 1, 3:00 PM–4:00 PM

Harris names Black suffering's manifestations in history and in the present moment as a call to consciousness and a call for change. His book is a kind of "remix," combining elements of memoir, philosophy, historical analysis, literary criticism, sermon discourse and creative story, all aimed at correcting the weight of suffering carried daily by Black people.

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*.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Sheffield Phoenix Press

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Wednesday, December 2, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM

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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.

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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

Join Princeton University Press for a Q&A with author and Curator of American Religious History at the Smithsonian Institution, Peter Manseau, about his new book, *The Jefferson Bible: A Biography*.

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.

Baker Academic & Brazos Press

Acquisitions Meeting

Wednesday, December 2

Q&A with Baker Academic editors: Jim Kinney (Executive Vice President of Academic Publishing) and colleagues will be available to answer your questions about publishing in 2021 and beyond. Questions can be submitted via Zoom chat during the session.

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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

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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

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Saturday, December 5, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM

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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

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Sunday, December 6, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM

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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.

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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 *rúah* 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

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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

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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@bloombsbury.com.

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Q&A with Sarit Kattan Gribetz

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM

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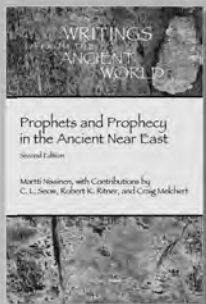


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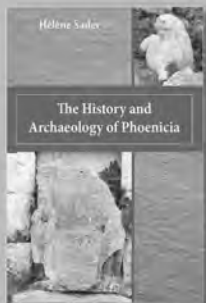


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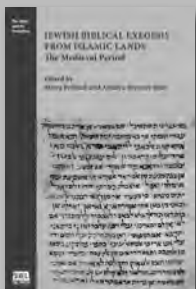
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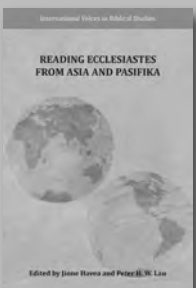


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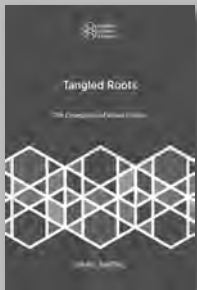


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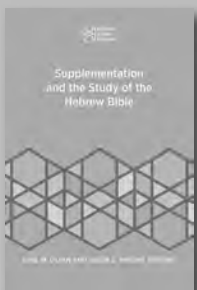
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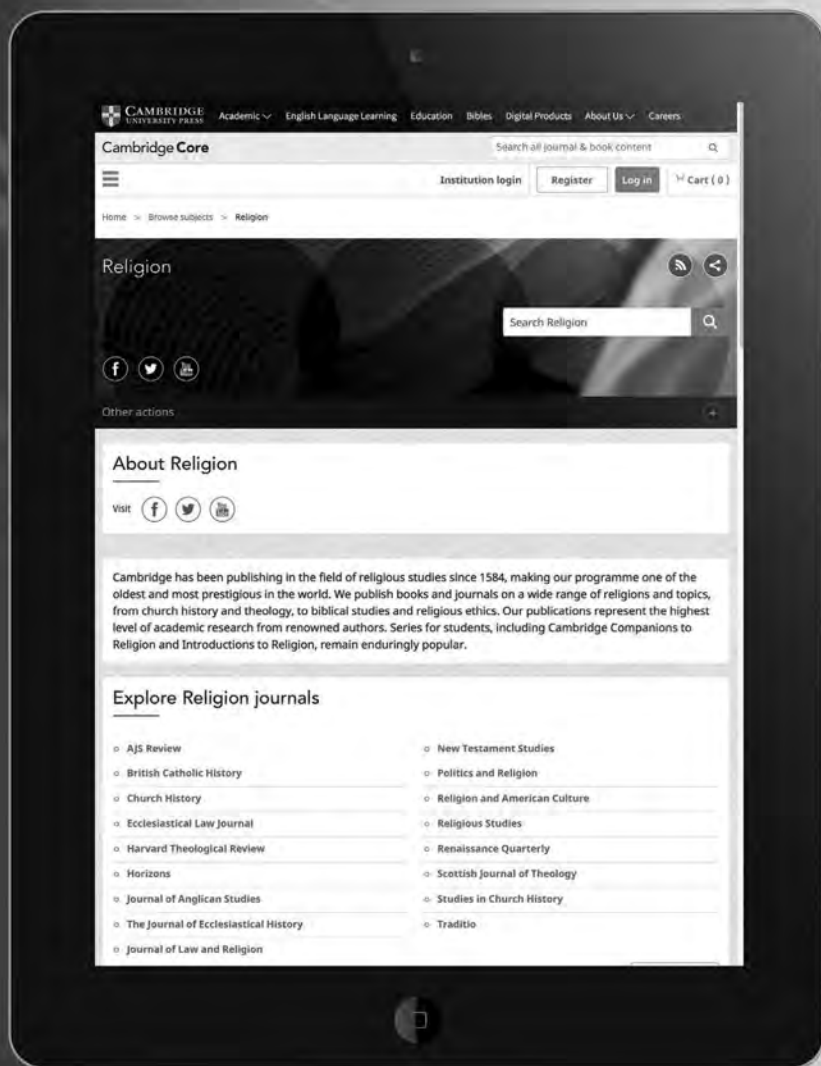
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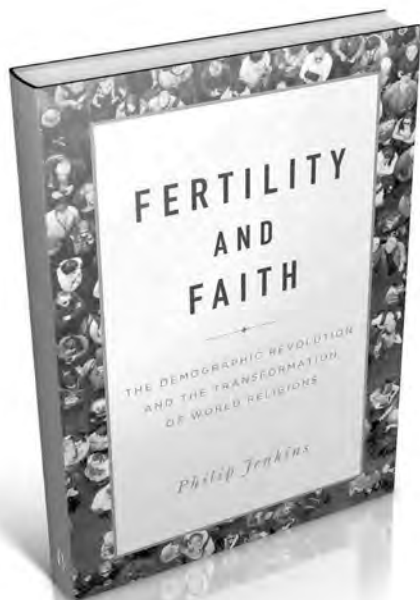


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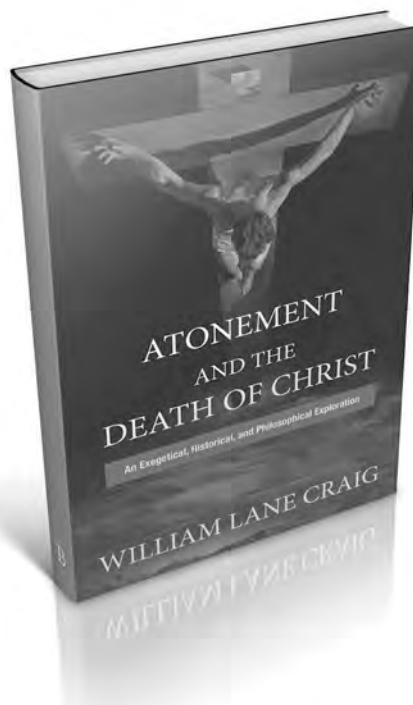
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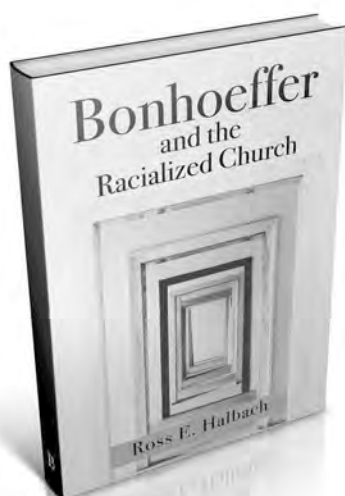
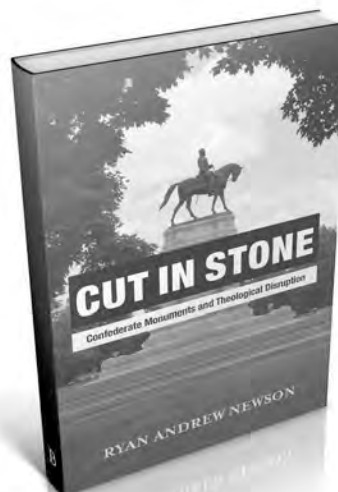
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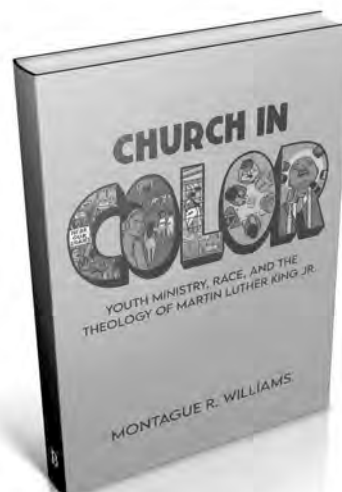
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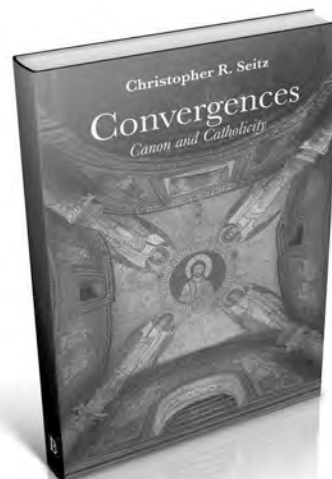
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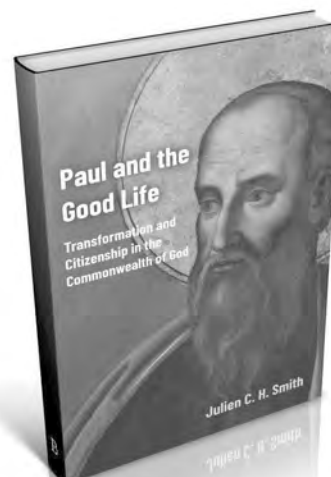
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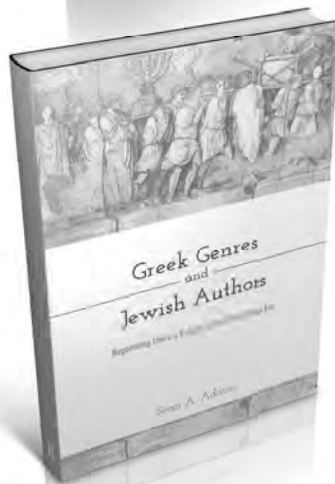
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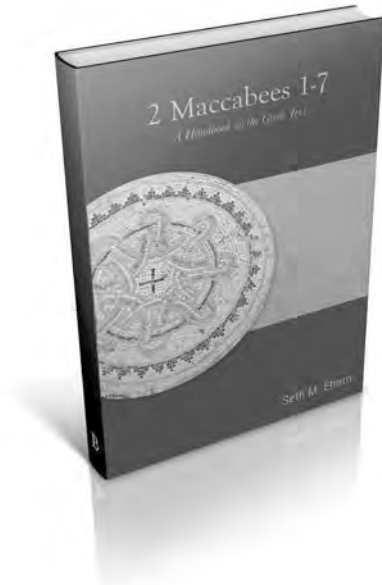
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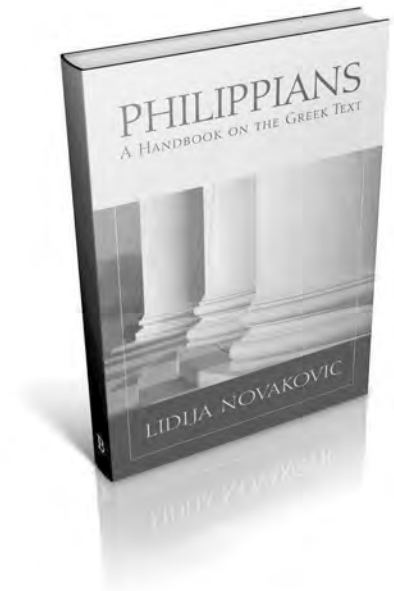
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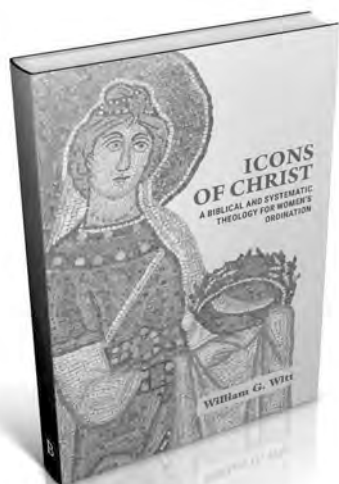


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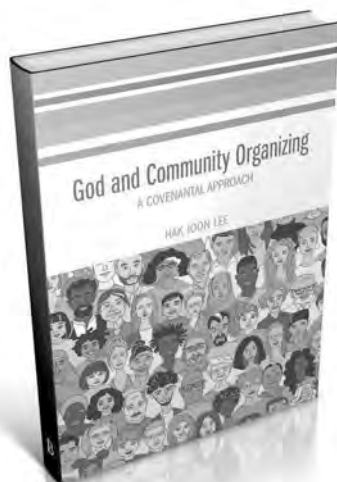
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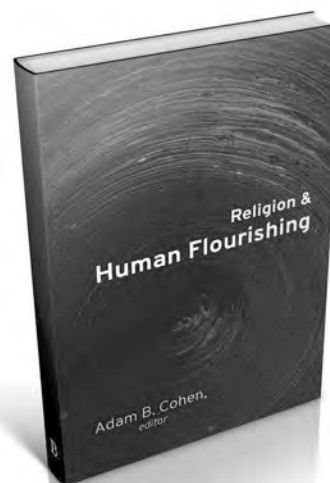
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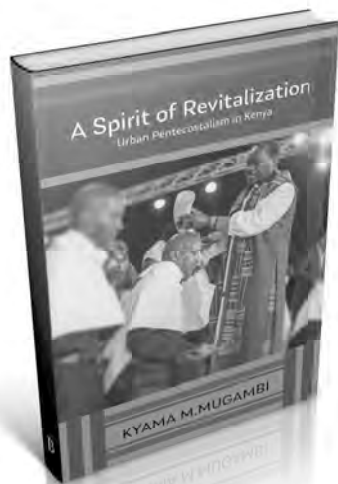


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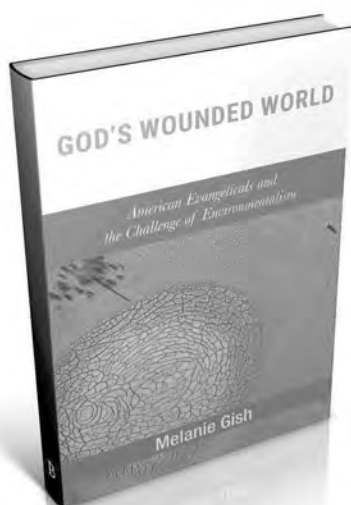
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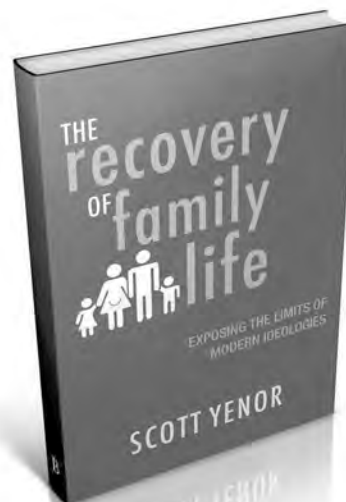
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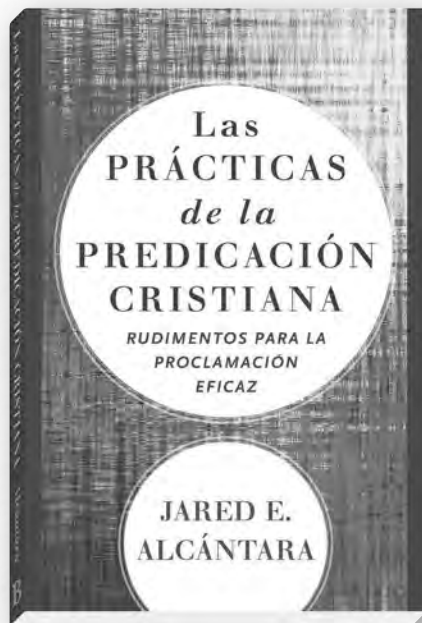
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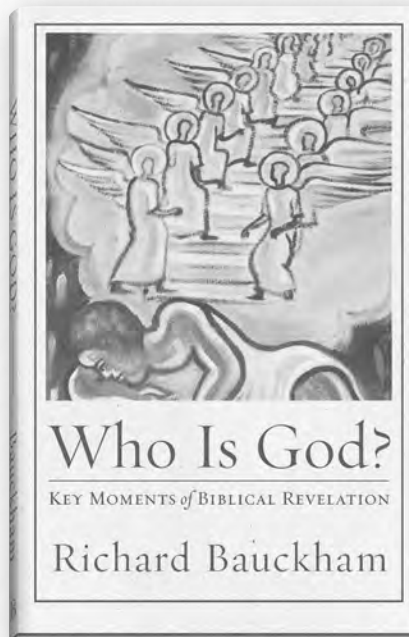
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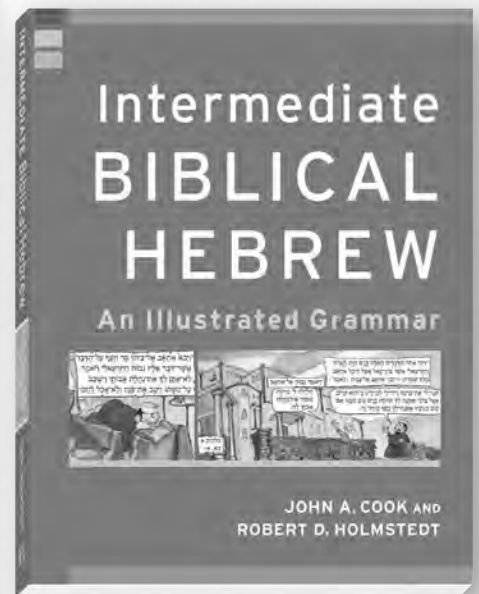
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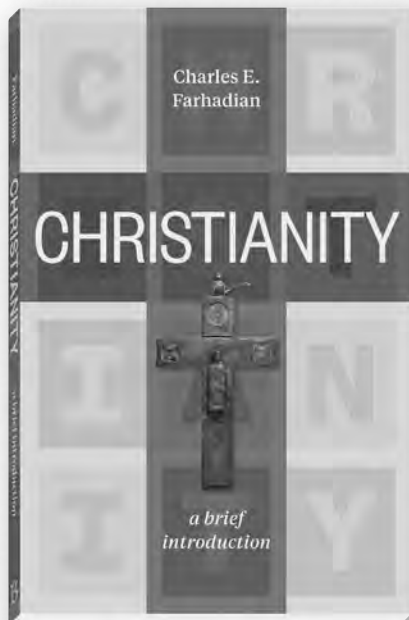
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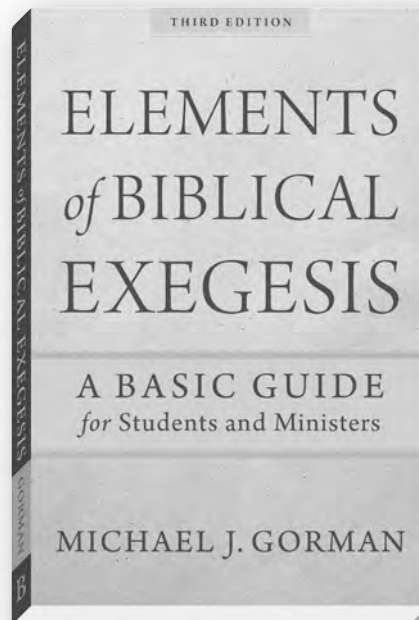
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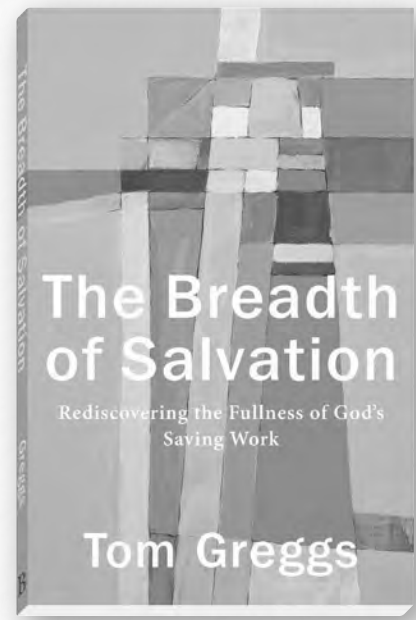
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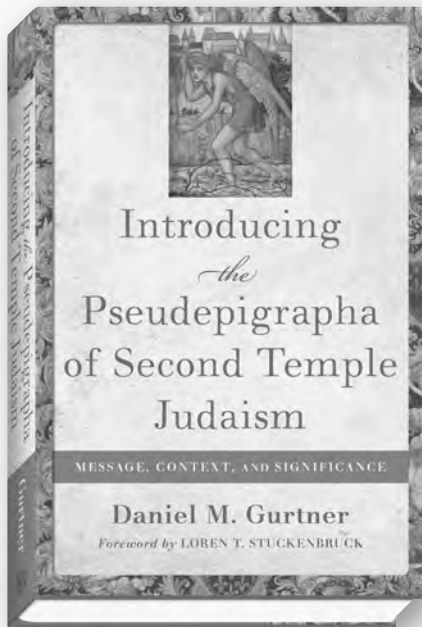
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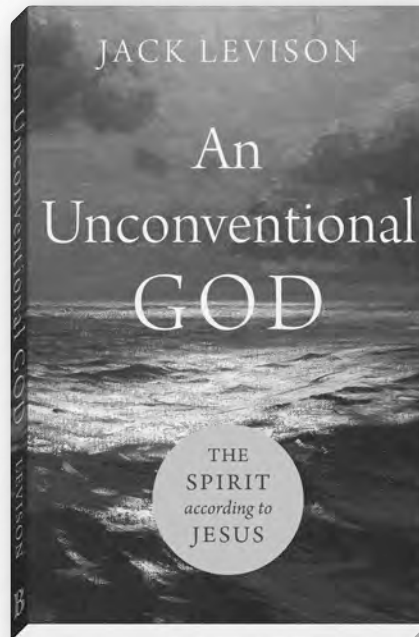
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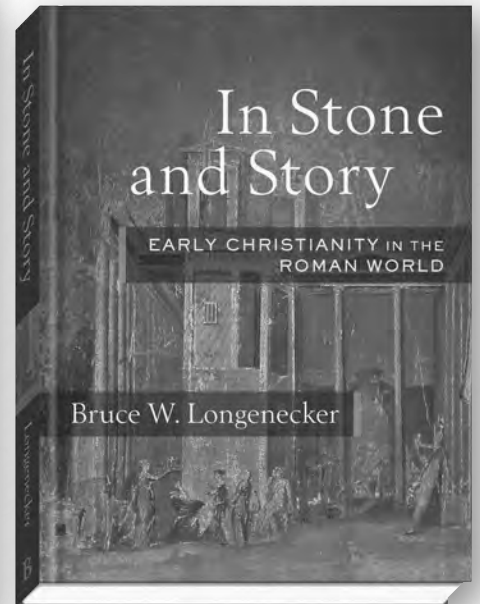
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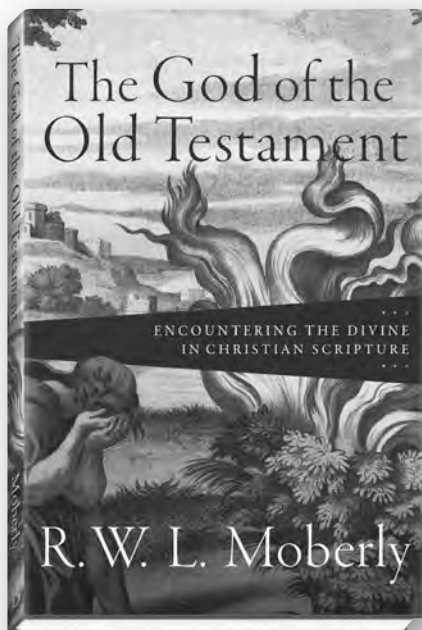
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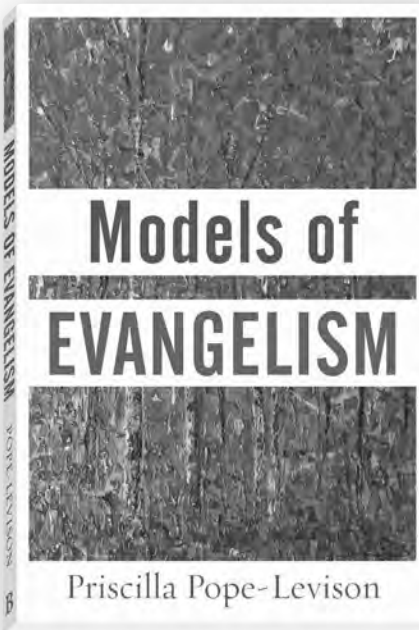
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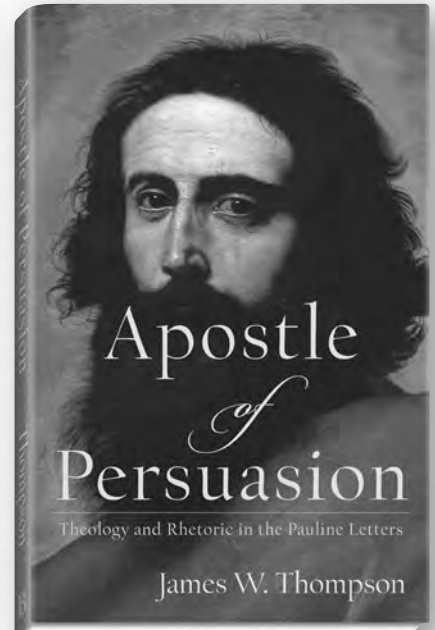
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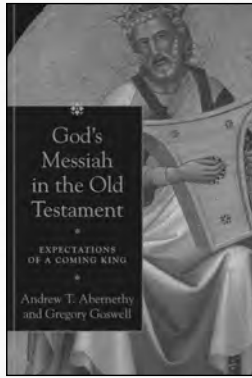
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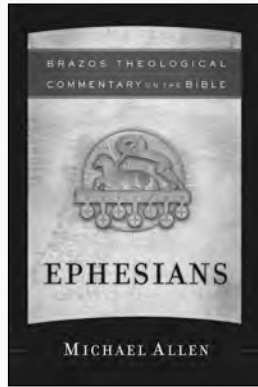
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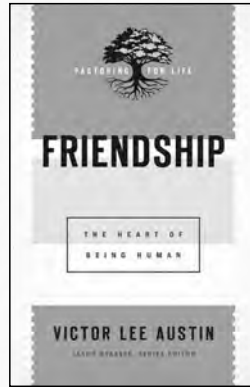
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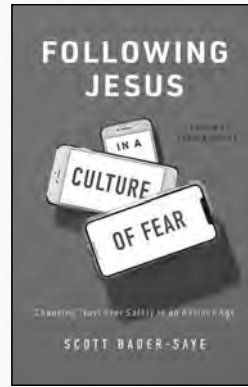
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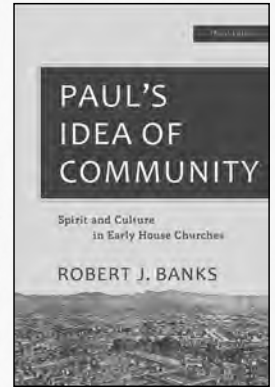
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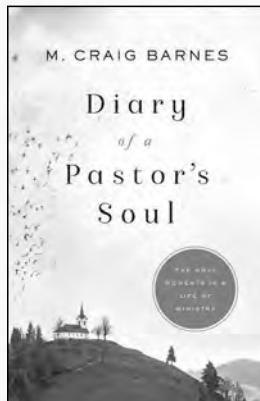
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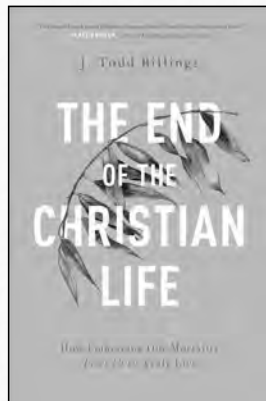
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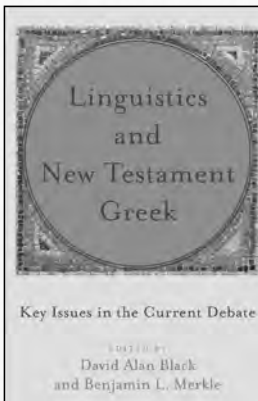
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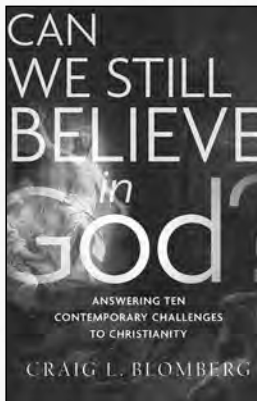
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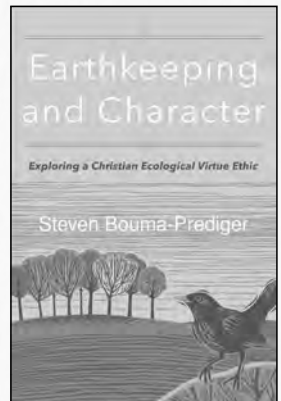
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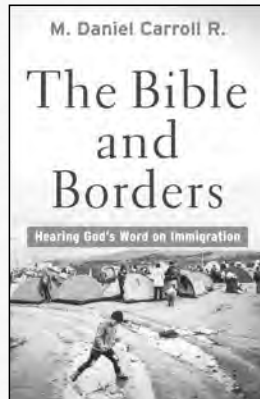
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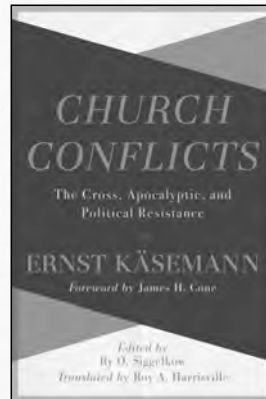
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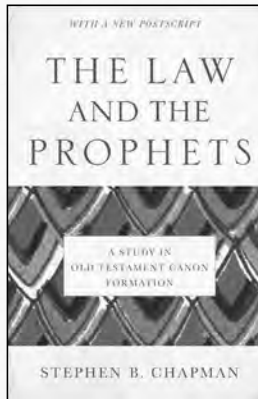
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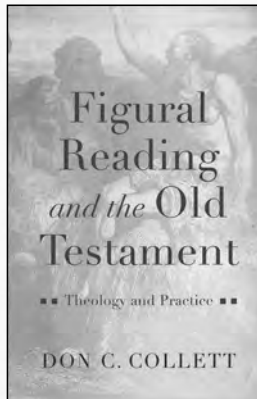
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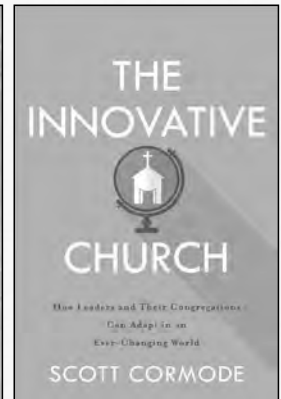
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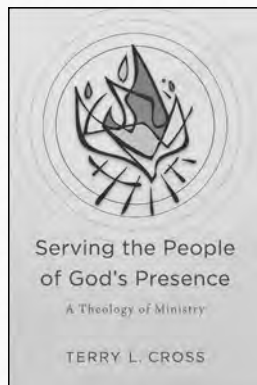
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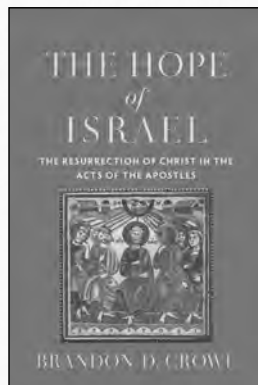
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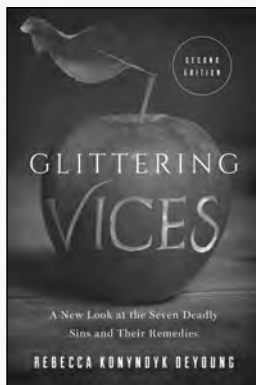
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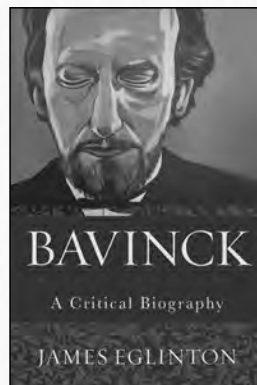
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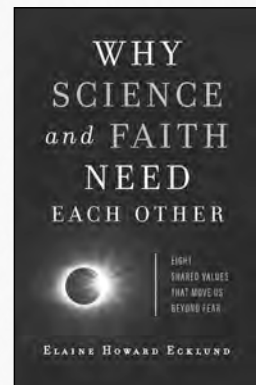
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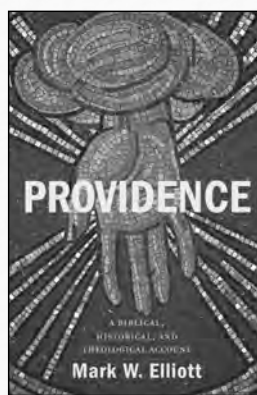
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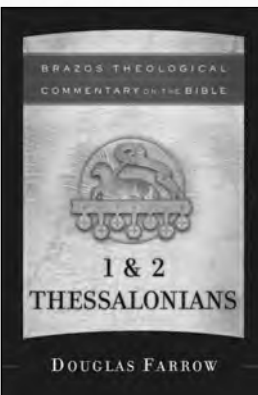
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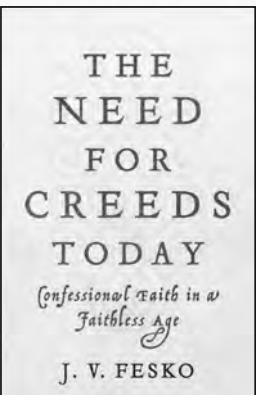
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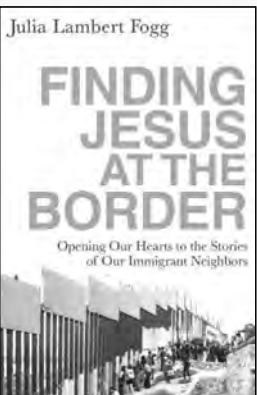
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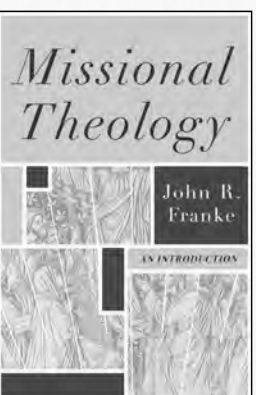
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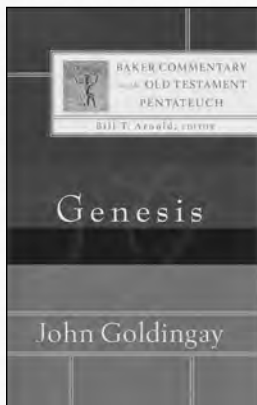
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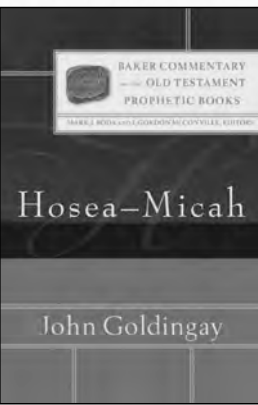
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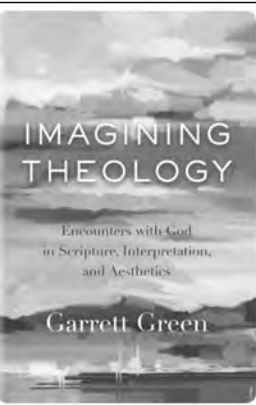
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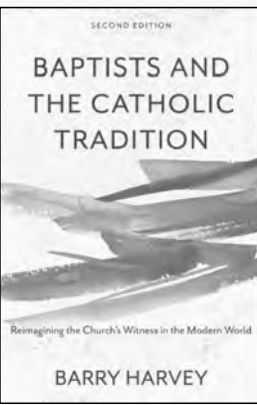
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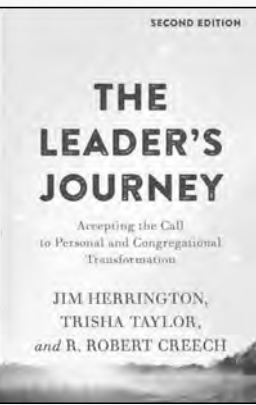
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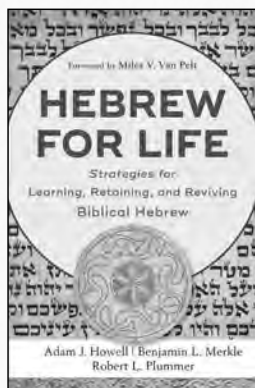
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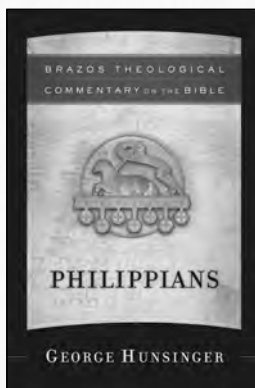
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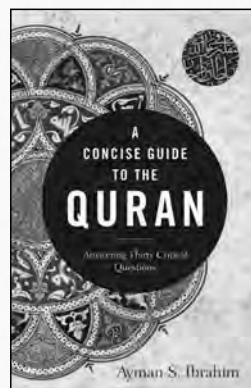
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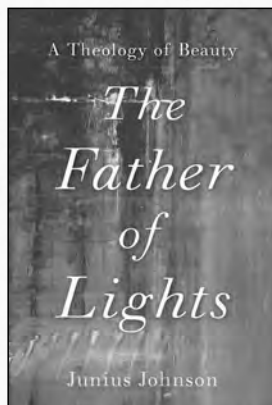
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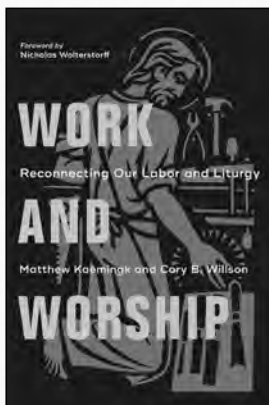
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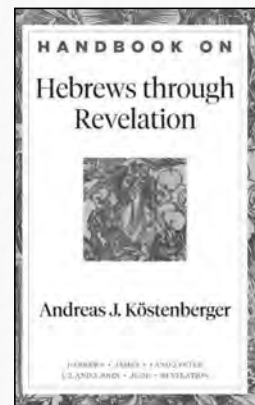
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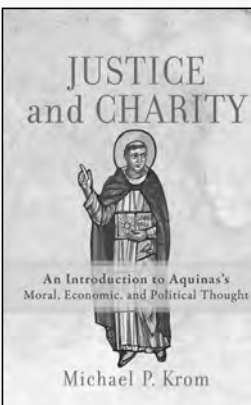
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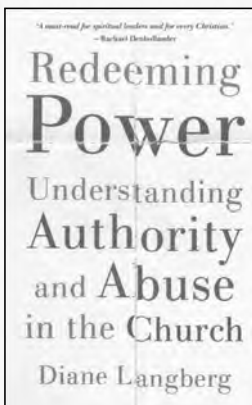
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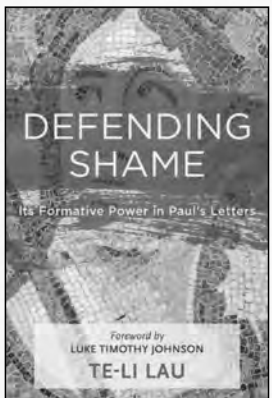
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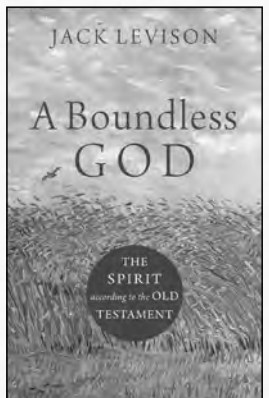
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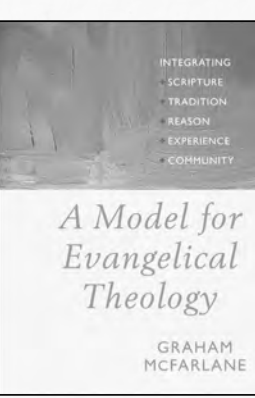
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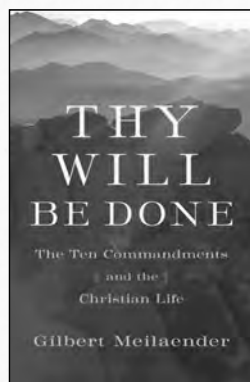
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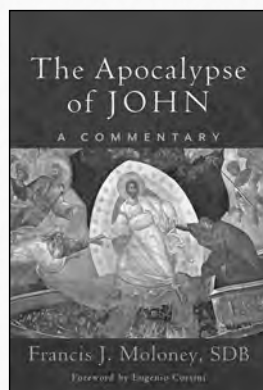
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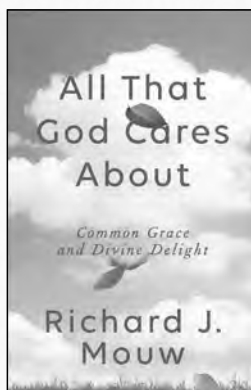
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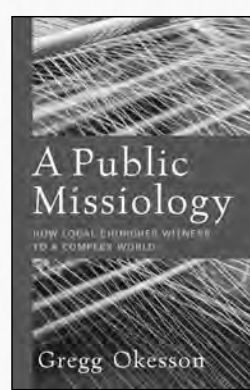
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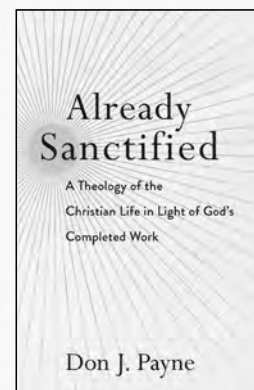
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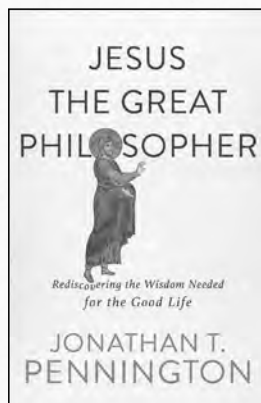
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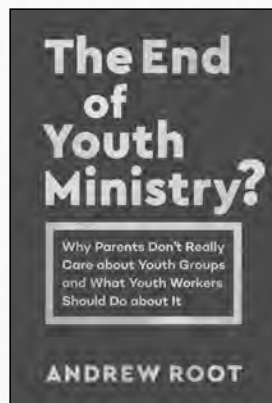
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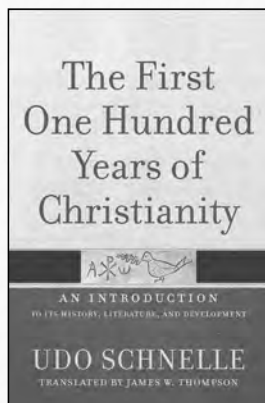
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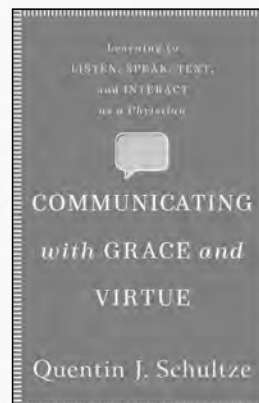
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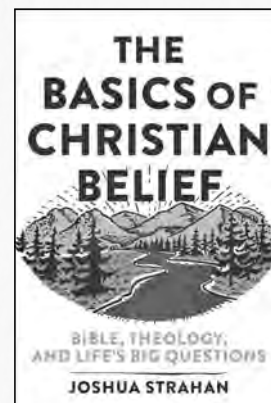
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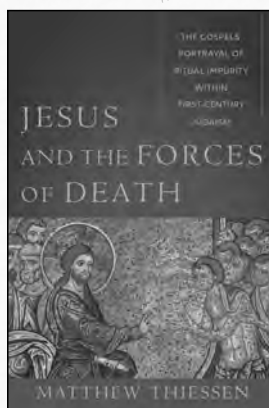
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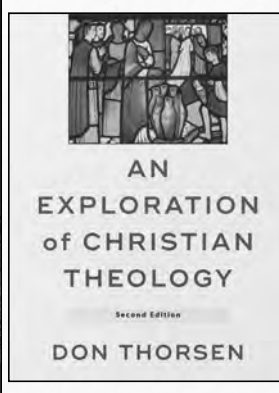
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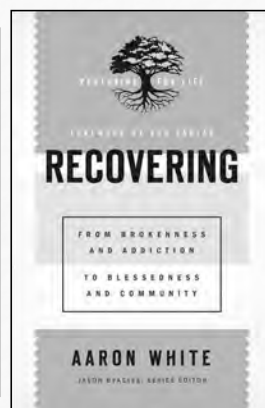
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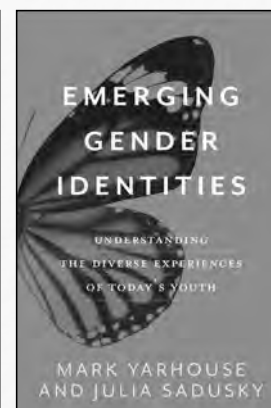
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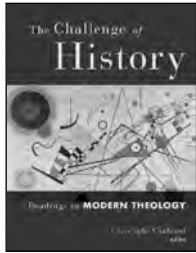
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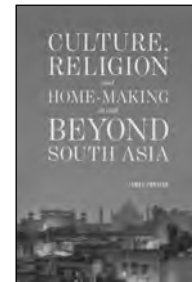
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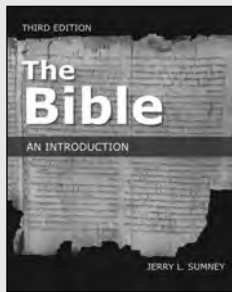
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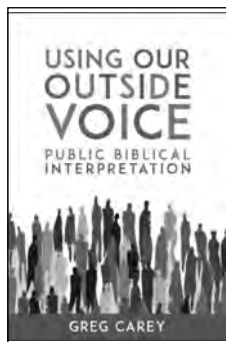
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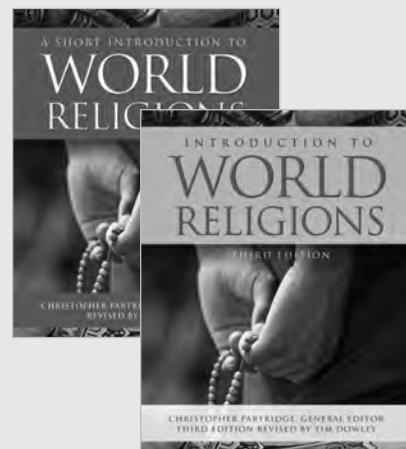
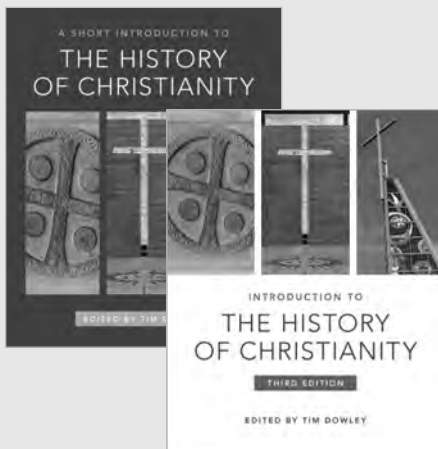
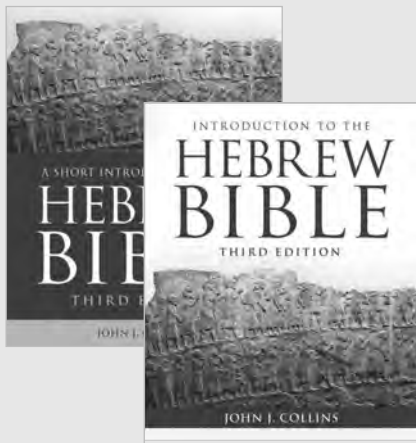
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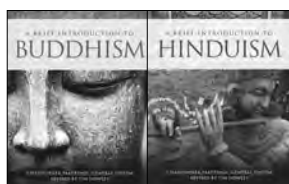
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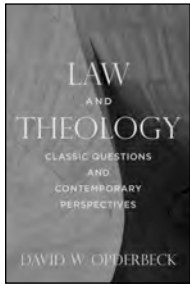
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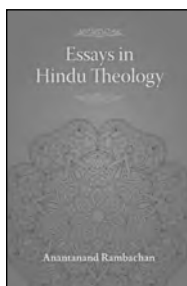
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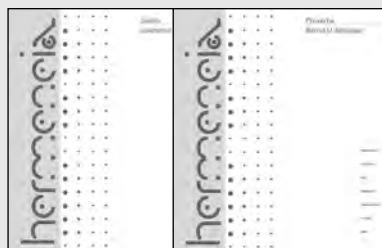
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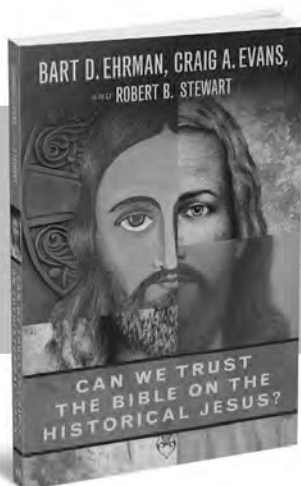
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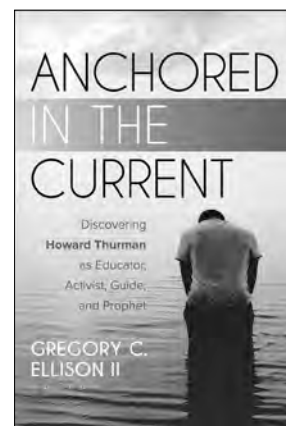
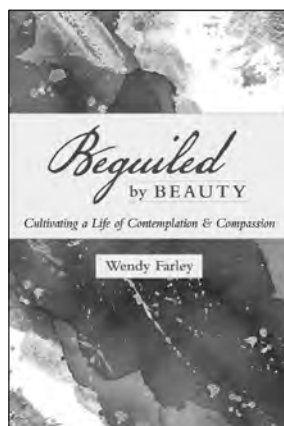
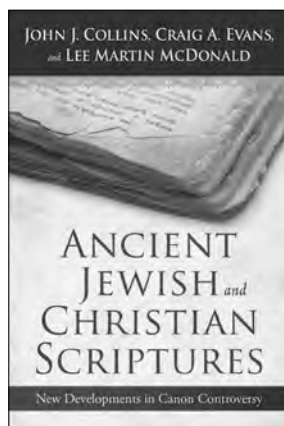
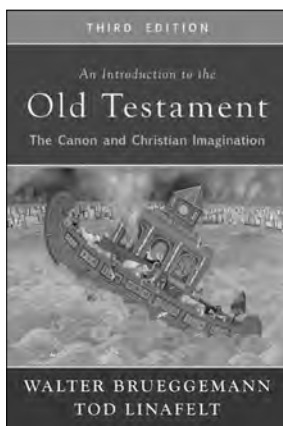
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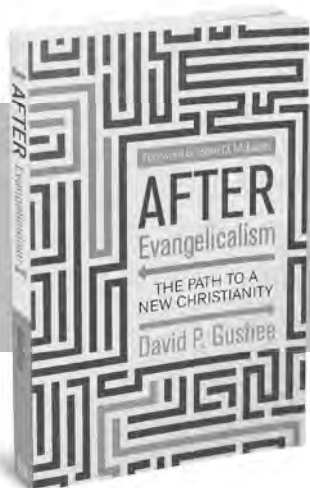
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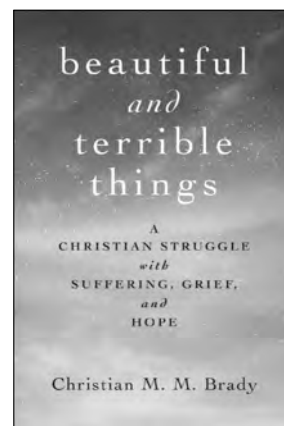
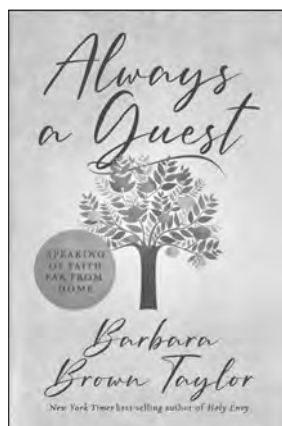
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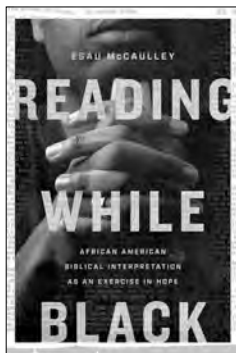
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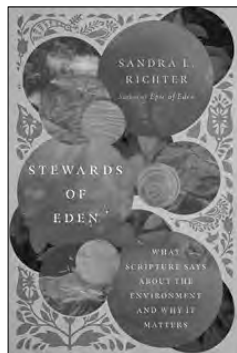
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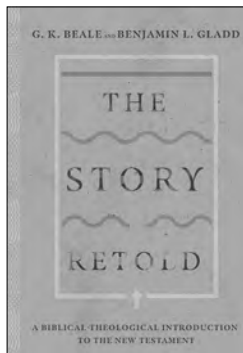
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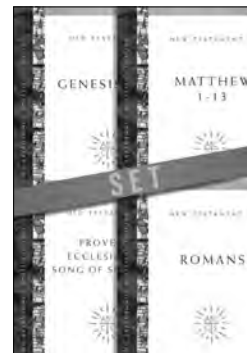
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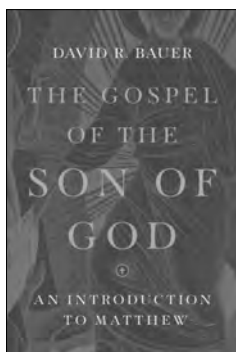
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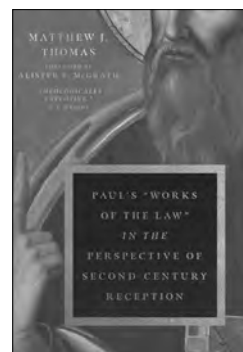
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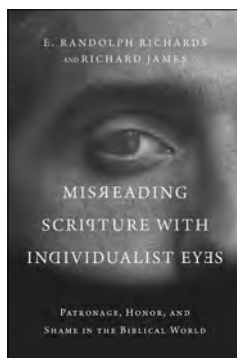
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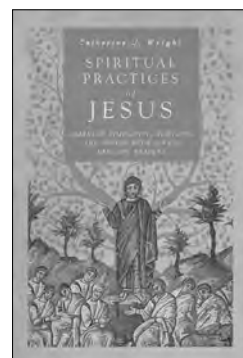
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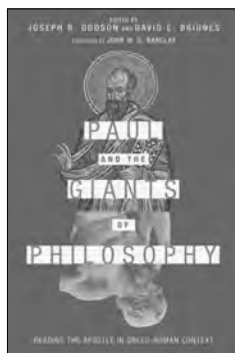
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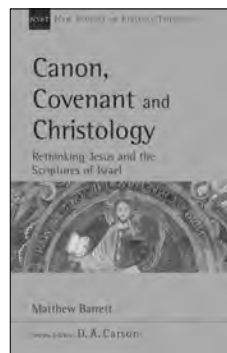
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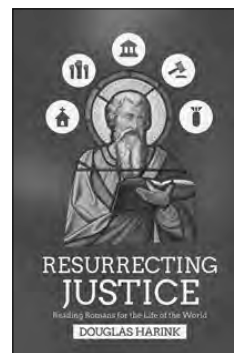
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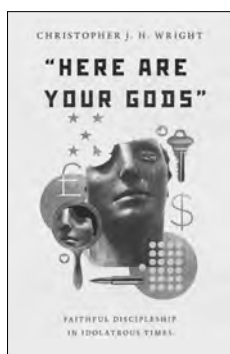
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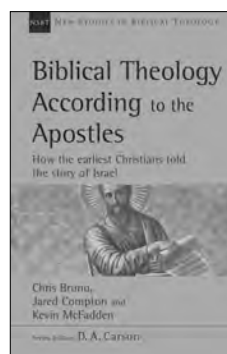
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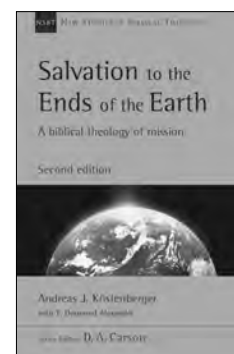
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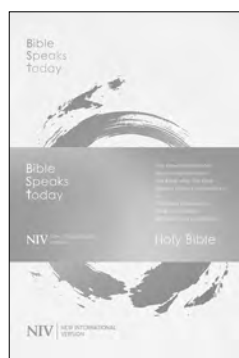
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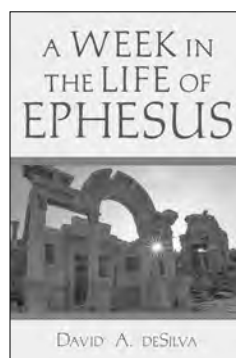
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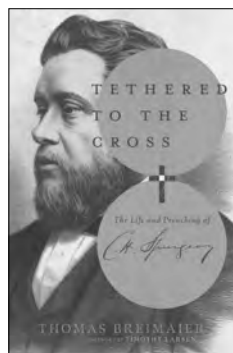
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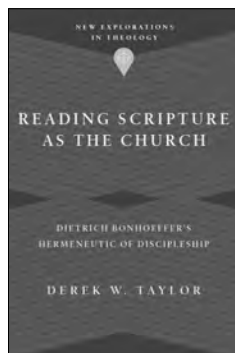
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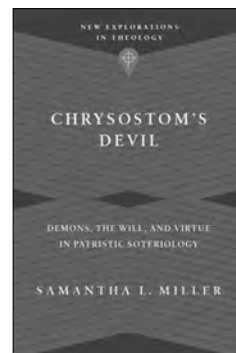
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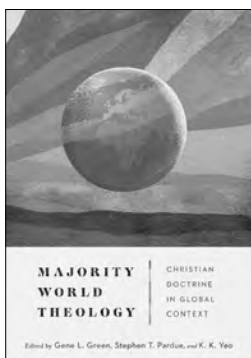
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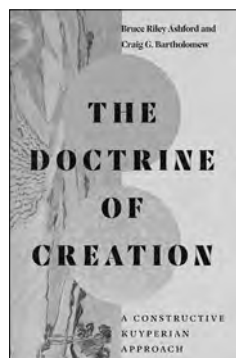
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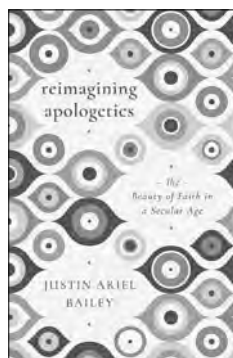
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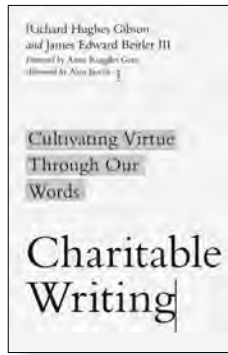
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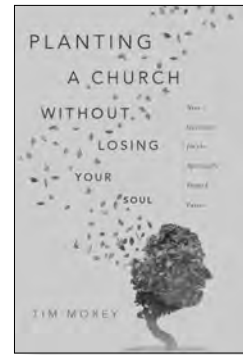
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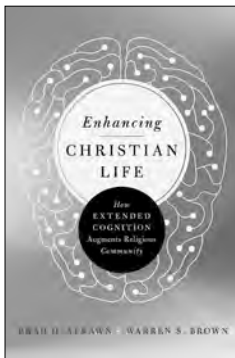
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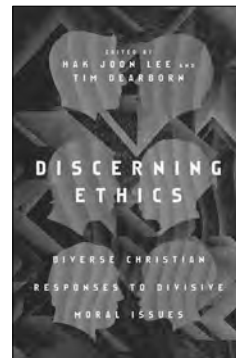
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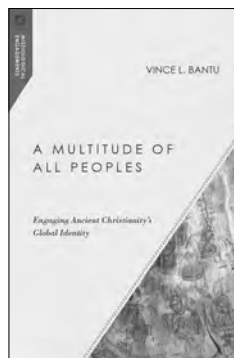
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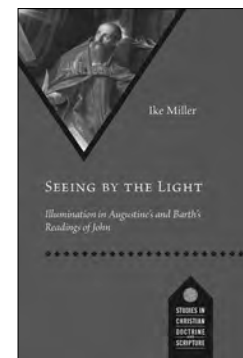
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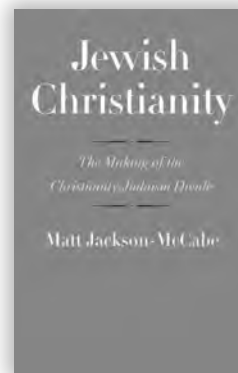
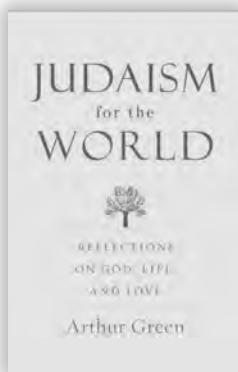
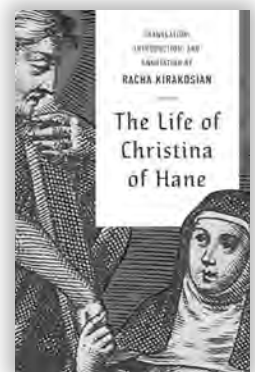
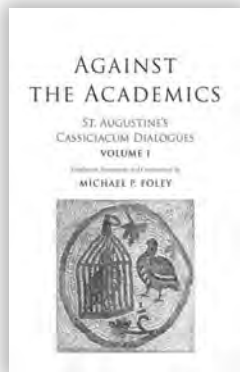
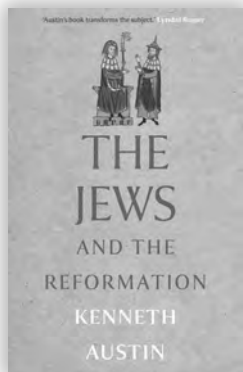
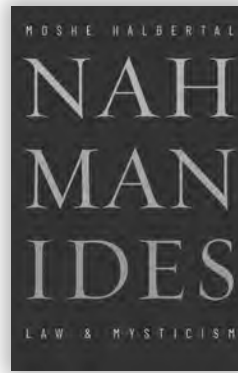
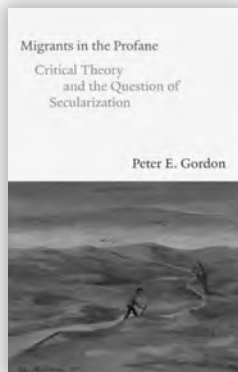
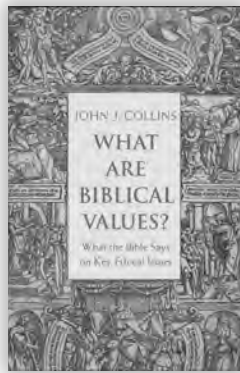
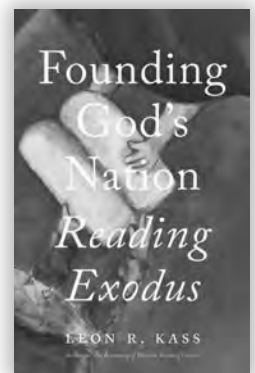
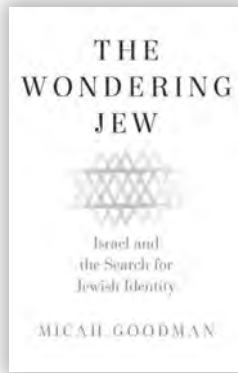
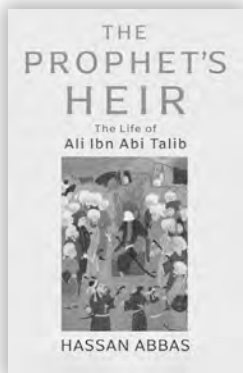
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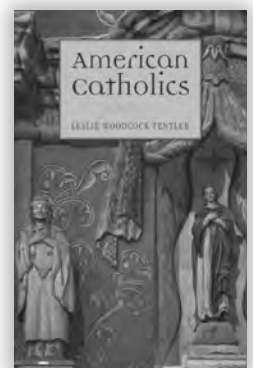
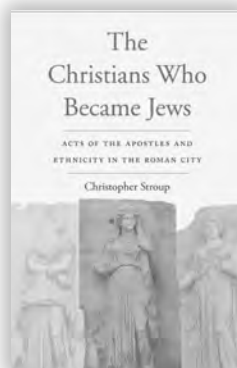
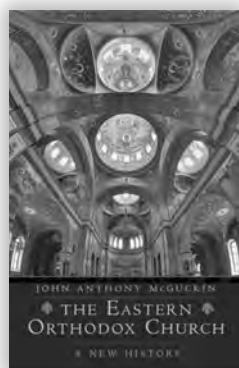
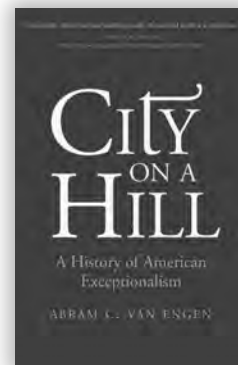
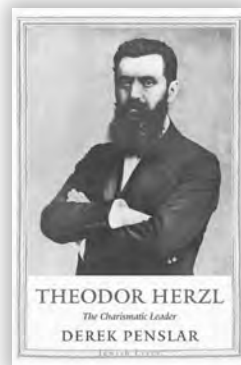
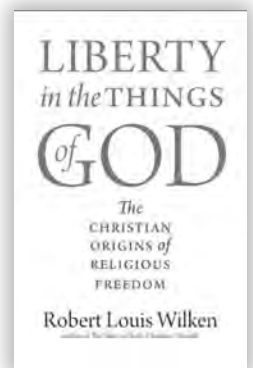
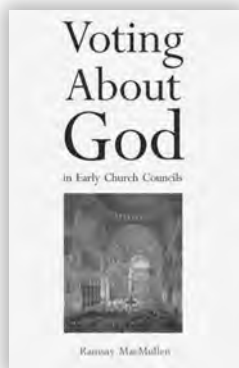
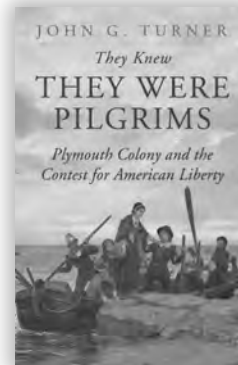
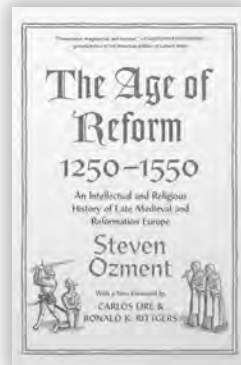
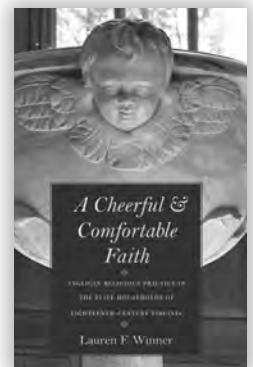
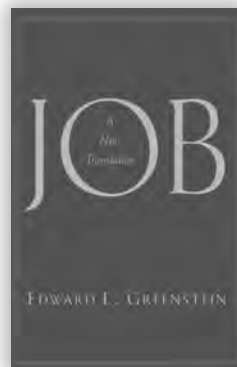
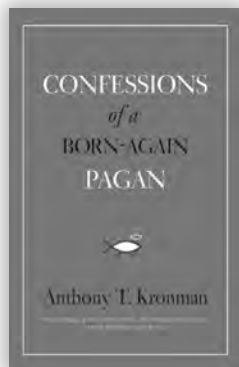


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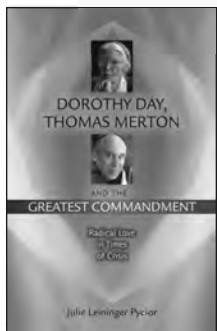
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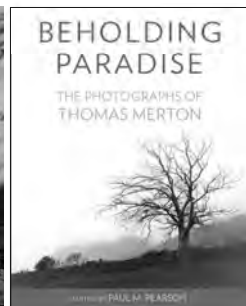
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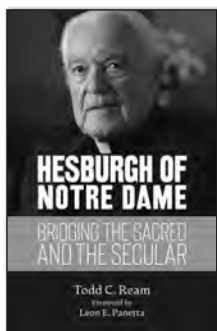
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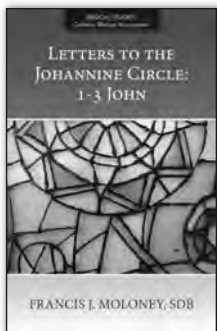
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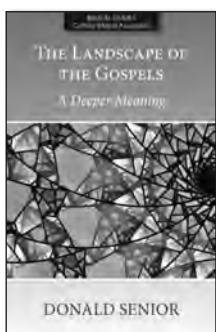
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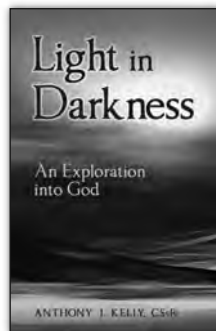
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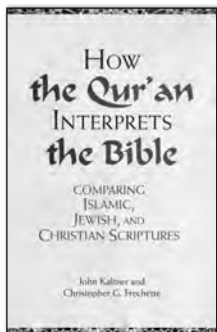


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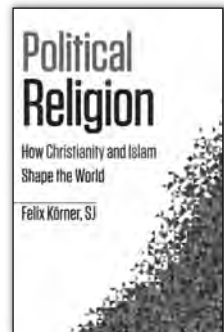
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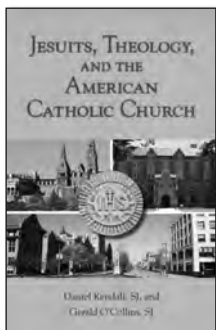
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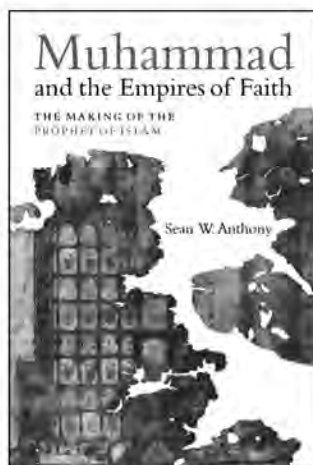


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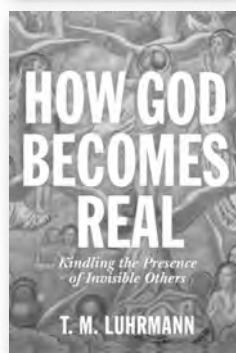
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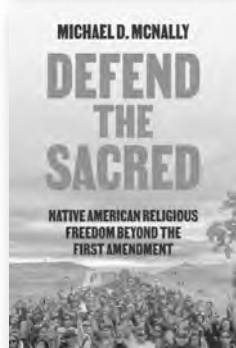
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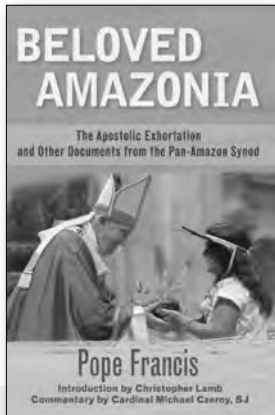
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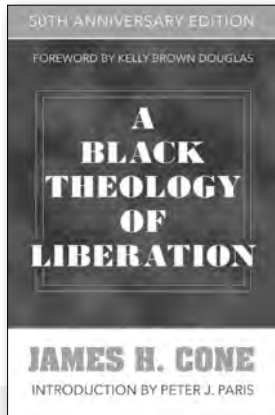


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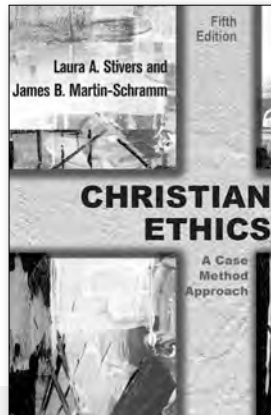


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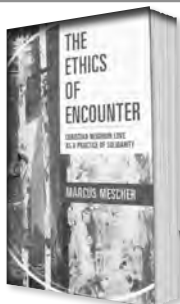
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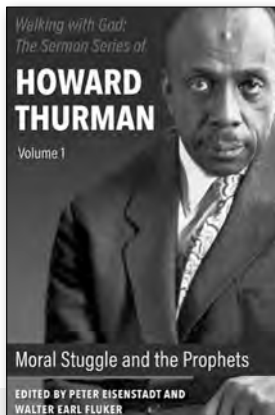
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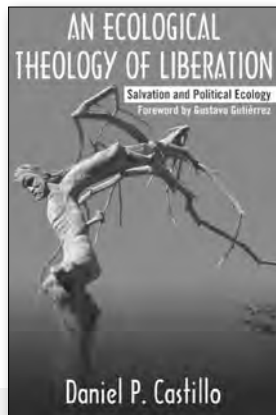
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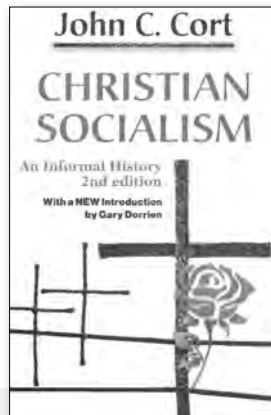
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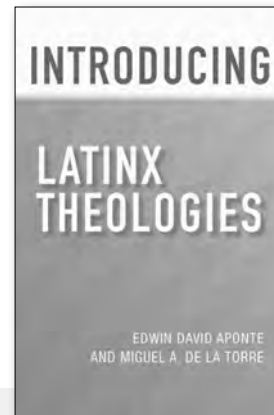
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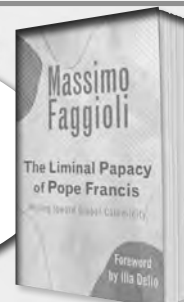
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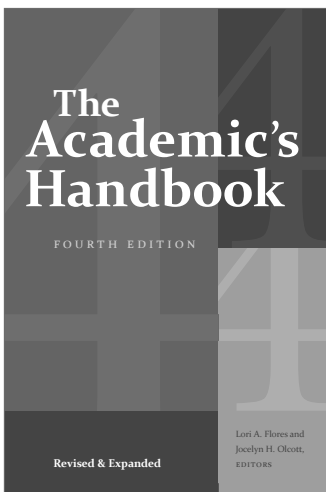
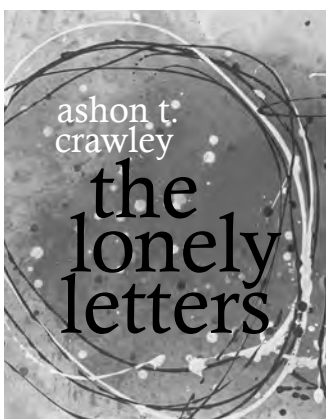
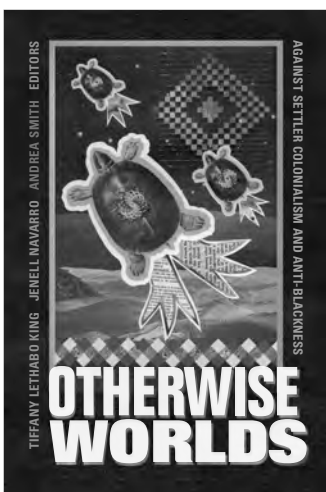
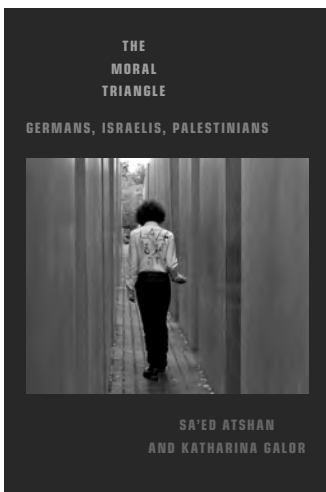
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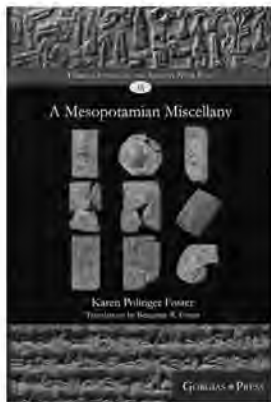
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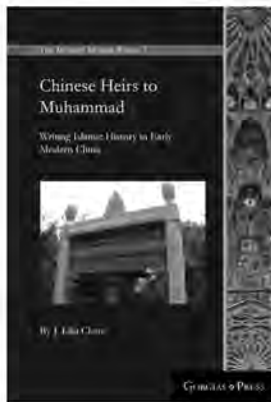
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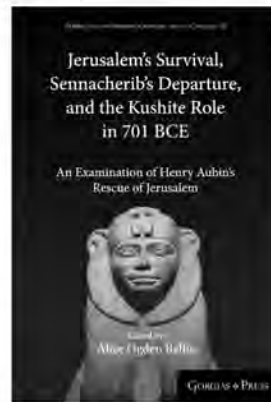
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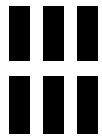


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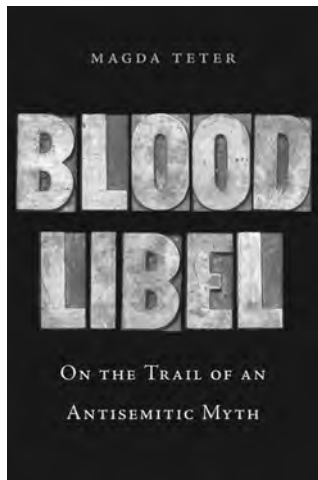
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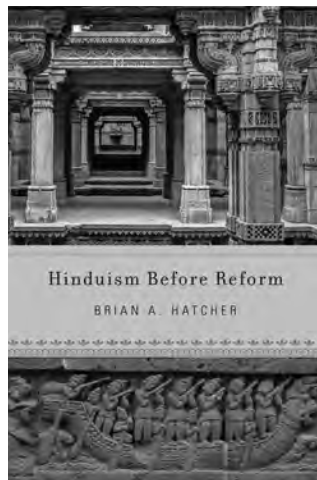


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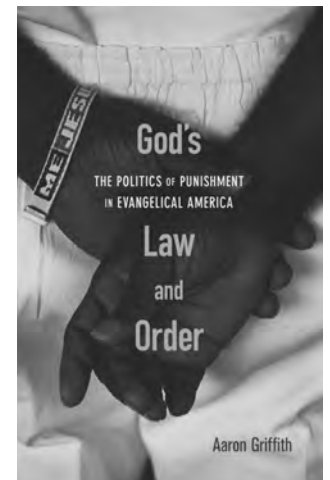
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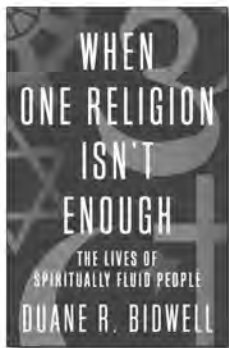
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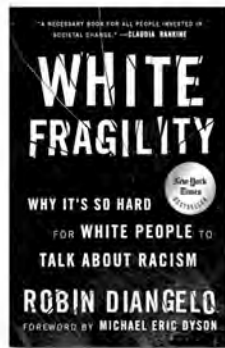
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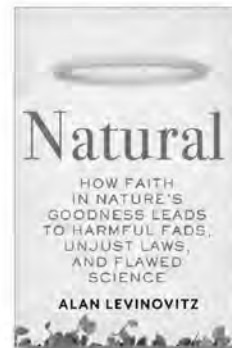
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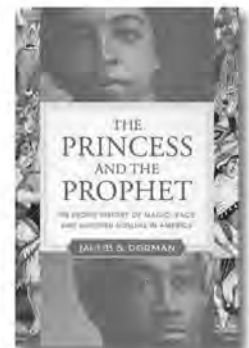
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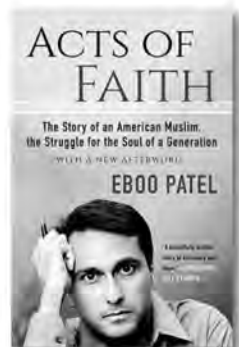
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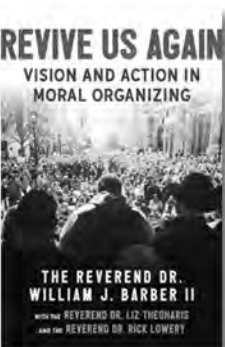
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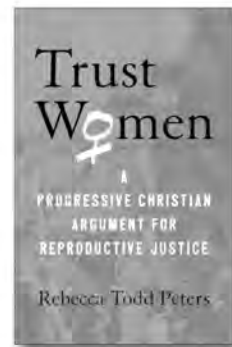
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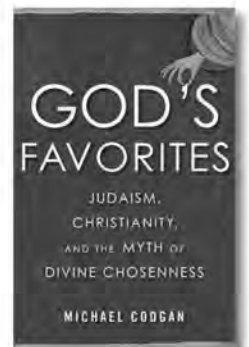
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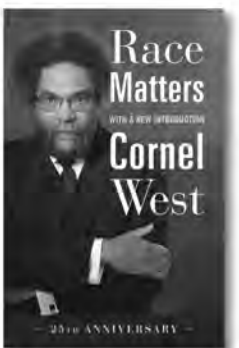
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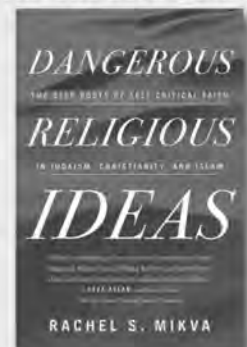


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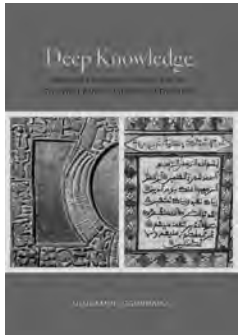
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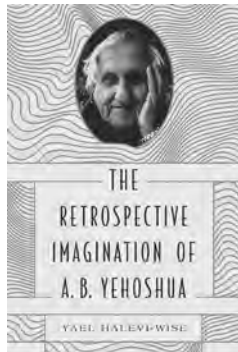


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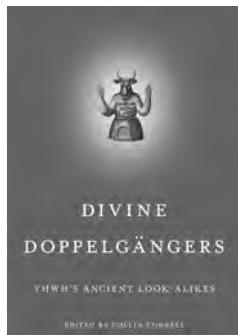
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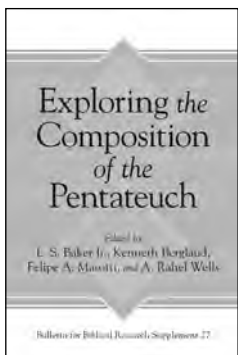
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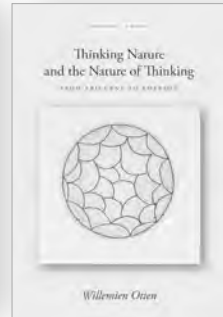
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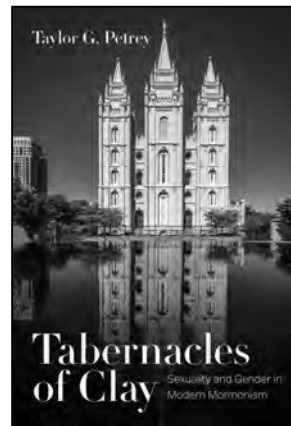
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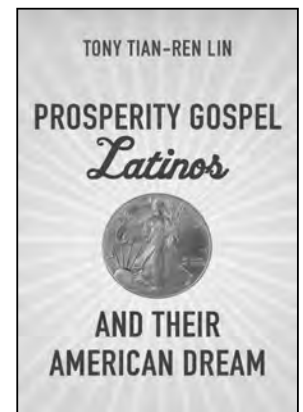
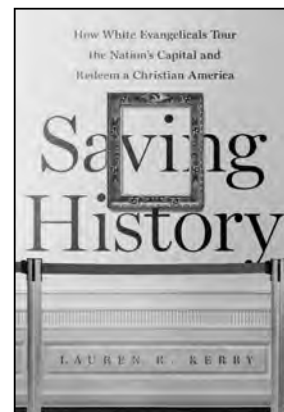
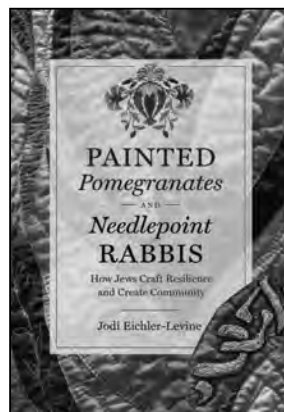
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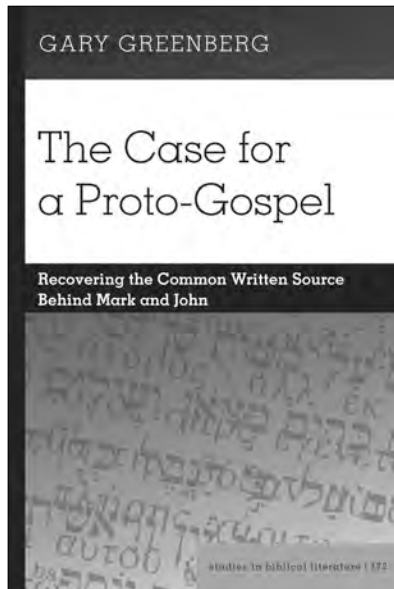


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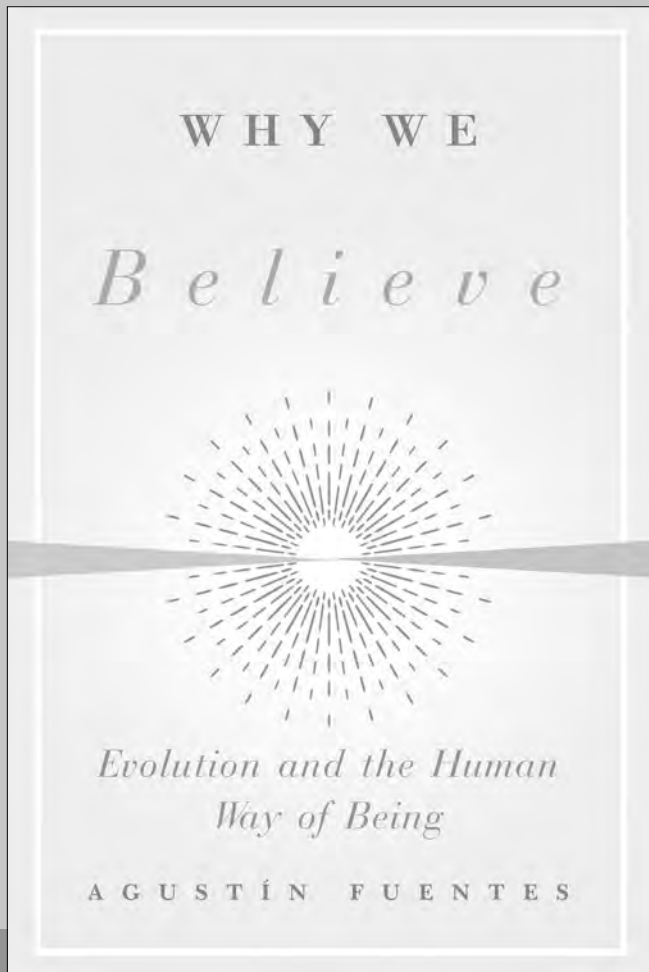
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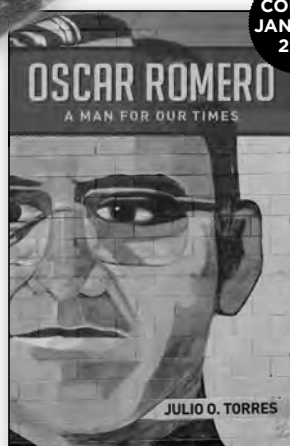
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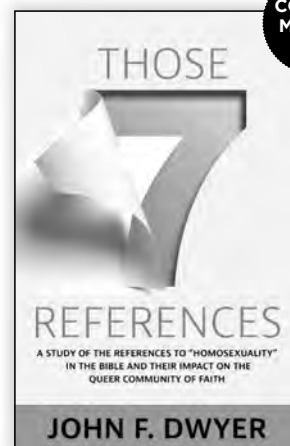


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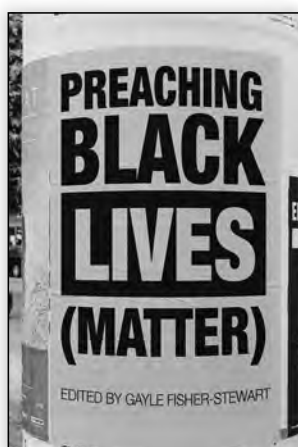


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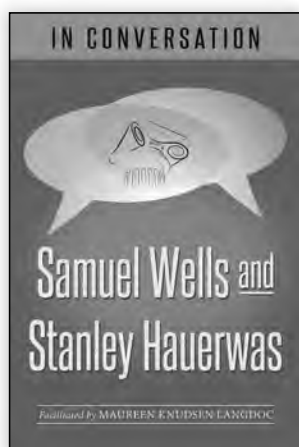
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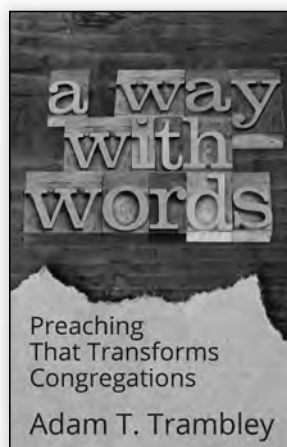
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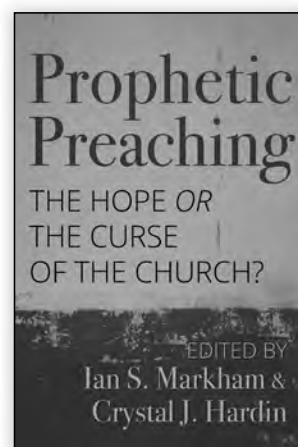
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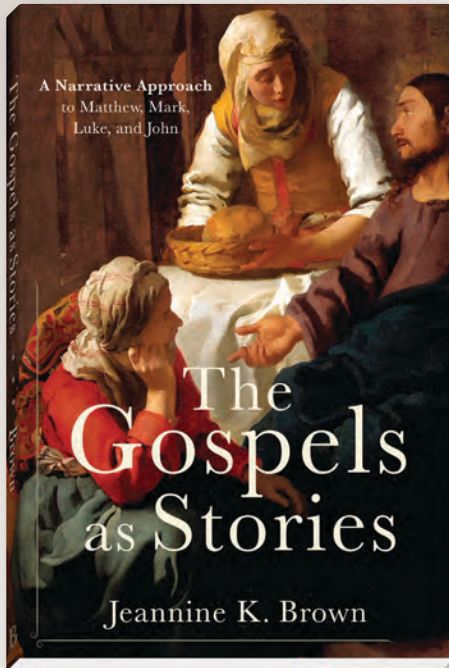
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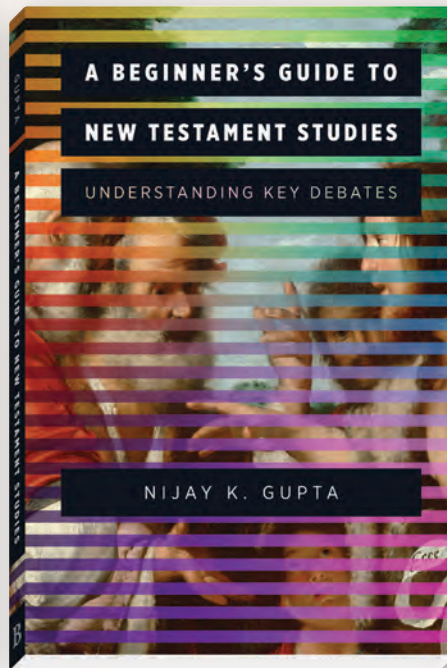
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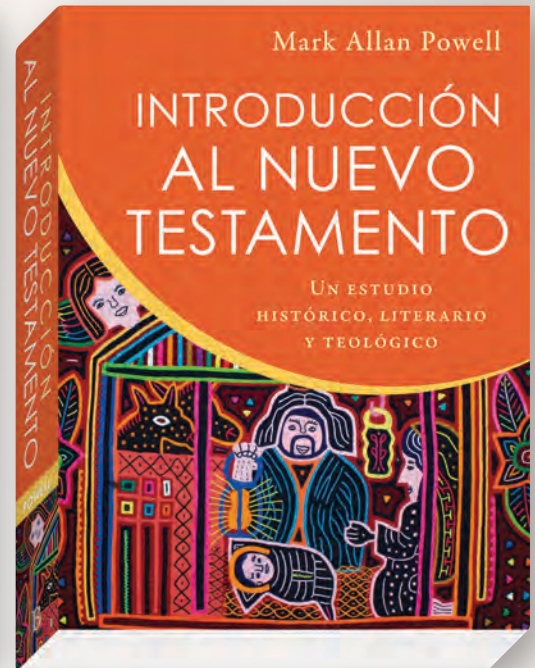
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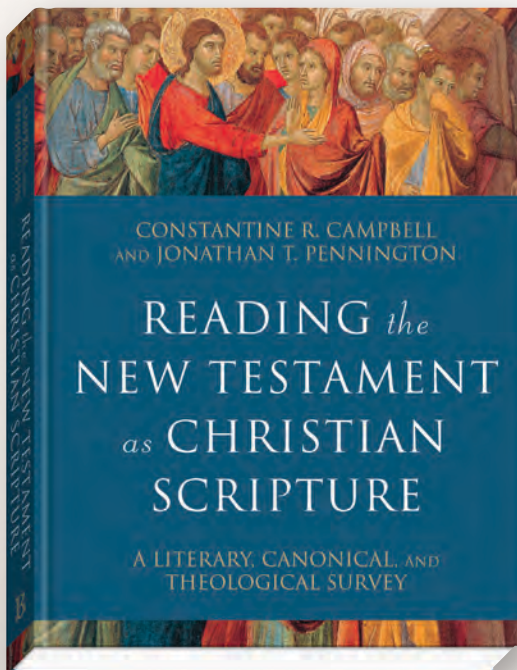
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