

# AAR Online Program Book

November 19-22, 2005  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

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**A18-1**

**Chairs Workshop - Enlarging the Pie: Strategies for Managing and Growing  
Departmental Resources**  
Friday - 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee

Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University and Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Thomas P. Kasulis, Ohio State University, Columbus

Dianne Stewart, Emory University

Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University

Thomas B. Coburn, Naropa University

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description. Separate registration is required.

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**A18-2**

**AAR Board of Directors Meeting**  
Friday - 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

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**JAAR International Project Subcommittee**  
**Friday - 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

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**Friday - 9:00 am-10:45 am**

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**Religion and Media Workshop - "Spinning" God: Teaching, Researching, and Reporting on Politics and Religion**  
**Friday - 10:00 am-6:00 pm**

S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Panelists:

Diane Winston, University of Southern California

Amy Sullivan, Washington Monthly

Jeffrey Sharlet, New York University

David Domke, University of Washington

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**Women's Caucus Workshop - Using Feminist Pedagogies in the Classroom**  
**Friday - 11:30 am-3:30 pm**

Harriet Luckman, College of Mount St. Joseph and Laurie Wright Garry, California Lutheran University, Presiding

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida  
*Teaching Women in the Hindu Tradition*

Melissa Stewart, Adrian College  
*The Trials and Tribulations of Teaching the Enraptured and the Napping*

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego  
*Teaching Buddhism from a Feminist Perspective*

Julie J. Kilmer, Olivet College  
*A Feminist Response to Student Resistance: Gender, Race, and Sexuality in the Classroom*

Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, University of Florida  
*Teaching Women and Islam*

Paula Trimble-Familetti, Chapman University  
*Creative Feminist Pedagogical Methodologies*

Business Meeting:

Laurie Wright Garry, California Lutheran University, Presiding

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 **A18-6**

**Theological Programs Initiative Consultation**  
**Friday - 12:30 pm-4:00 pm**

Carey J. Gifford, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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 **A18-50**

**Friday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

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 **A18-51**

**Friday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

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 **A18-54**

**Friday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

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 **A18-100**

**Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting**  
**Friday - 6:00 pm-9:00 pm**

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Please meet in the lobby of the Marriott Philadelphia Hotel at 5:45 pm to depart to the restaurant.

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 **A18-101**

**Arts Series/Films: *Peaceable Kingdom***  
**Friday - 7:00 pm-7:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Animals and Religion Consultation

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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 **A18-102**

**EIS Center Orientation**  
**Friday - 7:00 pm-9:00 pm**

Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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 **A18-103**

**Arts Series/Films: *Mana: Beyond Belief***  
**Friday - 7:30 pm-9:00 pm**

Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University, Presiding

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 **A18-104**

**Religion in the Schools Task Force Reception for Scholars - Rights,  
Responsibilities and Respect: A First Amendment Model for Teaching about  
Religion**  
**Friday - 8:00 pm-9:30 pm**

Marcia Beauchamp, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding

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 **A19-1**

**Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday - 7:30 am-8:45 am**

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

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 **A19-2**

**Regional Officers Breakfast Meeting**  
**Saturday - 7:30 am-9:00 am**

Stacy L. Patty, Lubbock Christian University, Presiding

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 **A19-3**

**Status of Women in the Profession Committee: Conversation about Gender Issues with Program Unit Chairs**  
**Saturday - 7:30 am-9:00 am**

Rebecca T. Alpert, Temple University, Presiding

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 **A19-4**

**Student Liaison Group Annual Business Meeting**  
**Saturday - 7:45 am-9:00 am**

Kimberly Bresler, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

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 **A19-5**

**Academic Relations Committee**  
**Saturday - 8:00 am-9:30 am**

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding

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 **A19-6**

**Publications Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding

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**Barnes Museum Bus Tour**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Ruth Zoe Ost, Temple University, Presiding

Please meet at the signposted area outside the Marriott Philadelphia Hotel at 8:45 am. Tours are scheduled by the museum, please do not be late! Bus tour is by reservation only; please have your ticket ready. Tour tickets will be mailed with the name badge materials in September.

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**Special Topics Forum**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Sponsored by AAR and Jossey-Bass Publishing

Julianna Gustafson, Jossey-Bass Publishers, Presiding

Theme: *Popularizing Our Scholarship: Its Pleasures and Pitfalls*

Panelists:

Vanessa Ochs, University of Virginia

Robert Thurman, Columbia University

Lauren F. Winner, Duke

Donna Freitas, Saint Michael's College

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**Special Topics Forum**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Sponsored by AAR and Christians Associated for Relationships with Eastern Europe

Paul Mojzes, Rosemont College, Presiding

Theme: *Quo Vadis Eastern Europe?*

Ines A. Murzaku, Seton Hall University  
*The Basilian Monks of Grottaferrata and the Pursuit of Christian Unity*

Walter Sawatsky, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary  
*Teaching about the Other: Inter-Church Dialogue for Russian/Ukrainian Christianity*

N. Gerald Shenk, Eastern Mennonite Seminary  
*Cordoba and Sarajevo: Contrasts in Religious Separation and Tolerance*

James R. Payton, Redeemer University College  
*Turkish Millet, Religious Nationalism, and Civil Society*

Leslie A. Muray, Curry College  
*The Legacy of Vilmos Apor and Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty*

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section and Hinduism Group**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

John Cort, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Hinduism in a Survey Course*



Panelists:

Joseph Schaller, Nazareth College

Carl Olson, Allegheny College

Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University



**A19-11**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

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

Theme: *Music and the Holy Spirit*

Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh  
*Messiaen, Meaning, and the Transmission of Tradition*

J. David Franks, Boston College  
*Music as the Apocalyptic Transfiguration of History, with Special Reference to Adorno and the Fate of Spirit in the Viennese Tradition*

Loye Ashton, Millsaps College  
*Rhythmicity and the Eternal Creative Act of the Holy Spirit*

Responding:

Don E. Saliers, Emory University



**A19-12**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Diane Jonte-Pace, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Freud and Jung: New Psychological Approaches to Comparative Religious Studies*

Panelists:

Shubha Pathak, University of Chicago

Jonathan Schofer, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

Stephen Kaplan, Manhattan College

Responding:

Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union

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**A19-13**

**History of Christianity Section**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Teresa M. Shaw, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Reviewing History, Theory, Text: Historians and the Linguistic Turn*, by Elizabeth A. Clark (Harvard University Press)

Panelists:

David Brakke, Indiana University

Patricia Cox Miller, Syracuse University

Gabrielle Spiegel, Johns Hopkins University

Responding:

Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University

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**Philosophy of Religion Section**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas, Presiding

Theme: *Technology, Religion, and the Human in Question*

Leslie Meltzer, University of Virginia

*All "Dollied" Up: Why Bans on Human Cloning Are Dressed in the Garb of Human Dignity*

Mohammad Motahari Farimani, Regis College, University of Toronto

*Islamic Philosophy and the Challenge of Cloning*

Anais Spitzer, Pacifica Graduate Institute

*Exceeding the Eye: The Nodular Subject and the Dislocation of the Philosophy of Religion*

Michael DeLashmutt, University of Aberdeen

*A Better Life through Information Technology? The Posthuman Person in Contemporary Speculative Science*

Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles/University of Chicago, Presiding

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**Study of Islam Section**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Gisela Webb, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Theme: *Women, Agency, and Islam*

Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University  
*Reproductive Discourse in Early Islamic Literature*

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Sexual Prescriptions and the Legacy of Mariyah the Copt*

Debra Mubashshir Majeed, Beloit College  
*Polygyny in the Identity of African American Muslims*

Roxanne D. Marcotte, University of Queensland  
*An Islamist Gender Discourse*

Sadiyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town  
*In Search of Al-Insan: Sufism, Ethics, and Gender*

Responding:

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College



**A19-16**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Darby Kathleen Ray, Millsaps College, Presiding

Theme: *Violence and God-Images, "After Girard"*

Hugh Reynolds Nicholson, Coe College  
*Liberating Religion from Social Conflict: A Critical Examination of Three Evasive Strategies*

Charlene Burns, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire  
*Honesty about God: God's Violence/ Violence in God's Name in Wink, Jung, and Luther*

Thomas E. Reynolds, St. Norbert College  
*The Non-Necessity of God's Violence, or the Possibility of an Iconic Monotheism*

Matthias Beier, Drew University  
*Violence, Fear, and God: Eugen Drewermann's Interdisciplinary Analysis of Christian Violence*

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**A19-17**

**Anthropology of Religion Group**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding

Theme: *Transplanting Religion: Rethinking Authenticity*

Stuart Charme, Rutgers University

*Transplanted Authenticity: The Jewishness of Eastern Europe and the Revival of Klezmer*

Mariana Mastagar, Trinity College, University of Toronto

*Macedonian-Bulgarian Diaspora in Toronto and the Orthodox Christian Church*

Hanna Kim, New York, NY

*Becoming a New Religion the Old-Fashioned Way: Perspectives from a Transnational Hindu Movement*

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

*Place, Space, and the "Healing Dao": Practicing Popular Daoism in the U.S., Thailand, and China*

Responding:

Charles Lindholm, Boston University



**A19-18**

**Bioethics and Religion Group**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Ethics, and Access to Health Care*

Nancy Berlinger, The Hastings Center

*Conscientious Objection and Access to Reproductive Health Care Services: Gender, Justice, and Shame*

Charlene A. Galarneau, Wellesley College  
*Christian Medical Sharing Plans: An Ethical Review*

Marie J. Giblin, Xavier University  
*A Theological Ethics of Solidarity: Toward Global Health Care Access*

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University  
*Access to Drugs in a New Global Environment: A New Challenge for the African Church*

Business Meeting:

Paul R. Johnson, D'Youville College, Presiding  
Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding



**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Demetrios Katos, Hellenic College, Presiding

Theme: *Patristic and Byzantine Hymnography*

Bogdan G. Bucur, Marquette University  
*The Feet That Eve Heard in Paradise and Was Afraid: The Christology of Byzantine Festival Hymns*

Verna E. F. Harrison, Saint Paul School of Theology  
*The Vindication of Eve: Romanus' Second Kontakion on Christ's Nativity*

Elijah Mueller, Marquette University  
*Cleansed by the Fire of a Mystic Vision*

Constantine J. Terss, Heathrow, FL  
*Tradition and Change - Liturgical Chant and Music in the Greek Orthodox Christian Experience in America: Early European Origins*



**Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Sarah L. Schwarz, Haverford College, Presiding

Theme: *Rituals of Reading*

Sarah Iles Johnston, Ohio State University, Columbus

*Making One's Mark: Writing, Reading, and the Authorization of Marginal Religious Practices in Ancient Greece*

Michael D. Swartz, Ohio State University, Columbus

*Ritualizing the Book in Ancient Judaism*

Catherine Burris, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*Readers in Syriac Texts: Who, What, When, and Where*

Kim Haines-Eitzen, Cornell University

*Miniature Books and Rituals of Private Reading in Late Antiquity*



**A19-21**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Group and Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Creston Davis, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Gender, Politics, and the Return to Religion*

Panelists:

Slavoj Žižek, University of Ljubljana

Amy M. Hollywood, University of Chicago

Graham Ward, University of Manchester

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University

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**A19-22**

**Indigenous Religious Traditions Group and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Lindsey Jones, Ohio State University, Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *The Works and Scholarship of David Carrasco*

Panelists:

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University

Luis Leon, University of California, Berkeley

Charles Long, Chapel Hill, NC

Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis

Lara Medina, Claremont Graduate University

Jacob K. Olupona, University of California, Davis

Responding:

David Carrasco, Harvard University

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**A19-23**

**Religion and Science Group**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Future of Emergence: Should Theology Mind Emergence?*

Steven D. Crain, University of St. Francis

*God Embodied in, God Bodying Forth the World: Emergence and Christian Theology*



James Haag, Graduate Theological Union  
*Finding Middle Ground: Clayton on Mind and Emergence*

Antje Jackelen, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago  
*Emergence Everywhere?!*

J. Wentzel Van Huyssteen, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Emergence and Human Distinctiveness: Limiting or Delimiting Evolutionary Explanation?*

Responding:

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology

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**Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *Loves Herself. Regardless: Womanist Discourse on the Black Woman's Body*

Kimberleigh Jordan, New York University  
*Black Bodies Moving in Sacred Space: African American Liturgical Dance*

Gayle R. Baldwin, University of North Dakota  
*Black Woman's Drag*

Melva L. Sampson, Spelman College  
*Give Me Body! Black Female Body as Icon in Hip-Hop and Religious Culture*

Pamela Y. Cook, University of Chicago  
*Are There Any Hip-Hop Womanists in the House? Womanist Theology, Political Activism, and the Hip-Hop Generation*

S'thembile West, Western Illinois University  
*Icons of Injustice: Gendered and Hyper-Sexualized Black Women's Bodies in U.S. Culture*

Sallie Cuffee, Medgar Evers College  
*Alice Walker, The Color Purple, and a Womanist Gospel of Resistance*

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**A19-25**

**Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Marcia Bunge, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *Children and Poverty: Spiritual Resilience and Community Resources*

Panelists:

Peter Benson, The Search Institute

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University

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**A19-26**

**Religion and Sexuality Consultation**

**Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

**New Program Unit**

Catherine Roach, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding

Theme: *Regulating Desire: Christian and Buddhist Sexuality Debates in America and Beyond*

Wil Brant, Chicago Theological Seminary

*Being Christian and Having Sex, Too: The Historical Context and Contemporary Application of the Regulation of Sexual Desire as Part of the Practice of Christian Faith*

Paul C. Kemeny, Grove City College

*Anthony Comstock, Free-Lovers, and the Censorship of Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass: Defining the Terms of Protestant Toleration in Late Nineteenth-Century New England*

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont

*Finding Safe Harbor: Buddhist Sexual Ethics in America*

Lynne Gerber, Graduate Theological Union

*The Opposite of Gay: Ex-Gay Ministries, Identity, and Desire*

Business Meeting:

R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University, Presiding

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 **A19-30**

**Religion and Ecology Tour: Eco-Justice and Chester, Pennsylvania**  
**Saturday - 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group

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Mark I. Wallace, Swarthmore College, Presiding

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 **A19-29**

**Mother Bethel Church Bus Tour**  
**Saturday - 9:30 am-12:00 pm**

Sponsored by the African Religions Group and the Afro-American Religious History Group

Please meet at the signposted area outside the Marriott Philadelphia Hotel at 9:15 am. Bus tour is by reservation only; please have your ticket ready. Tour tickets will be mailed with the name badge materials in September.

Moses N. Moore, Arizona State University, Presiding

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 **A19-27**

**Plenary Address**  
**Saturday - 11:30 am-12:30 pm**

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *A Life Biography of Wolfhart Pannenberg*

Panelists:

Wolfhart Pannenberg, Gräfelfing, Germany

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**A19-28**

**Special Topics Forum**

**Saturday - 11:45 am-1:00 pm**

Sponsored by AAR and American Theological Library Association

Kimberly Bresler, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *AAR Student Luncheon and Panel Discussion: Career Alternatives for Doctoral Students in Religion and Theology*

Panelists:

Dennis A. Norlin, American Theological Library Association

Thomas Breidenthal, Princeton University

Mary Sweetland Laver, Bala Cynwyd, PA

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**A19-50**

**Arts Series/Films: *Alambrista***

**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



**A19-51**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Sponsored by *JAAR*

Glenn E. Yocum, Whittier College, Presiding

Theme: *Imagining Religion in the Postcolony: Beyond Orientalism and Occidentalism*

Panelists:

Achille Membe, University of Witwatersrand

Raja Bahlul, United Arab Emirates

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia

Veena Das, Johns Hopkins University

Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

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**A19-52**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *The Supreme Court and Religion*

Panelists:

Kent R. Greenawalt, Columbia University

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California

Oliver Thomas, Niswonger Foundation

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 **A19-53**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Theme: *AAR Excellence in Teaching Forum: A Conversation about Teaching with the 2005 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner*

Panelists:

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

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 **A19-54**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Angels in America: Theatre, Film, Literature*

Kent Brintnall, Emory University  
*Shifting Contexts for Grief and Rage: Watching Angels in America, Then and Now*

Craig S. Strobel, ConSpiritu: A Center for Cultural Creativity  
*co-presenter with Victoria Rue*

Victoria Rue, San Jose State University  
*Angels in America: Performing Gender Construction*

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Columbia University  
*Of Ghosts and Angels: Derrida and Kushner on the Impossibility of Forgiveness*

Dugan McGinley, Temple University  
*Angels, Witches, and Goats, Oh My! Otherworldly Creatures on Broadway*

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 **A19-55**

**Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhism in the Southern Capital: Heian and Kamakura Developments of Nara Buddhism*

Sarah Horton, Macalester College  
*The Miraculous Jizos of Nara*

David Quinter, Stanford University  
*Creating Bodhisattvas: Eison, Manjusri, and Kamakura-Period Buddhism Revisited*

Kenryo Minowa, Aichi-gakuin University  
*Zen and the Precepts in Medieval Nara Buddhism: As Seen in Ensho Shonin Gyojo*

Susumu Uejima, Kyoto Prefectural University  
*Towards a New Understanding of the Formation of Medieval Japanese Buddhism*

Responding:

Robert Rhodes, Otani University

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 **A19-56**

**Ethics Section**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Lucinda J. Peach, American University, Presiding

Theme: *Spheres of (In)Justice: Terrorism, Turmoil, and the Resort to Torture*

Elizabeth Barre, Florida State University

*When Disaster Looms: Terrorism and Supreme Emergency in the Arguments of Michael Walzer and Osama bin Ladin*

Nancy Berlinger, The Hastings Center

*When the Subject Is Torture(d): Torture, Terror, Religion, and Research Ethics*

Bradley L. Herling, Boston University

*Walzer and Ignatieff on the Evils of the War on Terror*

Douglas McCready, Kutztown, PA

*When Is Torture Right?*



**A19-57**

## **History of Christianity Section**

**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Silk Hoods, Deaconess Bonnets, and Nuns' Habits: Debating Women's Dress in American Christianity*

Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University

*"Between Two Extreams": Female Self-Fashioning in Early New England*

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University

*Deaconess Garb: A Bad Habit or Good Fashion Sense?*

Stephanie Stillman, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Hard Habit to Break: The Work of Mapping Postconciliar Catholicism on Nuns' Bodies*

Responding:

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

Business Meeting:



Anne Clark, University of Vermont, Presiding  
Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University, Presiding

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**A19-58**

**North American Religions Section**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Catherine L. Albanese, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Metaphysical/Occult Traditions and the Imagination of America: Critical and Historical Perspectives*

D. Michael Quinn, Rancho Cucamonga, CA  
*Marginalizing the Mainstream of Religion, the Occult, and the Otherworldly*

John H. Lardas, Haverford College  
*The Metaphysics of Empire and the Government of Souls*

Robert S. Cox, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
*Race, Nation, and the Topography of Spiritualist Emotion*

Darryl Victor Caterine, Grinnell College  
*The Dark Sublime: Occult Heresies and the American Nation*

Responding:

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**A19-59**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelical Religion and Social Change*

Nora Lozano, Baptist University of the Americas  
*Honesty, Conflict, and a New Vision of the Reign of God as a Basis for Social Change among Latino/a Evangelicos/as*

Kathleen Garces-Foley, California State University, Northridge  
*Asian-American Evangelicals and the Value of Diversity*

Ki Joo Choi, Boston College  
*Cultivating the Affections, Lakewood Church Style: Insights for Contemporary Religious and Moral Reflection*

Chris Boesel, Drew University  
*"Thus Sayeth the Lord...": Prophetic Voice, Evangelical Theology, and Social Change*

Christian T. Collins Winn, Bethel University  
*co-present with Boesel*

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 **A19-60**

**Women and Religion Section and Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation  
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Children, Women, War, and Politics*

Kristin Herzog, Independent Scholars' Association  
*Child Soldiers, Militarism, and Theology: An Ethical Challenge*

Honora Chapman, Stanford University  
*"Slaughter of the Innocents": Children in Ancient and Modern War*

Raymond J. Webb, University of St. Mary of the Lake  
*Living and Partly Living: Childhood under Occupation*

Responding:

Katharina von Kellenbach, St. Mary's College of Maryland

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 **A19-61**

**Black Theology Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *The Nature of Black Religious Experience*

Torin Alexander, Rice University

*The Nature of African American Religious Experience: A Postmodern/Post-structuralist Analysis*

CL Nash, University of Edinburgh

*Theoretically Essential: Postmodernism and Approaches to Liberation*

Jonathon Samuel Kahn, Vassar College

*Toward a Tradition of African-American Pragmatic Religious Naturalism*

Responding:

M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College



**A19-62**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Charles Marsh, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *War as Responsible Action? The Uses and Abuses of Bonhoeffer's Ethics*

Susan Ford Wiltshire, Vanderbilt University

*"Telling the Truth": Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Context*

Robert O. Smith, Baylor University

*Bonhoeffer, Bloggers, and Bush: Uses of a "Protestant Saint" in the Fog of War*

Robert Vosloo, University of Stellenbosch

*"Neither Defiant nor Despairing, but Humble and Confident": In Conversation with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Beyers Naudé on Discernment*

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**A19-63**

**Confucian Traditions Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *A Gentleman and His Money: Confucian Attitudes Toward the Creation and Transmission of Wealth*

Michael Puett, Harvard University  
*Ritual and Non-Ritual Exchange in Early China*

Keith Knapp, The Citadel  
*The Subtle Art of Avoiding Profit: The Mercantile Adventures of a Fifth-Century Confucian Exemplar*

Peter Ditmanson, Colby College  
*Female Virtue, Neo-Confucian Views of Commerce in Thirteenth- and Fourteenth-Century China*

Christian Jochim, San Jose State University  
*“Confucian” Views on Wealth Creation from a Modern Interpretive Community: Social Scientists*

Responding:

Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis



**A19-64**

**Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group and Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Taking Risks: The Rhetorical Challenges in Deconstructing the Radical Religious Right*

Panelists:

Mark D. Jordan, Emory University

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University

Ronald E. Long, Hunter College

Robert E. Goss, Metropolitan Community Church

Peggy Schmeiser, University of Ottawa

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**A19-65**

**Islamic Mysticism Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Reading Texts, Reading Lives: Historical and Theoretical Revaluations of Sufi Sources*

Shahzad Bashir, Carleton College

*Corpses in the Hands of Morticians: Pursuing the Social Logic of Disciple-Master Relationships in Hagiographical Narratives*

Devin DeWeese, Indiana University, Bloomington

*Reading the Labels: Corporate Names of Sufi Communities in Timurid-Era Sources*

Amina Steinfels, Mount Holyoke College

*From Intertextuality to Interdiscursivity: Sufi Texts and Fiqh Texts in Medieval South Asia*

Elias Jamal, Amherst College

*Wise Servants and Virtuous Kings: Sufi Writings as a Source of Islamic Ethics*

Responding:

Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, St. Louis

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**A19-66**

**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

David J. Gouwens, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and Contemporary Virtue Ethics*

Robert Roberts, Baylor University  
*Kierkegaard and Virtue Ethics*

Jason A. Mahn, Duke University  
*Kierkegaard after Hauerwas: Christian Courage and Fortunate Fallibility in Contemporary Virtue Ethics*

W. Glenn Kirkconnell, Santa Fe Community College  
*Kierkegaard and the Virtues of Weakness*

Responding:

Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University, Presiding



**Korean Religions Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Eun Hee Shin, Simpson College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Politics in Korean History*

Patrick Uhlmann, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Buddhist Monks and Political Power in Late Koryô-Early Chosôn: The Trajectory and Strategy of Muhak Chach'o*

Weon Chu, Brookline, MA  
*The Korean Use of Religious "Orthodoxy" as a Political Weapon: The Parallel between the Seventeenth-Century Confucian Ritual Controversy and the Twentieth-Century Christian Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy*

Wi Jo Kang, Wartburg Theological Seminary  
*Shinto Religion, Politics, and Christian Response in Korea*

Yun Cho, Claremont Graduate University  
*Deconstructing Religions: Religions in the Age of Nukes and Anti-Americanism*

Responding:

John I. Goulde, Sweet Briar College  
Youngmin Kim, Bryn Mawr College



**A19-68**

**Nineteenth-Century Theology Group and Mysticism Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Harvey Hill, Berry College and Elizabeth Dreyer, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *Late Nineteenth/Early Twentieth-Century Approaches to Mysticism, East and West*

Douglas S. Duckworth, Florida State University  
*Buddha-Nature as the Unity of the Two Truths in Mi-pham's ('Ju Mi Pham Rgya Mtsho, 1842-1912) Interpretation*

Michael J. Kerlin, LaSalle University  
*Maurice Blondel: Philosophy, Prayer, and the Mystical*

Charles J. T. Talar, University of Saint Thomas  
*The Modernist and the Mystic: Albert Houtin's Une Grande Mystique*

John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University  
*Particular and Universal: Problems Posed by Shaku Sōen's "Zen"*

James H. Thrall, Duke University  
*May Sinclair: Mystic Modern*



**A19-69**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Native Traditions in the Americas Group

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and U.S. Culture*

Schuyler Shawn, Syracuse University  
*Misplaced Origins and Debts Ignored: Democracy Isn't Free*

Chris Jocks, Arizona State University  
*What the American Founders Did **Not** Learn from the Haudenosaunee*

Nancy Napierala, State University of New York, Buffalo  
*Clan Mothers: The Role of Haudenosaunee Clan Mothers in Survival of the Iroquois Confederacy*

Sally Roesch Wagner, Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation  
*The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Influence on Early American Feminists*

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**A19-70**

**New Religious Movements Group and Contemporary Pagan Studies  
Consultation**

**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Michael York, London, United Kingdom, Presiding

Theme: *Neo-Pagan Religions in Central and Eastern Europe: Identity, Community, and Challenge*

Panelists:

Adrian Ivakhiv, University of Vermont

Victor Shnirelman, Russian Academy of Sciences

Egidija Ramanauskaite Kiskina, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania



Gintautas Mazeikis, Siauliai University, Lithuania

Responding:

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico

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 **A19-71**

**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Theme: *Perspectives from the Post-Analytic Philosophy of Language in the Study of Religion*

Panelists:

Gabriel Levy, University of California, Santa Barbara

Kevin Schilbrack, Wesleyan College

G. Scott Davis, University of Richmond

Responding:

Jeppe Sinding Jensen, University of Aarhus

Terry Godlove, Hofstra University

Hans H. Penner, Hanover, NH

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 **A19-72**

**Reformed Theology and History Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding

Theme: *Reformed Perspectives on Genetic Engineering*

Elizabeth Agnew, University of Notre Dame  
*Conversion, Grace, and Illumination: The Contribution of Jonathan Edwards' Virtue to Debates about Personhood in Bioethics*

Christian D. Kettler, Friends University  
*Image and Substitute: The Vicarious Humanity of Christ in a World of Genetic Engineering*

Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University  
*Genetic Determinism and the "Freedom of the Gaps": A Compatibilist Response*

Joni Powers, University of Texas, Dallas  
*co-presenter with Robert A. Pyne*

Robert A. Pyne, Dallas Theological Seminary  
*Still Being Human: The Image of God and Embodiment after the Genome*

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**A19-73**

**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Shelley Wiley, Morningside College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Activism in Latin America and the Caribbean: In Honor of Oscar Romero*

John A. Donaghy, St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
*Romero's Legacy in Context*

David Tombs, Trinity College, Dublin  
*Oscar Romero's Commitment to Liberation and Reconciliation*

Michael Jagessar, Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education  
*Resistance and Liberation Struggles among Caribbean Coolies: The Religious Imagination of Bechu - "Bound Coolie" Radical*

Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College  
*Still Struggling toward a New Earth: The Integration of Faith and Practice within Centro de Estudos e Ação Social*

Responding:

Iain S. Maclean, James Madison University



**A19-74**

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**

**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville, Presiding

Theme: *Interrogating Ontotheology: Tillich, Heidegger, Marion, and Caputo*

Russell Manning, University of Cambridge

*Beyond Being: Tillich, Marion, and Caputo on Why God Does Not Exist*

Martin Gallagher, University of Kansas

*Tillich and Heidegger on Being*

Mario Costa, Drew University

*God-Less Thinking: The Question of Onto-Theology in Heidegger and Tillich*

Responding:

Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University

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**A19-75**

**Augustine and Augustinianisms Consultation**

**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Robert P. Kennedy, St. Francis Xavier University and Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, Presiding

Theme: *Augustine and Community*

Andrea J. Dickens, United Theological Seminary

*Augustine's Image of the Ascension: Medieval Monastic Receptions*

Matt Jenson, University of St. Andrews

*Sin and the City: Augustine, Sin, and Life Together*

Paul R. Kolbet, Boston College

*Christian Identity and Imperial Participation: Tensions in Augustine's Ideal of Community Life*

Eric Plumer, University of Scranton

*The Wise Master Builder: Paul as a Model for Building Community in Augustine's Commentary on Galatians*

Responding:

Phillip Cary, Eastern University

Business Meeting:

Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, Presiding

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**A19-76**

**Foucault Consultation**

**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Jeremy R. Carrette, University of Kent, Presiding

Theme: *Bodies and Spaces: Foucault and Philosophy of Religion*

John McSweeney, University of Limerick

*Heterotopic Theology: Toward a Liminal Foucauldian Space of Thought*

Jenna Tiitsman, Union Theological Seminary

*Scratching the Surface: Making Meaning on the Screen of The Pillow Book and the Skin of the Incorporeal God*

Matthew S. Waggoner, University of California, Santa Cruz

*The Preponderance of Objectivity: Foucault, Adorno, and the Politicization of Melancholia*

Responding:

Sharon D. Welch, University of Missouri, Columbia

Business Meeting:

Thomas M. Beaudoin, Santa Clara University, Presiding

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 **A19-77**

**Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation**  
**Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Bradford Verter, Bennington College, Presiding

Theme: *Mediating Transcendence in the New Millennium*

Alexandra Boutros, McGill University

*Altered States: Travel, Transcendence, and Technology in Contemporary Vodou Practice*

Jill Gorman, Rollins College

*September 12, Madrid, and Kabul Kaboom! Shockwave Gaming and the Construction of Muslim Identity*

Annie Blakeney-Glazer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*Tactical Heterotopias and the Space of Religious Performance*

Alison R. Marshall, Brandon University

*Digital Ecstasy: Simulating Religious Experiences in Cyberspace*

Business Meeting:

Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa, Presiding

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 **A19-129**

**JAAR International Reception**  
**Saturday - 3:30 pm-5:00 pm**

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University and Sheila Greeve Davaney, Iliff School of Theology,  
Presiding

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 **A19-100**

**Arts Series/Films: Sharon O'Brien - Readings from *The Family Silver***  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Mara Donaldson, Dickinson College, Presiding

Panelists:

Sharon O'Brien,

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**Special Topics Forum**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Regions Committee

Jane Marie Law, Cornell University, Presiding

Theme: *Responding to Political Targeting of Religion Scholars in U.S. Institutions of Higher Education*

Panelists:

Carol S. Anderson, Kalamazoo College

Linda A. Moody, Mount St. Mary's College

Mary McGee, Columbia University

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**Special Topics Forum**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Status of Racial & Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

Nami Kim, Spelman College, Presiding

Theme: *Storming the Ivory Tower: Conflict, Complicity, and Social Change*

Panelists:

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

Joan M. Martin, Episcopal Divinity School

John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University

Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Debra Mubashshir Majeed, Beloit College

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**A19-103**

**Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section**

**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University, Presiding

Theme: *Ethics, Art, and Drama: Teaching Purpose and Performance*

Helen Benet-Goodman, Charlottesville, VA

*Hitmen and Whistleblowers: Using Films to Teach Ethics*

Victoria Rue, San Jose State University

*Acting Religious: Theatre as Pedagogy in Religious Studies and Theology*

Nelia Beth Scovill, Marian College of Fond du Lac

*co-presenter with Joel Heim*

Joel Heim, National-Louis University

*A Spectrum Approach to Christian Ethics: Respecting Difference without Resorting to Relativism*

Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University

*co-presenter with Kathryn A. Breazeale*

Kathryn A. Breazeale, Pacific Lutheran University

*Negotiating Transformative Education through Feminist Pedagogy: Challenging Perspectives from Ethics and Art*

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College  
*Promoting Freedom, Responsibility, and Learning in a General Education Religious Studies Course: The Learning Covenant a Decade Later*

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 **A19-104**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

David Jasper, University of Glasgow, Presiding

Theme: *Russian Orthodoxy in Literature and Modern Life*

Panelists:

Elena Volkova, Moscow State University

Oleg Komkov, Moscow State University

Irina Karatsuba, Moscow State University

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 **A19-105**

**Buddhism Section**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Karen Derris, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: *Building Buddhism in the Neighborhood: Individual Papers on Place and Social Space*

Jacob Dalton, McMaster University

*Spirits under the Ground: The Tibetan Assimilation of Buddhism and the Notion of the "Dark Period"*

Jonathan Stockdale, University of Puget Sound

*Sutoku and Saigyō: Centripetal and Centrifugal Religious Orientations to Heiankyō*



Gareth Fisher, University of Virginia  
*The Spiritual Land Rush: Morality, Power, and Place in New Chinese Buddhist Temple Construction*

Jeffrey Samuels, Western Kentucky University  
*Saving the Buddhist Religion: Caste Discrimination and the Establishment of New Temples in Twentieth- and Twenty-First-Century Sri Lanka*

Business Meeting:

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, Presiding  
Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Presiding

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 **A19-106**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Revealed Beauty: The Revelation of God's Beauty in Particular Cultural Forms*

Christian D. Kettler, Friends University  
*The Vicarious Beauty of Christ: The Aesthetics of the Atonement*

Karen Kilby, University of Nottingham  
*Mathematics, Beauty, and Theology*

Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary  
*Theological Aesthetics and Sacramental Imagination: Recalling the Arts*

Amy Pauw, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary  
*"A Broken Beauty": Cultural Trajectories in Barth's Theology of Divine Beauty*

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 **A19-107**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University, Presiding

Theme: *Secrecy, Politics, and Privacy: Rethinking Religious Secrecy, Pre- and Post-September 11*

Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
*Public Secret Religion and the Apotheosis of Duvalier, Loa 22-Os*

Ruqayya Yasmine Khan, Trinity University  
*Secrecy and Selfhood in Early Arabo-Islamic Canons*

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University, Columbus  
*Religion and Secrecy in the Bush Administration: Gentleman, Prince, and Prodigal Son*

Michael Barkun, Syracuse University  
*Religious Privacy after September 11*

Responding:

Steve Wasserstrom, Reed College



**A19-108**

**Ritual Studies Group and Ethics Section**

**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Donna Lynne Seamone, McMaster University, Presiding

Theme: *Intersections of Ritual and Ethics: Rites Shaping Ethics, Ethics Shaping Rites*

Ann Mongoven, Indiana University, Bloomington  
*Organ Donation as, or Versus, Death Ritual: A Comparative Analysis, U.S.-Japan*

Ted A. Smith, Vanderbilt University  
*Sinners Bound to Change Their Own Hearts: The Anxious Bench as a Ritual for Freedom*

Charles Taliaferro, Saint Olaf College  
*co-present with Reasoner*

Paul Reasoner, Bethel University  
*A Double-Movement Model of Forgiveness in Buddhist and Christian Rituals*

John-Charles Duffy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
*Concealing the Body, Concealing the Sacred: The Decline of Ritual Nudity in Mormon Temples*

Responding:

William R. LaFleur, University of Pennsylvania

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 **A19-109**

**Philosophy of Religion Section**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Madhuri Yadlapati, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and German Idealism: Confronting Naturalism and Critical Reason*

Andrew Chignell, Cornell University  
*Kant on Beauty as a Religious Symbol*

Andrew C. Dole, Amherst College  
*Schleiermacher's Theological Anti-Realism*

Thomas A. Lewis, Harvard University  
*Critical Reason, Idealism, and Religion in Hegel*

Responding:

Terry Pinkard, Northwestern University

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 **A19-110**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Discourse and Participation in the Public Sphere: Social Scientific Analyses*

Larry Golemon, Dominican University of California  
*Sacred Visions and the Social Good: Religious Practice and Discourse toward a Just, Sustainable, Pluralistic Democracy*

Robert P. Jones, People for the American Way Foundation  
*Remembering Equality: Moral Values, Taxes, and the Contemporary American Religious Left*

John Senior, Emory University  
*Beyond Belief Alone: The Discursive Shape of the Religion and Society Debate*

David Horace Perkins, Vanderbilt University  
*The Last Cathedral: Simmel, Sacred Music, and the Market*

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**Religion in South Asia Section**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Religion and Aesthetics in South Asia*

Emily Hudson, Emory University  
*The Aesthetics of the Abandoned Wife: Ethics and the Poetics of Suffering in the Dicing Scene of the Mahabharata*

Ajay Rao, University of Chicago  
*Rama as King, Rama as God: Valmiki's Epic in Courtly and Temple Spheres*

Katherine C. Zubko, Emory University  
 *Casting Bhakti Rasa in an Ethical Role: Performed Aesthetics and the Disruption of Religious Categories in Bharata Natyam*

Guy Leavitt, University of Chicago  
*Cosmic Drama and Dramatic Cosmos: Tracing the Rapprochement between Saivism and Aesthetics in Medieval Kashmir*

Tony K. Stewart, North Carolina State University  
*Emotion Thrice-Abstracted: The "Vaisnava" Poetry of Rabindranath*

Responding:

Anne Monius, Harvard University



**A19-112**

**Study of Islam Section**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding

Theme: *Contemporary Muslim Intellectuals and Islamic Thought*

Clinton Bennett, Birmingham, U.K.  
*The Humanization of Islam or the Islamization of Knowledge?*

David L. Johnston, Yale University  
*Jamal al-Banna, Mohammad Hashim Kamali, and Khaled Abou El Fadl: An Evolving Theology of Justice and Democracy*

R. Michael Feener, University of California, Riverside  
*"The Way and the Community": Modern Re-conceptualizations of Social Order in Indonesian Islam*

Roxanne D. Marcotte, University of Queensland  
*An Iranian Perspective on Islamic Hermeneutics*

Mark Lazenby, West Hartford, CT  
*The Notion of a Common Language and Quietism in Iraq's Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani*

Michael Brett Wilson, Duke University  
*The Problem of Orthodoxy in Islamic Studies*



**A19-113**

**Women and Religion Section**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Toroitch D. Cheronon, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Innovative Methodologies in the Study of Goddess*

Helen Hye-Sook Hwang, Loyola Marymount University  
*A Method of Studying Mago, the Great Goddess, from East Asia: The Mytho-Historic Theology of Magoism*

Dawn Work-MaKinne, Union Institute and University  
*Creative and Arts-Based Methodologies in the Study of the Goddesses*

Patricia Monaghan, DePaul University  
*Partial Truths: Narrated Scholarship and the Personal Voice*

Lauve H. Steenhuisen, Georgetown University  
*Feminist Theology and Backlash Fundamentalism: Re-Imagining Reconsidered*

Responding:

Min-Ah Cho, Emory University

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 **A19-114**

**African Religions Group**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: *African Religions and the Neo-Diaspora*

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University  
*Multi-Dimensional Conceptualization of the African Diaspora*

Yushau Sodiq, Texas Christian University  
*West African Sufis in the Americas*

Afe Adogame, University of Bayreuth  
*Up, Up Jesus! Down, Down Satan! African Religiosity in the Former Soviet Bloc: The Embassy of the Blessed Kingdom of God for All Nations*

Responding:

Jacob K. Olupona, University of California, Davis

Business Meeting:

Samuel K. Elolia, Emmanuel School of Religion, Presiding



**A19-115**

**Chinese Religions Group and Daoist Studies Consultation**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Theme: *Ritual, Temple, and Power in Later Daoism*

Stephen Eskildsen, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga  
*Do Immortals Kill? The Controversy Surrounding Lü Dongbin*

Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University -- Camden  
*The Divine Empyrean Palace Temple Network and the Court of Song Huizong*

David Mozina, Harvard University  
*How to Become a God: Ritual Transformation into Deities by Contemporary Daoist Priests*

Responding:

Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Indiana University, Bloomington  
Robert Hymes, Columbia University



**A19-116**

**Christian Spirituality Group**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Janet Ruffing, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *Varied Voices: Theory and Practice of Christian Spiritual Guidance*

Anita Houck, Saint Mary's College  
*Reading Voices: A Bakhtinian Model for Literature, Spirituality, and Vocation*

Elizabeth Drescher, Graduate Theological Union  
*“Good Frendys of þe Spirituale”:* “Holi Dalywance” as a Model of Spiritual Guidance in The Book of Margery Kempe

W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago  
*The Counsel of Patience: Prisoners as Spiritual Directors in Early Modern England*

Carole Dale Spencer, George Fox University  
*Anthony Benezet: A Philadelphia Quaker's Testament to the Love of God*

Stanford J. Searl, The Union Institute  
*Quaker Clearness Committees: An Interdisciplinary and Spiritual Process*

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 **A19-117**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Allison P. Coudert, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Science, and Political Discourse: Transfers and Interactions*

Caleb Elfenbein, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Discourses on Religion, Islam, and the Remaking of Iraq*

Jenna Tiitsman, Union Theological Seminary  
*Looking for What You Cannot See: Fascination with Forensic Drama and the Blind Faith of Bush*

Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Amsterdam  
*On the Interface of Cultures: Astrology, Chymistry, and Kabbalah between Science and Religion*

Titus Hjelm, University of Helsinki  
*Meaning and Implications of Medicalization for the Study of Religion*

Business Meeting:

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College & Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Presiding

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 **A19-118**

**Evangelical Theology Group**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

John R. Franke, Biblical Theological Seminary, Presiding



Theme: *Remembering the Life and Works of Stan Grenz*

Panelists:

Roger E. Olson, Baylor University

Francis Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Anthea Butler, University of Rochester, Presiding

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**A19-119**

**Religion and Disability Studies Group**

**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

John Swinton, University of Aberdeen, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Reflections on Stanley Hauerwas's Essays on Disability: Disabling Society, Enabling Theology*

Panelists:

Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology

Bill Gaventa, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Susanne Rappmann, Karlstad University

Nancy L. Eiesland, Emory University

Samuel Wells, Duke University

Kerry Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University

Responding:

Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University



**A19-120**

**Religion and Ecology Group**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Beth Blissman, Oberlin College, Presiding

Theme: *Evolution, Ecology, and Other Religious Animals*

Panelists:

Heather Eaton, St. Paul University

Daniel T. Spencer, University of Montana, Missoula

Lisa Sideris, Indiana University

Paul Waldau, Tufts University

Responding:

John B. Cobb, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Beth Blissman, Oberlin College, Presiding

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**A19-121**

**Religion and Popular Culture Group**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Politics of Parody*

Samantha Baskind, Cleveland State University

*The Fockerized Jew? Questioning Jewishness as Cool in American Popular Entertainment*

Christina Cabeen, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Pleasure Temples and Gambling Nuns: The Rhetoric of Las Vegas Religion in the Fifties and Sixties*

Mark W. Graham, College of Wooster  
*Comic Form, Forms of Comedy, and the Limits of Religious Criticism in American Popular Culture*

Brannon Hancock, University of Glasgow  
*Parody and Prophecy: A Serious Look at South Park*

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 **A19-122**

**Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Susan Windley-Daoust, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Presiding

Theme: *Lessons Learned from the U.S./Iraq Conflicts, 1989 to the Present*

Panelists:

John Kelsay, Florida State University

Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara

G. Simon Harak, War Resisters League

Margaret R. Pfeil, University of Notre Dame

Daniel McKanan, Saint John's University

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 **A19-123**

**Roman Catholic Studies Group**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding

Theme: *Catholics in the Movies*

Judith Weisenfeld, Vassar College  
*Progressive Era Religion, Politics, and the Social Problem Film*

Anthony B. Smith, University of Daytona  
*Bing Crosby, Hollywood, and the Catholic Public Sphere*

Peter Gardella, Manhattanville College  
*The Catholic Horror Film*

Timothy Meagher, Catholic University of America  
*Cops and Priests: The Decline of the Irish-American Catholic*

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 **A19-124**

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Darlene Fozard Weaver, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: *Public Theology and Democracy*

Marc Krell, University of Arizona  
*Constructing a Public Theology: Tillich and Buber's Movement beyond Protestant and Jewish Boundaries in Weimar Germany*

Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount  
*Confronting the Powers: Tillich, Stout, and West on Democratic Principles and Procedures*

Loye Ashton, Millsaps College  
*Christofascism in America: A Tillichian Analysis of Christian Reconstructionism*

Guy Hammond, Virginia Tech Emeritus  
*Does the Road of Providence Lead to Freedom? George W. Bush, Paul Tillich, and the Theology of History*

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 **A19-125**

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Tisa Wenger, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Courtrooms, Schoolrooms, and the Making of Religion*

Kathleen Holscher, Princeton University

*Making Religion in the Courtroom: The Practical Implications of the Anthropologist Expert Witness*

Kathleen M. Sands, University of Massachusetts, Boston

*The Collapse of Religion as a Constitutional Construct: Can the Study of Religion Help?*

Brian P. Bennett, Niagara University

*The Discourse of "Orthodox Culture" in Postcommunist Russia*

Responding:

Eric Mazur, Bucknell University

Business Meeting:

Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding

Tisa Wenger, Arizona State University, Presiding



**A19-126**

**Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation**  
**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

**New Program Unit**

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Queering the Study of Religion*

Tricia Sheffield, Columbia University

*Jesus as Intersexed: A Transgender Counternarrative of Embodiment*

Kathryn Lofton, Reed College

*Queering Fundamentalism: The Case Against John Balcom Shaw (1860-1935)*

Heather White, Princeton University

*Queer Encounters: Churchmen, Homophiles, and the Council on Religion and the Homosexual*

Leslie Smith, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Constructing Chaos: The Religious Right, Same-Sex Marriage, and the Scholars Who Study Them Both*

Responding:

Robin Hawley Gorsline, Brooklyn, NY

Business Meeting:

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

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**A19-127**

**Friends of the Academy Donors' Reception**

**Saturday - 5:30 pm-6:45 pm**

Individuals whose generosity allows us to continue many of our special programs are invited to a reception hosted by the AAR Board of Directors.

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**A19-128**

**AAR Racial and Ethnic Minority Members' Reception**

**Saturday - 6:15 pm-7:00 pm**

The Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee invites interested persons to a reception celebrating the contributions of racial and ethnic minority scholars in the Academy.

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**A19-130**

**Plenary Address**

**Saturday - 7:00 pm-8:30 pm**

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *AAR Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony: Hans Hillerbrand, On Book Burnings and Book Burners: Reflections on the Power (and Powerlessness) of Words and Ideas*

*(and Powerlessness) of Words and Ideas*

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**A19-131**

**Arts Series/Films: Dennis and Dan Bielfeldt - Jazz on Sax and Piano**  
**Saturday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm**

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**A19-132**

**Arts Series/Films: *Dogma***  
**Saturday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm**

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Rachel Wagner, Oregon State University, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**A19-133**

**Arts Series/Films: *Freaks***  
**Saturday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm**

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Rubina Ramji, University of Ottawa, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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 **A19-134**

**AAR Members' Dance Reception and Dance Party**  
**Saturday - 8:30 pm-12:00 am**

AAR members are invited to join one another at the AAR Members' Dance Party for music and dancing. Don't forget the free drink ticket mailed with your name badge!

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 **A19-135**

**Reception Honoring Contributors to *A Guide for Women in Religion and the Guide to the Perplexing: A Survival Manual for Women in Religious Studies***  
**Saturday - 9:00 pm-11:00 pm**

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women's Caucus invites you to a reception honoring those women who contributed to the original *Guide to the Perplexing: A Survival Manual for Women in Religious Studies* and those who produced its sequel *A Guide for Women in Religion: Making Your Way from A to Z*.

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 **A19-136**

**Student Members' Reception**  
**Saturday - 10:00 pm-12:00 am**

AAR and SBL student members are invited to drop by for conversation with fellow students. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and light snacks will be provided.

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**A20-1**

**AAR New Members' Continental Breakfast**  
**Sunday - 7:30 am-8:45 am**

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

New (first-time) AAR members in 2005 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.

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**A20-2**

**JAAR Editorial Board Meeting**  
**Sunday - 7:30 am-8:45 am**

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding

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**A20-3**

**Native Traditions in the Americas Group and Religion and Ecology Group**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: *Ecology, Activism, and Native American Lands/Waters*

John Baumann, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
*Collaborative Environmentalism: Environmental Resistance among Natives and Non-Natives*

Joel Geffen, University of Montana  
*Indians, Salmon, and the Complexities of Conflict: Ethical Foundations of Water Disputes and the Exercise of Political Power in the Klamath Basin*

Dianne Quigley, Syracuse University  
*The Need for Communal Research Ethics: Haudanosaunee Democratic Models*

Les Benedict, Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment  
*Ecology and Native Lands*

Business Meeting:

Michael McNally, Carleton College, Presiding  
Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, Presiding

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**A20-4**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Robert E. Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Religion in Europe East and West*

Panelists:

Anne Sofie Roald, Malmo University

Timothy Byrnes, Colgate University

Maria Marczevska-Rytko, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University

Grace Davie, University of Exeter

Alexander Verkhovsky, SOVA Center for Information and Analysis

Aila Lauha, University of Helsinki

Responding:

Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**A20-5**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Science Curriculum: Implications and Strategies*

Panelists:

Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Bucknell University

John A. Grim, Forum on Religion and Ecology

Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

Warren A. Nord, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**A20-6**

**Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *What You Don't Know Won't Kill You: Learning Teaching on the Job*

Katherine Janiec Jones, Transylvania University

*"Make the Part Your Own": What Soap Opera Digest Should Have Taught Me about Teaching*

Emily Askew, Carroll College

*Negotiating the Chasm between Graduate School and the First Year of Teaching: How I Stopped Crying and Started Drinking*

Anette Ejsing, Augustana College

*What I Wished They'd Told Me about Teaching and How I Learned Better*

Gitte Butin, Gettysburg College  
*Teaching Itself*

Andrea Hollingsworth, Bethel Seminary  
*The Existential Anxiety of Learning: Stages and Elements in a Seminarian's Journey of Transformational Education*

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 **A20-7**

**Buddhism Section**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *The Buddhist Preacher in History and Literature*

Mahinda Deegalle, Bath Spa University  
*From Dharmabhanaka to Buddhist Preaching: Theravada Vernacular Transmission*

David Drewes, Indiana University, Bloomington  
*Dharmabhanakas in Early Indian Mahayana*

Natalie Gummer, Beloit College  
*Listening to the Dharmabhanaka*

Richard Nance, Ann Arbor, MI  
*The Dharmabhanaka Inside and Outside the Sutras*

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison

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 **A20-8**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: *Comparativists and the Study of Religion(s)*

Panelists:

Victoria Kennick Urubshurow, University of Maryland

Elizabeth McKeown, Georgetown University

Neelima Shukla-Bhatt, Wellesley College

Giovanni Casadio, University of Salerno

Mihaela Timus, Bucharest, Romania

Responding:

Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC

Lawrence E. Sullivan, University of Notre Dame



**A20-9**

**History of Christianity Section and Roman Catholic Studies Group  
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding

Theme: *Catholic Selves and Others in the New World*

Emma J. Anderson, Harvard University

*Aboriginal "Apostasy" in Colonial North America: Problems and Prospects*

Brandon Bayne, Harvard University

*Accounting for Acoma: Holy Mission, Holy War, and Holy Memory in Oñate's Conquest of New Mexico*

Mark S. Clatterbuck, Catholic University of America

*Searching for Souls in a Twice-Foreign Land: Tribalism, Nativism, and the Evolution of Catholic Indian Missions (1902-1962)*

Jeffrey Marlett, College of Saint Rose

*Rebel Yell: Father Arthur Terminiello and American Catholicism's Conspiratorial Margins*

Responding:

Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University

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**A20-10**

**North American Religions Section**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Grant Wacker, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Wrestling with the Modern: Reformers, Fundamentalists, and Showmen*

Jeff Wilson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*There's a Sucker Saved Every Minute: P. T. Barnum's Theology of Humbug*

Benjamin Zeller, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*Oiling the Wheels of Progress: Henry Steel Olcott and the Construction of Scientific Buddhism*

Emily R. Mace, Princeton University

*"Holding Fast to the Vision of Human Solidarity": Jane Addams on Religion and Social Reform*

Brantley Gasaway, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*As a Matter of Fact: J. Gresham Machen's Defense of the Metaphysical and the Moral*

Responding:

Leigh E. Schmidt, Princeton University

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**A20-11**

**Religion in South Asia Section**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Post-Hindutva?*

Purushottama Bilimoria, University of New York, Stony Brook

*The Pseudo-Secularization of Hindutva and Its Campaign for Uniform Civil Codes*

Kalyani Devaki Menon, DePaul University  
*Hindutva at the Margins of the State: Hindu Nationalism and Social Work*

Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University  
*Sanskrit in India: Beyond the Monochrome*

Shana Lisa Sippy, Columbia University  
*Presence, Absence, and Resemblance: Finding and Interpreting Hindutva in Northern California*

Responding:

J. E. Llewellyn, Southwest Missouri State University

Business Meeting:

Tazim Kassam, Syracuse University, Presiding



**Study of Islam Section**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Topics of the Study of Qur'an and Sunna*

Khalid Blankinship, Temple University  
*Ikhrâj in the Qur'an: The Expulsion of the Muslims from Makkah at the Hijrah*

Alfons Teipen, Furman University  
*Taxonomies in Narrations about the Battle of Uhud and Their Role in Sira-Maghazi Literature*

Andrew J. Lane, University of Toronto  
*Some Manuscript Evidence Concerning Al-Zamakhsharî's "Umm al-Kashshâf" and "Khalaqa l-Qur'an"*

Aisha Geissinger, University of Toronto  
*Gendering the Communal Body: Fasting in the Qur'an and the Hadith*

Phillip Hoefs, Temple University  
*Women in the Sunnah of Muhammad: 'Amal ahl al-Madinah and Its Potential Impact on Women in Islam*

Business Meeting:

Omid Safi, Colgate University, Presiding

Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University, Presiding

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**A20-13**

**Study of Judaism Section**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Shaul Magid, Indiana University-Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: *Gender, Feminism, and Orthodox Judaism*

Gail Labovitz, University of Judaism

*Assent to Ascent: Rabbinic Negotiations of Exile, Marriage, and Gender Relations*

Rochelle L. Millen, Wittenberg University

*Theological Approaches in Orthodox Feminism*

Jerome Gellman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Cumulative Revelation and Orthodox Feminist Theology*

Nora L. Rubel, Connecticut College

*'Muggers in Black Coats': Gender and Ultra-Orthodox Jews in the Jewish American Imagination*

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**A20-14**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Robert A. Segal, University of Lancaster, Presiding

Theme: *A Critical Evaluation of Tomoko Masuzawa's The Invention of World Religions*  
(University of Chicago Press)

Panelists:



Robert A. Orsi, Harvard University

Catherine Bell, Santa Clara University

Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside

Martin Riesebrodt, University of Chicago

Responding:

Tomoko Masuzawa, University of Michigan

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**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Women and Religion Section**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Writing Women's Theology in Asian North America*

Panelists:

Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good

Laura E. Donaldson, Cornell University

Karen Baker-Fletcher, Southern Methodist University

Serene Jones, Yale University

Responding:

Grace Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary

Pui Lan Kwok, Episcopal Divinity School

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary

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**African Religions Group and Afro-American Religious History Group**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Valerie C. Cooper, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *The African Methodist Episcopal Church and Africa*

J. Gordon Melton, Institute for the Study of American Religion  
*The Other African Methodists in Philadelphia: Zoar United Methodist Church*

Sylvester Johnson, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
*Africa and the Idea of the Heathen in A. M. E. Missions*

Ralph Watkins, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*The Lost of the African Centeredness of the A. M. E Church: Leaders, Leadership, Transition, and Lost: The Next Generation of A. M. E. C. Leaders 1839 – 1860*

Moses N. Moore, Arizona State University  
*A Trans-Atlantic Relationship: Orishatukeh Faduma and the AME Church*

Responding:

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University

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**A20-17**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield, Presiding

Theme: *Self, Subjectivity, and Agency: Theories of Religious Being*

Amy Black Voorhees, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Feminist Theory, Religion, and American History*

William Robert, Louisiana State University  
*Exscripted Love: From a Feminine Body*

Elizabeth Bucar, University of Chicago  
*"Talking Back in Iran": Religious Discourse, Women's Agency, and a Rhetorical Turn*

Nancy L. Eiesland, Emory University

*"I'll Help You Mommy": Autonomy and the "Ethics of Care" from the Perspective of Mothers with Disabilities*

Business Meeting:

Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield, Presiding

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**A20-18**

**Japanese Religions Group**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Paul L. Swanson, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Presiding

Theme: *Projections and Representations of Religion in Japanese Media*

Jolyon Baraka Thomas, University of Hawaii at Manoa

*Asobi Shûkyô' and Miyazaki Hayao's Anime*

Ben Dorman, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

*Stars and Strategies: Hosoki Kazuko and the Transformation of Fortune-Telling*

Christal Whelan, Boston University

*Shifting Paradigms and Mediating Media: Redefining a New Religion as "Rational" in Contemporary Society*

Ian Reader, Lancaster University

*Positively Promoting Pilgrimages: Media Representations of Pilgrimage in Japan*

Responding:

George Tanabe, University of Hawaii, Hilo

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**A20-19**

**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Transnational Paradigms in the Study of Religion (Invited Authors Panel)*

Panelists:

Luis Leon, University of California, Berkeley

Hector Avalos, Iowa State University

Manuel Vasquez, University of Florida

Marie Friedmann Marquardt, Emory University

Responding:

Lois Lorentzen, University of San Francisco

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**A20-20**

**Men's Studies in Religion Group**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College, Presiding

Theme: *Masculinities in Varying Religious Communities*

John Wall, Rutgers University

*Fatherhood and the Creation of Society: A Christian Ethical Response to W. Bradford Wilcox's Soft Patriarchs, New Men*

Amy Hoyt, Claremont Graduate University

*Muscular Mormonism: Gender Ideologies in an Era of Transition, 1890-1920*

Sara Patterson, Loyola Marymount University

*Muscular Mormonism: Gender Ideologies in an Era of Transition, 1890-1920*

Navdeep Mandier, Coventry, United Kingdom

*(En)Gendered Sikhism: The Iconolatry of Manliness in the Making of Sikh Identity*

Curtis Coats, University of Colorado

*"God, Man, Then ... Wait, How'd That Go?" Examining Emerging Gender Identities in Twenty-Something Evangelical Christians*

Business Meeting:

David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College, Presiding

Mark Justad, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, Presiding

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 **A20-21**

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Gregory Shaw, Stonehill College, Presiding

Theme: *Neoplatonism, Dead or Alive: Is Neoplatonism a Living Tradition? Part I*

Judy Saltzman, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

*Ancient Wisdom Revived: Neo-Platonism and the Theosophical Movement*

Matthew Rogers, Northwestern University

*Aleister Crowley's Theory of the Furores*

Robert Puckett, Georgia Perimeter College

*Contested Pagan Theologies: Then and Now*

Dan Merkur, Toronto, ON, CANADA

*Psychoanalysis as a Practice of Neoplatonic Mysticism*

Jennifer Rapp, Stanford University

*Roethke's "Epidermal Dress": The Body's Excessive Vitality and Becoming Divine*

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 **A20-23**

**Religion and Disability Studies Group**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Nadia Bolz-Weber, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *A Third Way: Religion as an Alternative to the Medical Model and the Social Model of Disability*

Lynne Bejoian, Teachers College Columbia University  
*Nondualistic Paradigms in Disability Studies and Buddhism: Creating Bridges for Theoretical Practice*

Tarek Hatab, Madnet Corporation  
*co-presenter with Bazna*

Maysaa Bazna, College of Staten Island  
*Disability in the Qur'an: The Islamic Alternative to Defining, Viewing, and Relating to Disability*

Amos Yong, Regent University  
*Disability, the Human Condition, and the Spirit of the Eschatological Long Run: Toward a P(new)matological Theology of Disability*

Lorna Hallahan, Flinders University  
*Let Us Seek Not to Solidify: Analyzing Disability beyond the Organic or the Social*

Responding:

John Swinton, University of Aberdeen

Business Meeting:

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

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**A20-24**

**Religion and Popular Culture Group**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Gordon Lynch, University of Birmingham, Presiding

Theme: *Exploring the Research Agenda for the Study of Religion and Popular Culture*

Panelists:

Tom Beaudoin, Santa Clara University

Lynn Schofield Clark, University of Colorado, Boulder

Jeffrey Mahan, Iliff School of Theology

David Morgan, Valparaiso University

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University

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**A20-25**

**Religious Freedom, Public Life, and the State Group**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Politics, and the Moral Values Debate*

Linda Ellison, Harvard University

*Abortion and the Politics of God: Why the Left Has Been Left Behind*

Eli Sasaran, Graduate Theological Union

*Moral Effectiveness of Voices on the Religious Left: Seeking Integration via the Paradigm of Nonviolence*

Darryl Victor Caterine, Grinnell College

*"Moral Values" and the Presidential Election: A Historical Overview of Protestantism and Politics Since the 1960s*

Joseph S. Pettit, Morgan State University

*The Dignity of Politics: Philosophy, Religion, and the "Consent of the Governed"*

Business Meeting:

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, Presiding

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**A20-26**

**Schleiermacher Group**  
**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Part II of Schleiermacher's Glaubenslehre (The Christian Faith): On Sin, Redemption, and Christ (Second of a Four-Year New Investigation of Schleiermacher's Magnum Opus)*

Jacqueline Marina, Purdue University

*Christ the Bearer of the Divine Love: Christ's Person and Work in the Theology of Friedrich Schleiermacher*

Walter E. Wyman, Whitman College

*Schleiermacher on Sin and Redemption: Continuity and Change*

Dawn A. De Vries, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

*Faith as Communion with Christ in Schleiermacher's Dogmatics*

Nathan D. Hieb, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Schleiermacher's View of Resurrection in Relation to Redemption, the Naturzusammenhang, and Eschatology*

Business Meeting:

Julia A. Lamm, Georgetown University, Presiding

Brent Sockness, Stanford University, Presiding

Papers for this session will be posted in mid-October at the Schleiermacher Group's "Yahoo! Group" website. AAR members wishing to join the Schleiermacher Group and access this website should contact Brent Sockness at [sockness@stanford.edu](mailto:sockness@stanford.edu).



**A20-27**

### **Daoist Studies Consultation**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

#### **New Program Unit**

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: *Daoist Studies: Problems and Prospects*

Thomas Michael, George Washington University

*"The Bright Dao Appears Dark": Is Early Daoism Possible?*

Jason Steuber, University of Missouri-Kansas City & Nelson-Atkins Museum

*Pedagogical Prospects: Daoist Studies and Material Culture*

James Miller, Queen's University

*Ecology and the State: The Politics and Prospects of Daoist Studies*



Dominic LaRoche, Université Laval

*Reception Theory, Martial Arts, and Daoism in the West: An Interpretative Model in Cultural and Religious Transfers Studies*

Responding:

Livia Kohn, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Louis Komjathy, Shandong University, Presiding

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**A20-28**

## **Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

### **New Program Unit**

Christopher M. Moreman, St. Francis Xavier University, Presiding

Theme: *Continuities and Discontinuities: Contemporary Cross-Cultural Approaches to the Study of Death*

Michael F. Strmiska, Central Connecticut State University  
*Pagans, Death, and Dying*

Eve L. Mullen, Mississippi State University  
*The Changing Role of the Vajrayāna in the Good Death: Tibetan Buddhist Liberation in Modernity*

Gisela Webb, Seton Hall University  
*Death and Dying in Traditional Islamic Spirituality: A Sufi Saint in America*

Denis Tholson, Graduate Theological Union  
*Impromptu Memorial Shrines: Mediators of Ongoing Connection with the Dead in Contemporary U.S. Popular Religiosity*

E. Randolph Richards, Ouachita Baptist University  
*Death Rituals in Tsunami-Devastated North Sumatra and in Remote Irian Jaya*

Business Meeting:

Kathleen Garces-Foley, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

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**A20-29**

**Open and Relational Theologies Consultation**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

Theme: *Theologies of Mission in a Pluralistic Age*

Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas

*Reversing Mission: Relational Resources for Bearing Witness to the Other*

Steven Sherman, Winebrenner Theological Seminary

*A Paragon for Relational Theological Apologetics in a Pluralist Society: Newbigin's Approach as a Way Forward for Evangelical Theological Epistemology*

Michelle Voss Roberts, Emory University

*Rethinking Dualisms: An Interreligious Approach*

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College

*Process Theology and Religious Pluralism: Evangelism as Deep Listening*

Responding:

John Sanders, Huntington College

Nancy Howell, Saint Paul School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Lynne Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College, Presiding

Thomas Jay Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

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**A20-30**

**Signifying (on) Scriptures Consultation and SBL's Signifying (on) Scriptures Group**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

## **New Program Unit**

Vincent L. Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Theorizing Signifying Traditions and Practices*

Panelists:

Mustapha Marrouchi, Louisiana State University

Jose Rabasa, University of California, Berkeley

Oyeronke Olajubu, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Jo Diamond, University of Canterbury, Christchurch

Yan ShouCheng, Nanyang Technological University

Please join us for a "Conversation Topics and Collaborative Research Projects Organizational and Agenda Setting Meeting" Sunday, 1:00 pm.



**A20-34**

### **Special Topics Forum**

**Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Theme: *Doctoral Student Workshop for Teaching: Systematic Theology to Latinos and Latinas*

Doctoral Student Workshop for Teaching: Systematic Theology to Latinos and Latinas is in MP-401, Sunday 9-11:30 am. Registration is required; contact [rosarir@slu.edu](mailto:rosarir@slu.edu).



**A20-32**

### **Mentoring Session with the Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women's Caucus**

**Sunday - 11:30 am-1:00 pm**

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women's Caucus invite women who are graduate students and new scholars to a brown bag lunch with over 30 feminist mid-career

and senior AAR and SBL scholars, including Rita Gross, Margarte Miles, Vasudha Narayanan, Judith Plaskow, Emilie Townes, and Karen Trimble Alliaume.

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 **A20-33**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Sunday - 11:45 am-1:00 pm**

Thomas Pearson, Wabash Center and Lucinda Huffaker, Wabash Center, Presiding

Theme: *Wabash Student-Teacher Luncheon*

The Wabash Center and AAR Graduate Student Task Force cordially invite AAR and SBL doctoral Student Members to this lunch gathering with experienced faculty mentors to share conversation about teaching.

Separate registration is required. See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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 **A20-50**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Michael B. Lukens, St. Norbert College, Presiding

Theme: *The Interpreted Bonhoeffer*

Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
*The Quest for the Historical Bonhoeffer*

John de Gruchy, University of Cape Town  
*Eberhard Bethge: Interpreter Extraordinaire of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College  
*Bonhoeffer and the Jews: Bethge and Beyond*

Business Meeting:

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Presiding



**A20-51**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Task Force and the Women's Caucus

Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Presiding

Theme: *Women in Religion - Thriving, Not Just Surviving: A Conversation with Mary E. Hunt, Editor of A Guide for Women in Religion*

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



**A20-52**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: *The Marty Forum*

Panelists:

John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

Responding:

Caryle Murphy, Washington Post

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



**A20-53**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *What the Study of Mormonism Brings to Religious Studies: A Special AAR Session Organized on the Occasion of the Bicentennial of Joseph Smith's Birth*

Jan Shipps, Indiana University-Purdue University  
*Getting Here from There: Mormonism at the Beginning of the Twenty-First Century*

Gustav Niebuhr, Syracuse University  
*Mormonism and Media Studies*

Catherine Bell, Santa Clara University  
*Mormonism and Ritual Studies*

Walter Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary  
*Mormonism and Biblical Studies and Theology*

Catherine Brekus, University of Chicago  
*Mormonism and the Study of Women and Religion*

Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
*Mormonism and Comparative and Transnational Studies*

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



**A20-54**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Theme: *Posters Session*

Bradley L. Herling, Boston University  
*Why Study Religion: A Look at the New Web Site by the Academic Relations Committee*

Prior Holland, Azusa Pacific University  
*Madame President? An Analysis of Christianity's View of Women in Leadership and the Dilemma of Women Caught between Radical Feminism and Traditional Exclusion*

Matthew Hunter, Temple University  
*From Sanctuary to Sidewalk: Black Religious Iconography in Philadelphia*

Sang Bok Lee, Kangnam University  
*Social Scientific Approach to Studying Christian Conversion Narratives*

David O'Malley, Cleveland State University  
*Grassroots Interreligious Organizations: An Emerging Religious, Social, and Political Phenomenon in the United States*

Paul Oslington, University of New South Wales, Australia  
*Economics and Religion Research Group*

Adam Porter, Illinois College  
*Role-Playing the Trials of Jesus and Paul: An Introduction to the New Testament*

Kim Seitz, Azusa Pacific University  
*Path-Goal Theory Made Flesh: Mordecai, Esther, and the Road to Purim*

Martha Smalley, Yale University  
*Digital Resources for Classroom Use: the ATLA/ATS Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative*

James Van Slyke, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*Cognitive Science and the Emergence of Symbolic Thought: Semiotic Theory and the Development of Religious Cognition*

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**A20-55**

## **Ethics Section**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

David Craig, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Presiding

Theme: *Political God-Talk: What Does the Religious Left Need to Learn?*

Ellen Ott Marshall, Claremont School of Theology  
*The Peculiar Shape of Liberal Christian Political Activism*

Sarah Azaransky, University of Virginia  
*An Eschatological Politics for the Religious Left*

Doug Gay, University of Edinburgh  
*"We Don't Do God!" The Moral Message of Prime Minister Tony Blair and the British Tradition of Christian Socialism*

Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
*The Impact of the Religious Left in the Living Wage Movement*

Business Meeting:

Darryl Michael Trimiew, Medgar Evers College, Presiding

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 **A20-56**

**North American Religions Section**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Daniel Sack, Associated Colleges of the Midwest, Presiding

Theme: *Faith and the City: Religion in Twentieth-Century Philadelphia*

Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
*Reconstructing and Renewing Judaism in Philadelphia: The Unexpected Alliance between the Reconstructionist and Renewal Movements in the 1970s-1990s*

Albert G. Miller, Oberlin College  
*Fundamentally Black: The Rise of Philadelphia's African American Evangelical Community*

David Perkins, Vanderbilt University  
*Kingdoms in the Air: "Morning Cheer" and Early Media Evangelism in Philadelphia*

Danielle Sigler, Austin College  
*Faith in Flux: "Black Gods" in Philadelphia 1930-1945*

Responding:

David Harrington Watt, Temple University

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 **A20-57**



**Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation and Philosophy of Religion Section**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Creston Davis, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Violence, and the Special Effect: Irruptions of Exceptionality*

Panelists:

Ward Blanton, Luther College

John Milbank, University of Virginia

Hent de Vries, Johns Hopkins University

Slavoj Zizek, University of Ljubljana

Responding:

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles/University of Chicago

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**A20-58**

**Study of Judaism Section**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000 / UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Eastern European Jewry: Culture, Thought, and Impact*

Ramona Kirsch, University of Missouri-Kansas City

*Bodies in Perilous Balance: A Rabbi's Response to "Othering"*

Pinchas Giller, University of Judaism

*Eastern European Scholastic Kabbalah in Early Modernity*

Steven Lapidus, Concordia University

*Europe in America? The Historiography of the Landsmanshaft Synagogue*

Harry Brod, University of Northern Iowa

*The People of the Comic Book: Jewish Men and the Creation of Comic Book Superheroes*

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**A20-59**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Paul F. Lakeland, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Empire: Sustaining Alternatives to Violence*

Panelists:

Catherine E. Keller, Drew University

Kenneth Kraft, Lehigh University

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia

Sharon D. Welch, University of Missouri, Columbia

Business Meeting:

Paul F. Lakeland, Fairfield University, Presiding

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**A20-60**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Evangelical  
Theology Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Paul C. H. Lim, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Constructing Asian-American Evangelical Theologies*

Panelists:

Young Lee Hertig, Azusa Pacific University

Elizabeth Y. Sung, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Cat Ngoc Jonathan Tran, Duke University

Amos Yong, Regent University

Responding:

Richard J. Mouw, Fuller Theological Seminary

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University

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 **A20-61**

**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group and Black Theology Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Despair, Evil, and Human Suffering: A Conversation between Kierkegaard and Black Theology*

Stephen Butler Murray, Skidmore College

*Grappling with Melancholia and Despair, Black Invisibility and the Tragicomic: The Conversation between Cornel West and Søren Kierkegaard and Its Import for Black and Womanist Theological Anthropologies*

James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

*Illin' the Evil, Outing the Absurd: Kierkegaardian Irony Meets Machiavellian Grotesquery in the Postindustrial City*

Brian C. Barlow, Brenau University

*The Question of Evil: Romney M. Moseley's Kierkegaardian-Caribbean Theology of Suffering*

Responding:

Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

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 **A20-62**

**Chinese Religions Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Randall Nadeau, Trinity University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Chinese Religions in the Undergraduate Classroom: A User's Guide*

Panelists:

Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University

Keith Knapp, The Citadel

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**A20-63**

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

John Behr, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Twentieth-Century Eastern European Theologians*

Radu Bordeianu, Marquette University

*Trinity and the Church in the Theology of Dumitru Staniloae*

Jeff McCurry, Duke University

*(Un)Knowing the Divine Mystery: Theological Epistemology in Dumitru Staniloae and Thomas Aquinas*

Maria McDowell, Boston College

*Tradition, Changes, and the Life of the Faithful in Fr. Dumitru Staniloae*

Lucian Turcescu, Concordia University

*Dumitru Staniloae on Law and Human Nature*

Business Meeting:

Paul Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

James C. Skedros, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Presiding

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**A20-64**

**Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group and Religious Freedom, Public Life,  
and the State Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Esther D. Reed, University of St. Andrews, Presiding

Theme: *Liberty, Values, and the Politics of Gender*

Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College  
*Democratic Tradition and Fundamental Liberties: From Bowers v. Hardwick to Lawrence v. Texas*

Craig Martin, Syracuse University  
*Policing Values and the Private Judgment of the Magistrate*

Robert Ross, University of Massachusetts -- Boston  
*Marriage, State, and Equality*

Responding:

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California



**A20-65**

**Mysticism Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Mystical Relationships: Marriage and Community*

Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University  
*For the Beloved: Mystical Marriage in Meister Eckhart and the "Sister Catherine" Treatise*

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University  
*Indo-Tibetan Tantrism as "Spirit Marriage"*

Thomas Cattoi, Boston College  
*"Devekut" and Bodily Service: The Role of the Tsaddik and the Redemption of the "Evil Urges" of the Flock in Eastern European Hasidic Communities*

Robert K. C. Forman, The Forge Institute  
*Sharing Mystical Experiences in Community: Implications of Some Unusual Evidence*

Business Meeting:

June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Neil Douglas-Klotz, Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Learning, Presiding

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**A20-66**

**Person, Culture, and Religion Group**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Pamela Cooper-White, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *The Psychodynamics of Religious Violence*

Terry Cooper, St. Louis Community College District

*Religious Aggression from a Cognitive-Behavioral and Psychoanalytic Perspective: A Comparison of Aaron Beck and Erich Fromm*

Thomas B. Ellis, Appalachian State University

*Religion and Terrorism: Reflections on the Controversial Conjunction*

Marsha Hewitt, Trinity College

*Enemies of God: An Exploration into the Psychodynamics of Religion and Violence*

James W. Jones, Rutgers University

*The Psychodynamic Roots of Religious Terrorism*

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**A20-67**

**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group and Religion and Science Group**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Peter Ochs, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Peirce, Hegel, and Stuart Kauffman's Complexity Theory*

Mark Graves, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

*Pragmatist Approach to Emergence in Cognitive Science*

Panelists:

William Kiblinger, Winthrop University

John Bugbee, University of Virginia

Rocco Gangle, Oberlin College

Responding:

Joyce Cuff, Thiel College

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**A20-68**

**Religion and Popular Culture Group**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Frontiers of Technology and Transmogrify*

Jeremy Biles, University of Chicago

*The Swan Complex: Ritual Regression, Technology, and Transfiguration in TV's "The Swan"*

Aaron Gross, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Technology and Animal Ethics in the Contemporary Kosher Industry*

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College

*Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and the Persistence of the Sacred*

Rebecca M. Raphael, Texas State University

*The Doomsday Body, or Dr. Strangelove as Cyborg Crip*

Business Meeting:

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University, Presiding

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**A20-69**

**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Sexuality, Religion, and Health*

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University  
*(Re)Production Zones: Religion, Development, and Sexuality in Rural Ecuadorian Households*

Margarita M.W. Suarez, Meredith College  
*Cuban Feminist Theology: A Revolutionary Ethic of Health and Wholeness for Cuban Society*

Claudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary, New York  
*Oppressed Bodies Don't Have Sex: The Blind Spots of Bodily and Sexual Discourses in the Construction of Subjectivity in Latin-American Liberation Theology*

Responding:

Jorge A. Aquino, Graduate Theological Union

Business Meeting:

Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding  
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding



**A20-70**

**Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Gaye Williams Ortiz, Augusta State University, Presiding

Theme: *Cinema-Going as Religious Practice? A Discussion of Issues Raised by Clive Marsh's Cinema and Sentiment: Film's Challenge to Theology (Paternoster Press)*

Panelists:

Robert K. Johnston, Fuller Theological Seminary

Gordon Lynch, University of Birmingham

Brent Plate, Texas Christian University



Sara A. Vaux, Northwestern University

Responding:

Clive Marsh, Methodist Church in Great Britain

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 **A20-72**

**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Person, Place, and Authority in Tibet*

Benjamin Bogin, University of California, Berkeley  
*The Glorious Copper-Colored Mountain: Visions of a Tantric Pure Land*

Derek Maher, East Carolina University  
*The Second Pañchen Lama (1663-1737) and the Leadership of Tibet*

Paul Nietupski, John Carroll University  
*The Fifth Jamyang Shepa and the Labrang Nagpas: Religious Pluralism at Labrang*

Jann Ronis, University of Virginia  
*The Publication of the Kanjur and Tenjur (1729-1744) in the Formulation of the Buddhist Kingdom of Dergé in Eastern Tibet*

Andrew H. Quintman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
*Milarepa's Life on the Rocks: Transformations of Literature and Landscape in the Borderlands of Southern Tibet*

Business Meeting:

José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

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 **A20-73**

**Western Esotericism Group**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

**New Program Unit**

Wouter Hanegraaff, University of Amsterdam, Presiding

Theme: *Western Esotericism*

Katelyn Mesler, Northwestern University  
*The Christianization of Angel Magic in the Late Middle Ages*

Olav Hammer, University of Southern Denmark  
*Innovation and Canonization in Esoteric Discourse: The Case of Martinus Thomsen*

Jane Williams-Hogan, Bryn Athyn College of the New Church  
*Emanuel Swedenborg's Aesthetic Philosophy and Its Impact on Nineteenth-Century American Art*

Konstantin Burmistrov, Russian Academy of Sciences  
*Kabbalistic Sources of the Russian Religious Philosophy and Mysticism: Some Preliminary Observations*

Alfred Vitale, University of Rochester  
*Esoteric Studies and Modern Western Occultism: A Useful Methodology to Reconsider Their Relationship and Redefine Identities*



**A20-74**

**Zen Buddhism Seminar**  
**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding

Theme: *Zen Thought*

Mario Poceski, University of Florida  
*Mind, Buddha, and the Way: Doctrinal Permutations in Mid-Tang Chan*

Ding-hwa Evelyn Hsieh, Truman State University  
*Doubt as a Unique Chan Approach to Cultivation and Enlightenment*

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona

*Problems with Enlightenment: The Performance of Encounter Dialogue in Seventeenth-Century Chinese Chan Buddhism*

Albert F. Welter, University of Winnipeg

*Zen and Japanese Culture: Cultural Perspectives on Suzuki Daisetsu's Interpretation of Zen*

Business Meeting:

Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Presiding

Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding

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**A20-75**

**Animals and Religion Consultation**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, Presiding

Theme: *Compassion and Sacrifice, Friends and Enemies: Animals in Religious Traditions*

Susan Power Bratton, Baylor University

*Christ as Orpheus: Attitudes towards Animal Sacrifice and Violence towards Animals in Early Christian Art*

Jennifer Eichman, Seton Hall University

*Generating Compassion through the Release of Animals*

Antonia Gorman, Drew University

*Surrogate Suffering: Sin, Salvation, and Sacrifice within the Vivisection Movement*

Business Meeting:

Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University, Presiding

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**A20-76**

**Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

Barbara Pitkin, Stanford University, Presiding

Theme: *Orphans and Adoption as Matters of Sex, Race, and Poverty: Interfaith Perspectives*

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

*The Want Ads: Second-Hand Children, the Ethics of Adoption, and the Age of Desire*

Jeffrey Hensley, Virginia Theological Seminary

*The Hospitality of Adoption*

Timothy P. Jackson, Emory University

*Suffering the Suffering Children: Christianity and the Rights and Wrongs of Adoption*

Elaine K. Swartzentruber, Wake Forest University

*Tangling the "Red Thread": Interrogating Racial Difference in International and Cross-Cultural Adoption*

Responding:

Amy Laura Hall, Duke University

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University

Business Meeting:

Karen-Marie Yust, Christian Theological Seminary, Presiding



**A20-77**

**Liberal Theologies Consultation**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

**New Program Unit**

Christine Helmer, Harvard Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Liberal Theologies: Parameters and Prospectives*

Chris Hinkle, Harvard University

*The Sociology of Liberal Protestantism*

Sheila Greeve Davaney, Iliff School of Theology

*Liberal Theologies: An Alternative Family History*

Daniel McKanan, Saint John's University

*Can There Be a Radical Liberalism? Nineteenth-Century Resources for Contemporary Theological Liberalism*

Ellen M. Umansky, Fairfield University

*Concerns and Parameters of Liberal Jewish Theology*

William E. Farley, Vanderbilt University

*Liberal Theology: Roots, Consensus, Enigmas*

Responding:

Gary J. Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Christine Helmer, Harvard Divinity School, Presiding

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**A20-78**

**Special Topics Forum**

**Sunday - 1:00 pm-3:00 pm**

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Barbara DeConcini, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Annual Meeting Initiatives and How to Propose a New Program Unit*

Join the chair of the Program Committee and the AAR Annual Meeting Program Director for an informal chat about upcoming Annual Meeting initiatives as well as the guidelines and policies for proposing a new Annual Meeting program unit.

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**A20-100**

**Special Topics Forum**

**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee

Rebecca T. Alpert, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Got Life? Finding Balance and Making Boundaries in the Academy*

Panelists:

Claudia Highbaugh, Harvard University

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

Dugan McGinley, Temple University

Kathryn Ott, Union Theological Seminary

Miriam Peskowitz, Atlanta, GA

Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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**A20-101**

**Special Topics Forum**

**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Ethics: The Challenges of Moral Discourse in the Classroom*

Panelists:

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College

Leela Prasad, Duke University

Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University

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**A20-102**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Religion and Science Group

Ernest L. Simmons, Concordia College, Moorhead, Presiding

Theme: *The Gifford Lectures: Retrospect and Prospect*

Panelists:

Ian G. Barbour, Carleton College (Emeritus)

Holmes Rolston, Colorado State University

Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University

Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



**A20-103**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Sponsored by the AAR, SBL, and *Publisher's Weekly*

Jana Riess, Publishers Weekly, Presiding

Theme: *Before You Sign That Book Contract: Negotiating with a Publishing House*

Panelists:

Anita Fore, Authors Guild

Gail Ross, Gail Ross Literary Agency LLC

Randall Balmer, Barnard College

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**A20-104**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Mourning and Responses to Suffering*

John Harvey, University of Wales, Aberystwyth

*Facing Death: Confronting and Portraying the Dead in Spirit Photography, 1861-1940*

Melissa Johnston-Barrett, Emory University

*Awakening and Encouraging Desire to Hear Stories of Suffering: An Exploration of Friedrich Schleiermacher's Die Weihnachtsfeier: Ein Gespräch*

Jodi R. Eichler, Columbia University

*Maccabees and Memory: The Conflation of Hanukkah and the Holocaust in Jewish Children's Literature*

W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago

*Narratives of Trauma and Truth: Letters from Prison in Early Modern England*

Business Meeting:

S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia, Presiding

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**A20-105**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group**

**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Caryn D. Riswold, Illinois College, Presiding



Theme: *Beauty in Thought, Prayer, and Action: Theological Reflections on Mysticism and Social Activism*

Ridgeway Addison, Catholic University of America, Georgetown University  
*Channeling Reconciliation: Howard Thurman and the "Poetics of Peace"*

Eleanor Forfang-Brockman, Texas Christian University  
*Where on Earth Is God? Palamite Mystical Theology as a Basis for Environmental Activism*

Gregory Love, San Francisco Theological Seminary  
*God's Beauty, Social Activism, and the Cross of Christ*

Sarah Morice-Brubaker, University of Notre Dame  
*Some Questions for Male Christian Pacifists*

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**A20-106**

**North American Religions Section**

**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

John Corrigan, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Robert A. Orsi's Between Heaven and Earth: The Religious Worlds People Make and the Scholars Who Study Them*

Panelists:

Robert A. Orsi, Harvard University

Paula Kane, University of Pittsburgh

Thomas J. Ferraro, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Diane Winston, University of Southern California, Presiding

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**A20-107**

**Japanese Religions Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Paul Copp, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Zen and the Art of the Bell Curve: Educating Buddhists in Japan and the U.S.*

Stephen G. Covell, Western Michigan University  
*Buddhist Secondary Education: Buddhist Values and Religious Education*

Ryan Ward, University of Tokyo  
*From Monastic Education to the “Modern” University: The Case of the Jodo Shin School*

Mark Rowe, Princeton University  
*Surveying Emptiness: The Role of Research Centers in Post-War Japanese Buddhism*

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Duke University  
*Clergy Training in American Zen*

Responding:

Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University  
Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Paula K. R. Arai, Carleton College, Presiding  
James L. Ford, Wake Forest University, Presiding



**A20-108**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Contemporary Psychological Approaches to the Comparative Study of Religion*

Robert C. Fuller, Bradley University  
*Spirituality of the Flesh: The Role of Discrete Emotions in Religious Life*

David Gortner, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Graduate Theological Union  
*Young Adult Worldviews and Life-Purpose: Shaped by Social Capital, Education, and Self-Efficacy, but Not Religion*

Ulrike Popp-Baier, University of Amsterdam, Utrecht University  
*Experience and Religion: A Psychological Perspective*

Jason Slone, University of Findlay  
*Cognitive Contributions to the Social Construction of Religion Hypothesis: Or, Experimental Studies Which Show That Postmodernists Are (Half) Right.*



**A20-109**

**Religion in South Asia Section and Islamic Mysticism Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Qamar-ul Huda, Arnold, MD, Presiding

Theme: *Sufi Music: Poetics and Performance in South Asian Qawwali*

Scott A. Kugle, Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World  
*From Baghdad to Brindaban: Erotic and Spiritual Love in Qawwali Performance*

Homayra Ziad, Yale University  
*"I Emerge from Myself Like a Melody": Khvājāh Mir Dard and the Art of Sama' in Eighteenth-Century Delhi*

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University  
*A "Proving Ground" for Spiritual Mastery: The Chishti Sabiri Musical Assembly*

James R. Newell, Vanderbilt University  
*Unseen Power: Aesthetic Dimensions of Symbolic Healing in Qawwali*

Responding:

Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill



**A20-110**

**Study of Judaism Section**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University, Presiding

Theme: *Place as Elsewhere: Home and Homelessness in Jewish Text and Commentary*

Panelists:

Adam Zachary Newton, University of Texas, Austin

Sidra DeKoven Ezrahi, Hebrew University

Jacob Meskin, Hebrew College

Responding:

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

Business Meeting:

Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding

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**A20-111**

**Chinese Religions Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding

Theme: *Rhetorical Strategies in Ritual, Narrative, and Performance*

Hank Glassman, Haverford College

*No Basis in Text: The Persistence of Unauthorized Iconographies and the Tantric Turn in the Practice of East Asian Buddhism*

Hun Y. Lye, Warren Wilson College

*Hidden and in Plain Sight: Ritual Techniques and Textual Redaction in the Yuqie Yankou Rite*

Julius Tsai, Texas Christian University

*Mountain Journey as Narrative Device in the Ziyang Zhenren Neizhuan*

Gil Raz, Dartmouth College  
*Symbolic Modules: Tracing Patterns in Daoist Ritual*

Business Meeting:

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding  
Chun-Fang Yu, Columbia University, Presiding

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 **A20-112**

**Christian Spirituality Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: *The Spiritual Ecology of Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) at the Half-Centenary of His Death*

Panelists:

John A. Grim, Forum on Religion and Ecology

Ursula King, University of Bristol

John F. Haught, Georgetown University

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Bucknell University

Responding:

John B. Cobb, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Arthur G. Holder, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

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 **A20-113**

**Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

David Frankfurter, University of New Hampshire, Presiding

Theme: *The Uses of Comparison*

Fritz Graf, Ohio State University  
*From Paul to Orpheus*

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College  
*Rehabilitating Tatian: The Pit-Falls of Over-Reading*

George P. Heyman, St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry  
*The Power of Sacrifice: Roman and Christian Discourses in Conflict*

Business Meeting:

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Presiding



**A20-114**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College, Presiding

Theme: *Imagining Feminist Political Spaces in Religious Perspectives*

Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
*Politics and the Social Self in Feminist Christian Ethics*

Sharon A. Bong, Monash University  
*Partial Visions: An Asian-Malaysian Feminist Standpoint Epistemology*

Christina Hutchins, Graduate Theological Union  
*Care for the Many-Lived, Unending Forms: Departing from a Rhetoric of War through Adrienne Rich's "Transcendental Etude"*

Kathleen Tierney, Stanford University  
*From Fantasy to Freedom: Iris Murdoch's Vision of Redemption*

Responding:

Sharon D. Welch, University of Missouri, Columbia

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**A20-115**

**Indigenous Religious Traditions Group**

**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Indigenous Religious Traditions in Theory and Practice*

Mary Ann Clark, Rice University

*Santería Sacrificial Rituals: A Reconsideration of Religious Violence*

Graham Harvey, Open University

*The New Animism and the Study of Indigenous Religions*

Michael McNally, Carleton College

*Towards an Appreciation of the Religious Authority of Eldership: A Native American Example*

Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Farmington

*Mi'kmaq Myth and Aboriginal Claims*

E. Randolph Richards, Ouachita Baptist University

*A Comparison of Acehnese (Islamic) and Dani (Christian) Death Rituals in Search of an*

*Underlying Indigenous Indonesian View of the Soul*

Business Meeting:

Ines Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

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**A20-116**

**Korean Religions Group**

**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Anselm K. Min, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Responses to Secular Politics/Society in Korea*

Shin Kwon Kim, Drew University  
*When Cultures Clash with Each Other*

Julius Nam, Pacific Union College  
*Pacificists or Legalists? Korean Seventh-Day Adventists and Their Conscientious  
Objection/Cooperation (1950-1970)*

Helen Hye-Sook Hwang, Loyola Marymount University  
*Mythic Tales of Mago, the Great Goddess, from Korea*

Timothy S. Lee, Texas Christian University  
*Three Stances toward Christianity in North Korea: Exploitation, Revanche, and Engagement*

Responding:

Hee An Choi, Boston University  
Hwa Yol Jung, Moravian College

Business Meeting:

John I. Goulde, Sweet Briar College, Presiding

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**A20-117**

**Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Orlando O. Espin, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: *Faith beyond Mango Street: The Construction of the Latino in Literature - Explorations  
in Religion, Gender, and Identity*

Panelists:

Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University

Hjamil A. Martinez Vazquez, Texas Christian University

Carmen Marie Nanko, Catholic Theological Union

Responding:



Neomi De Anda, Loyola University Chicago

Business Meeting:

Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding  
Carmen Marie Nanko, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

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 **A20-118**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Going Public: The Legal Construction of "Religion"*

Cassie Adcock, University of Chicago  
*Identifying Religion Proper: The Arya Samaj and the Politics of Religious Freedom*

Gregory Mack, McGill University  
*An Examination of the Constitutive Role of Islamic Legal Institutions in Early Modernity*

Christian Lange, Harvard University  
*"Making Someone Public" as Punishment in Islam: The Eschatology of Tashhîr*

Responding:

Greg Johnson, Univ of Colorado at Boulder

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 **A20-119**

**New Religious Movements Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Holly Folk, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: *Theoretical Issues in the Study of NRMs and NRMs and Their Sacred Texts*

John K. Simmons, Western Illinois University  
*Developing a Memetic Continuum to Track the Potential for Violence in New Religious Movements*

Jonathan Moore, Grinnell College  
*Pagans on the Prairie: Correllian Wiccans and Community Identity in Central Illinois*

Heinz Streib, University of Bielefeld  
*A Variety of Deconversion Trajectories: Cross-Cultural Research Results*

Lola L. Williamson, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
*Interpretations of the Bhagavad Gita in Hindu-Inspired New Religious Movements*

Laurel Zwissler, University of Toronto  
*Reading between the Magic: Exploring Isobel Bird's Young Adult Fiction Series, The Circle of Three*

Christine Kraemer, Boston University  
*Gender Essentialism in Matriarchalist Utopian Fantasies: Are Popular Novels Vehicles of Sacred Stories, or Only Sacred Propaganda?*

Business Meeting:

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding



**A20-120**

**Nineteenth-Century Theology Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Walter E. Wyman, Whitman College, Presiding

Theme: *Ernst Troeltsch as Historian of Protestantism*

Friedrich Wilhelm Graf, University of Munich  
*Ernst Troeltsch as Cultural Historian of Christianity*

Arie Molendijk, University of Groningen  
*Ernst Troeltsch's Lasting Contribution to the Historiography of Protestantism*

Aimee Burant, University of Chicago  
*"A Metaphysical Attitude towards Life": Ernst Troeltsch on Protestantism and German National Identity*

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College  
*Reassessing Troeltsch's Conception of Protestantism and Its Relationship to Modernity*

Responding:

Dr. Stefan Pautler, München, GERMANY

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 **A20-121**

**Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Paul Williams, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

Theme: *"All Will Be Revealed": Apocalypse, Identity, and Myth in Film*

Roy M. Anker, Calvin College  
*Mapping Light: Toward a Taxonomy of Narrative Modes in Contemporary Religious Film*

Kent Brintnall, Emory University  
*The Moral Demand of the "Loving Cup": The Presence of the Abject Body in Tod Browning's Freaks and the Christian Eucharist*

Stefanie Knauss, Karl-Franzens-University  
*"A Jew in a Porsche": Jewish (Religious) Identities in Contemporary Europe*

Amy Johnson Frykholm, Leadville, CO  
*Angel of the Apocalypse Meets Slacker Theology: Kevin Smith's Dogma (1999)*

Patton Dodd, Boston University  
*No One Will Be Left Behind: The Marketing of the Apocalypse*

Business Meeting:

Tony S. L. Michael, University of Toronto, Presiding

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 **A20-122**

**Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Jay Geller, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *The Ethics of Forgetting*

Tania Oldenhage, Academy of Boldern  
*Serenity at the Heart of Europe: Switzerland and the Fading of Wartime Memory*

Eric Boynton, Allegheny College  
*Forgetting and Forgiving the Trauma of Evil*

Laura Gilbertson, Bethel University  
*Remembering for Redemption or Forgetting for Reconciliation? Keshgegian and Volf on the Memory of Violence*

Kenneth A. Reynhout, Bethel University  
*co-presenter with Laura Gilbertson*

Björn Krondorfer, St. Mary's College of Maryland  
*Is Forgetting Permissible? The Necessary Role of Oblivion in Holocaust Remembrances*

Business Meeting:

Oren Stier, Florida International University, Presiding  
Katharina von Kellenbach, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Presiding



**A20-123**

**Ritual Studies Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Nikki Bado-Fralick, Iowa State University, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual Dwelling, Crossing, and Acting: Theory as Transtemporal, Transperformative, and Transmethodological*

Ronald L. Grimes, Wilfrid Laurier University  
*What Kind of an Act Is Theorizing about Ritual?*

Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University  
*Pacific Northwest Coast Art and Transmethodology: The Formline of Ritual Studies Theoretical Hybridity*

E. Thomas Lawson, Western Michigan University  
*Ritual Form Hypothesis: Transitive Connections between Ritual Competence and Ritual Performance*

Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
*Ritual as Crossing and Dwelling: Theorizing the Religious Practices of Transnational Migrants*

Business Meeting:

Donna Lynne Seamone, McMaster University, Presiding

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**A20-124**

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Robison B. James, University of Richmond, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond,  
Presiding

Theme: *God, Being, and God beyond Being*

John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University  
*Why Tillich Is Not (Just) an Ontotheologian: Tillich's Indebtedness to Apophatic Theology*

Lois Malcolm, Luther Seminary  
*Mystical and Prophetic: Tillich's Theology of the God beyond God Reconsidered*

John C. M. Starkey, Oklahoma City University  
*God, Being, Tillich, and Neville*

Responding:

John D. Caputo, Syracuse University

Business Meeting:

Robison B. James, University of Richmond, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond,  
Presiding

Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville, Presiding



**A20-125**

**Wesleyan Studies Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Theme: *Pan-Methodism: History, Polity, and Theology*

F. Douglas Powe, Saint Paul School of Theology  
*Cone and Wesley on the Use of Experience as a Theological Source*

Morris L. Davis, Drew University  
*Pan-Methodist Union and the Demands of "American Christian Civilization": An Early Twentieth-Century Attempt*

Reginald Broadnax, Hood Theological Seminary  
*The History of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and its Contribution to Both Methodist Episcopacy and Methodist Polity*

Responding:

Ted A. Campbell, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

K. Steve McCormick, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding

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**A20-126**

**Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Womanist Pedagogy and Black Women's Bodies: A Womanish Call and Man-ish Response*

Panelists:

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University

Lynne Westfield, Drew University

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University

Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University

Responding:

Arthur Sutherland, Loyola College

Athur Pressley, Drew University

Business Meeting:

Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Presiding

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**A20-127**

**Tantric Studies Consultation**  
**Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm**

Charles D. Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

Theme: *Sexuality and Gender in Tantric Traditions*

David Gray, Santa Clara University

*"Tantric Sex" in an Eighth-Century Buddhist Context: The Case of the Cakrasamvara*

Elaine Craddock, Southwestern University

*Gender, Sexuality, and Tantra in South India*

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Boulder

*The "Kali Practice": A Class Act Revisitation of Women's Roles in Tantra*

Sarah Jacoby, University of Virginia

*Passionate Revelation: Consort Relationships in the Tibetan Buddhist Treasure Tradition according to Sera Khandro's (1892-1940) Biographical Writings*

Responding:

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

Business Meeting:

Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding  
Sthaneshwar Timalina, Washington University in St. Louis, Presiding

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 **A20-128**

**AAR Retired Members' Reception**  
**Sunday - 5:30 pm-6:30 pm**

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

All members of the AAR who are retired from full-time employment are cordially invited to an open house hosted by Barbara DeConcini, executive director, and Hans Hillerbrand, AAR president.

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 **A20-129**

**Plenary Address**  
**Sunday - 7:15 pm-8:15 pm**

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Master Narratives and the Future of Christianity*

Panelists:

David Martin, Woking, United Kingdom

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 **A20-130**

**Plenary Address**  
**Sunday - 8:30 pm-9:30 pm**



Theme: *Templeton Plenary: Charles H. Townes -- The Parallelism and Ultimate Convergence of Science and Religion*

Panelists:

Charles H. Townes, Berkeley, CA

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 **A20-131**

**Arts Series/Films: Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble**  
**Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm**

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

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 **A20-132**

**Arts Series/Films: *By the Dawn's Early Light: Chris Jackson's Journey to Islam***  
**Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm**

Sponsored by the Study of Islam Section

Zareena Grewal, University of Michigan, Presiding

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 **A20-133**

**Arts Series/Films: *What the Bleep Do We Know?***  
**Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm**

Sponsored by Religion and Science Group

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**A20-134**

**JAAR Editorial Board Reception**

**Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm**

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding

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**A20-135**

**Arts Series/Films: *Transnational Savior: A Salvadoran Jesus Reunites with His People in the United States***

**Sunday - 8:30 pm-9:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group

David Tombs, Trinity College, Dublin, Presiding

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**A21-1**

**Nominatons Committee Meeting**

**Monday - 7:00 am-8:30 am**

Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

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**A21-2**

**International Members' Continental Breakfast**

**Monday - 7:30 am-8:45 am**

All AAR international attendees are invited to an information session and continental breakfast hosted by the AAR's International Connections Committee.

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**AAR Program Unit Chairs' Breakfast Meeting**  
**Monday - 7:30 am-8:45 am**

All program unit chairs should attend this important informational session with the AAR's Program Committee.

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**Special Topics Forum**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Task Force

Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Designing the Intellectual Experience*

In this interactive workshop presented by an experienced Wabash Center workshop director and consultant, participants will be led through a series of exercises to reflect together on how they currently compose intellectual experiences for their students and explore ways of doing so more effectively.

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**Special Topics Forum**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Sponsored by the Religion and Disabilities Task Force

Kerry H. Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Accessible Career Journey: Employment and Disability*

Panelists:

Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University

Bill J. Leonard, Wake Forest University

F. Rachel Magdalene, Appalachian State University

Edward McCaffrey, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Philadelphia, PA

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**A21-5**

### **Special Topics Forum**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Barbara Brown Zikmund, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Theme: *Christian Theology's Engagement with Religious Pluralism*

Panelists:

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University

J. Paul Rajashekar, Philadelphia, PA

Damayanthi M. A. Niles, Eden Theological Seminary

Ian Ritchie, Montreal, QC

Francis V. Tiso, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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**A21-6**

**Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: *Walk, Talk, Teach, Learn: A Streetfair of Posters, Exhibits, and Interactive Displays That Will Excite and Educate about a Breakthrough Moment in the Classroom or a Great Course*

Mark Larrimore, New School University  
*Saints Alive: A Student-Made Iconostasis Teaches about Religious Time, Creativity, and Community*

Marilyn Gottschall, Whittier College  
*Introducing Islam on Its Own Terms: Qur'anic Recitation as Pedagogy*

Sidney Brown, University of the South  
*Cultivating Empathy and a Critical Stance through Class "Experiments": The Experiments Themselves and a Best Moment on Learning*

Yolanda Yvette Smith, Yale University  
*Teaching through the Oral Tradition*

Adam Porter, Illinois College  
*Role-Playing the Trials of Jesus and Paul: An Introduction to the New Testament*

Greg Watkins, Stanford University  
*Virtual Mandala: Teaching Buddhism by Using Computer Technology to Translate the Wheel of Life into a Western Idiom*

Robert C. Shippey, Shorter College  
*Art as a Pedagogical Basis for Teaching Religion*

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University  
*Short-Term Study Abroad Made Easy*

Rebecca K. Huskey, University of Iowa  
*A Grocery List and Forbidden Fruit: Teaching Interpretation Methods to Undergraduates*

Merrill M. Hawkins, Carson-Newman College  
*What Does Saving Private Ryan Have to Do with the Old Testament? Reflections on Course Revisions after the First Year of Implementation*

Dean Andrew Nicholas, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy  
*Interactive Hebrew Bible Survey*

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College

*Experiential Learning and Social Justice Action: An Experiment in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and Assessment-Driven Course Design for the Introductory Course*

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**A21-7**

**Tantric Studies Consultation and Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Paul E. Muller-Ortega, University of Rochester, Presiding

Theme: *Visual Arts and Ritual in Tantric Traditions*

Madhu Khanna, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

*Visual Metaphysics and Representation in Hindu Shakta Tantra: Some Methodological Explorations*

Pamela D. Winfield, Meredith College

*Esoteric Images of Light and Life at Kokubunji Temple, Japan*

Laura Harrington, Trinity College

*Re-viewing Tibetan Tantra: The Pitfalls and Promises of Visual Culture Studies for the Exploration of Tantric Ritual*

Greg Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

*Looking into Bhairava's Face: The Animating Effect of Horror*

Responding:

Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University

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**A21-8**

**Buddhism Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Re-Wri(gh)ting: Reading Chinese Buddhist Biographies after Wright*

James A. Benn, McMaster University

*Continued Biographies of Eminent Monks: Hagiographic Collection or Monastic Manifesto?*

Koichi Shinohara, Yale University

*Efficacy and Legitimacy: Toward a Sociological Reading of "Biographies of Eminent Monks"*

Shaul Katzenstein, Hamilton, ON

*Enduring Sickness: Illness before Death in Medieval Chinese Buddhist Biographies*

Albert F. Welter, University of Winnipeg

*Tracing the Elusive Yulu: Precedents for Chan's Records of Sayings Literature*

Responding:

James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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**A21-9**

### **Christian Systematic Theology Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Responses to David Bentley Hart's The Beauty of the Infinite: The Aesthetics of Christian Truth (Eerdmans, 2004)*

Panelists:

Gerard Loughlin, Durham University

Lois Malcolm, Luther Seminary

Francesca Murphy, University of Aberdeen

James K.A. Smith, Calvin College

Responding:

David Bentley Hart, Loyola College

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**A21-10**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Mark Wheeler MacWilliams, St. Lawrence University, Presiding

Theme: *Rituals Online: Examining the Impact and Implications of Internet Rituals on Religious Practice*

Panelists:

Selva J. Raj, Albion College

Christopher Helland, Dalhousie University

Heidi Campbell, Texas A&M University

Goran Larrson, Göteborg University

Responding:

Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado, Boulder

Business Meeting:

Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Selva J. Raj, Albion College, Presiding

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**A21-11**

**History of Christianity Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Erin Ronsse, University of Victoria, Presiding

Theme: *The Body as Christian Battleground*

Garry J. Crites, Duke University

*The Starving Monk: Coercive Fasting and the Development of Irish Penitentials*



Edwin Woodruff Tait, Duke University  
*Devils in the Bile: The Demonology of Martin Bucer*

Eric Carlsson, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
*Exorcising Demons with History: J. S. Semler and the Spirit Possession of Anna Elisabeth Lohmann*

Michael Ostling, University of Toronto  
*Of Woman Wailing for Her Demon Lover: Sex, the Satanic Pact, and Folk-Belief in the Polish Witch-Trials*

Marie Pagliarini, California Polytechnic State University  
*"And the Word Was Made Flesh": The Female Body as Text in Nineteenth-Century American Catholic Culture*

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto  
*Radio Mind: Anglo-Protestants on the Frontiers of Healing*



**A21-12**

## **Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

Theme: *Negotiating Boundaries: Religion, Migration, and Cultural Interaction*

William A. Barbieri, The Catholic University of America  
*Migrant Boundaries: Constitutive Justice and the Ethics of Inclusion*

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton  
*A Border-Crossing Jesus: A Sociopolitical Reading of the Salvadoran Celebration of La Bajada in Los Angeles*

Prema Kurien, Syracuse University  
*Hindu Temples in the U.S.*

Robert Carle, King's College  
*From Pillarization to Assimilation: The Demise of Dutch Multi-Culturalism*

Business Meeting:

Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding



**A21-13**

**Religion in South Asia Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Kumkum Chatterjee, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Prescribed and the Permissible: Articulations of Sastra in Indian Literary and Oral Narrative, Film, and the Performed Arts*

Ruth Vanita, University of Montana

*Together in Life after Life: Shastraic Ideas of Marriage and Rebirth, and Same-Sex Couple Suicides in Modern India*

Leela Prasad, Duke University

*"For Shastra's Sake..!" Idioms of Legitimacy in the Plural Moral Worlds of Narrative*

Ronald Inden, University of Chicago

*Breaking the National Rules for Entertainment in Film*

Joan Erdman, Columbia College, Chicago, and University of Chicago

*Challenging Choreographies and Citing Shastra in Indian Dance*

Responding:

Velcheru Narayana Rao, University of Wisconsin, Madison



**A21-14**

**Study of Islam Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Florian Pohl, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Sectarian Identities and Diverting Interpretations of Islam*

Najam Haider, Princeton University

*To Basmalah or Not to Basmalah: The Emergence of Sectarian Identity in Second- through Eighth-Century Kufa*

Shafique Virani, Zayed University

*Nomen and Numen: Reading Meaning and Identity in the Designations of a Shii Sect*

David Vishanoff, University of South Carolina

*Medieval Muslim Metaphors for Revelation: Interpretive Consequences Then and Now*

Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

*The Qur'anic Defense of Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah*

Kathleen Malone O'Connor, University of South Florida

*"Each One Teach One": Teaching the Lessons and Dialogic Ethnography among the Gods of the Five Percent Nation*

Responding:

Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University

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**A21-15**

### **Women and Religion Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Donna Berman, Charter Oak Cultural Center, Presiding

Theme: *The Coming of Lilith: An Assessment and Celebration of Judith Plaskow's Contribution to Judaism, Feminism, and Sexual Ethics*

Panelists:

Rebecca T. Alpert, Temple University

Katie G. Cannon, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

Mary C. Churchill, University of Iowa

Carol P. Christ, Ariadne Institute

Emily Neill, Harvard University

Susan E. Shapiro, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Responding:

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

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**A21-16**

**Afro-American Religious History Group**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Julia M. Speller, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *W. E. B. Du Bois and the Discourse of African-American Religious History and Historiography*

Marcus Bruce, Bates College

*The Translation of Finer Feelings: Henry Ossawa Tanner, W. E. B. Du Bois, and the Uses of Religious Discourse*

Curtis Evans, Florida State University

*The Problem of the Negro Church: W. E. B. Du Bois and His Analysis of Black Religion*

Donald H. Matthews, University of Missouri, Kansas City

*Du Bois and the Social Scientific Study of Black Religion*

Responding:

Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson, Vanderbilt University

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**A21-17**

**Anthropology of Religion Group**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000 / UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Sacred Transformations: Placement, Displacement, and Replacement*

Carol Winkelmann, Xavier University

*The Language of Tibetan Nuns in the Indian Himalayas*

Lee Gilmore, Graduate Theological Union  
*No Spectators: Ideology and Performativity at the Burning Man Festival*

Erika Meitner, University of Virginia  
*The Mezuzah: American Judaism and Constructions of Domestic Sacred Space*

Mark Rowe, Princeton University  
*Dying for Agency: Posthumous Divorce in Contemporary Japan*

Responding:

William R. LaFleur, University of Pennsylvania

Business Meeting:

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000 / UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, Presiding  
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding

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**A21-19**

**Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Mothers and Mothering in Hindu and Jewish Traditions*

Amy Alloco, Emory University  
*Carrying Fire Pots for the Goddess: Mothers and Daughters in the Performance of a Vow to Mariyamman*

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco  
*Toward Motherhood: Fertility, Infertility, and the Ritual Struggle to Conceive*

Madhuri Yadlapati, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge  
*Mothers, Matriarchs, and Divine Revelation: Returning to Sita and Sarah*

Yudit Greenberg, Rollins College  
*Rebecca: Mother, Prophetess, or Conspirator*

Responding:

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University Chicago

Business Meeting:

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

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**A21-20**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Rosemary P. Carbine, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Theme: *Doing Saving Work: Feminist Reconstructions of Sin and Redemption*

Wendy Farley, Emory University

*That by Which We Fall Is That by Which We Rise: A Feminist Analysis of Desire and Redemption*

Serene Jones, Yale University

*Redeeming "Harem," Saving "Law"*

Joy McDougall, Emory University

*The Bondage of the I/Eye: A Feminist Proposal for Redeeming Christian Sin-Talk*

Responding:

Rebecca S. Chopp, Colgate University

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**A21-22**

**Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding

Theme: *Where Do We Go from Here? Assessing the Fundamental Commitments of Latino/a Theologies*

Jorge A. Aquino, Graduate Theological Union  
*"Ni Blancos, Ni Negritos?" On the Interpretation of Racial Formations as a Fundamental Challenge for Latino/a Theologies*

Maria T. Davila, Boston College  
*"Dignidad en la Lucha": Latina/o Ethics and U.S. Civil Society*

Ivan Petrella, University of Miami  
*On the Failure of Liberation Theologies in the Americas: The Case of Latino/a Theology*

Christopher D. Tirres, Harvey Mudd College  
*A Pragmatic Bridge between Cultural and Political Action*

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**A21-23**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Group**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Theme: *Testing Secularism*

Grace Kao and Jerome Copulsky, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
*The Pledge of Allegiance and the Limits of Civil Religion*

James McBride, Schulte, Roth, and Zabel LLP  
*Girard's Will, Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia, and the Origins of Secular Government: A Tale of Capital, Philanthropy, and the Supreme Court*

I. Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University  
*Secularism or Secular Humanism as Reactive Deviance*

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College & Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo  
*Constitutional Secularization: Religious Pluralism and the Canadian Courts*

Responding:

Robert A. Yelle, University of Illinois

Business Meeting:

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding



**A21-24**

**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Beth Eddy, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Theme: *Topics in Empiricism and Pragmatism*

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia

*Who's Afraid of Reductionism? Cognitive Science, Pragmatism, and the Humanities*

Matthew Day, Florida State University

*Let's Be Realistic: Evolutionary Complexity, Instrumental Biology, and the Cognitive Science of Religion*

Finbarr Curtis, University of California, Santa Barbara

*The Danger of "Wholes without Rhythm": The Productivity of Pluralism in Dewey's Aesthetic Theory*

David R. Perley, University of Toronto

*Cultural Pragmatist or Defender of the Unseen: Sorting through Contrasting Appropriations of William James in the Study of Religion*

Business Meeting:

Frederick J. Ruf, Georgetown University, Presiding

David Lamberth, Harvard University, Presiding

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**A21-25**

**Religion and Science Group**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University, Presiding

Theme: *What the Bleep Do We Know? The Future of the Religion and Science Discourse*

Panelists:



Robert J. Russell, Graduate Theological Union

Lou Ann G. Trost, Pigeon, MI

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California

Kirk Wegter-McNelly, Boston University

Barbara Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Presiding

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**Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Vesna Acimovic Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Dialogues and Debates on Tibetan Medicine, Healing, and Religion*

Panelists:

Alejandro Chaoul, Rice University

Frances Garrett, University of Toronto

Eric Jacobson, Harvard University

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College

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**Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Marla J. Selvidge, Central Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *Religions and Denominations Working Together for Peace*

Noreen Herzfeld, St. John's University

*The Danger of Religious Nationalism and Hope for Renewal: Lessons from Srebrenica*

Hee An Choi, Boston University

*Koreanized Christianity toward Peace and Justice: A Case Study of Korea's Independence*

Scott Holland, Bethany Theological Seminary/CrossCurrents journal

*The Decade to Overcome Violence on the Nigerian Road: Stories from Abuja to Kano*

Emily J. Choge, Moi University

*The Role of Religions in Promoting Peace among the Refugees and Their Neighbors: A Case Study of Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya*

Vern Neufeld Redekop, Saint Paul University

*Reconciliation in Sudan: A Framework for Muslims, Christians, and Traditional Africans*

Business Meeting:

Susan Windley-Daoust, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Presiding

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**A21-28**

**Roman Catholic Studies Group**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Mary Henold, Roanoke College, Presiding

Theme: *Regional Catholicisms: Pennsylvania and Beyond*

Katie Oxx, Claremont Graduate University

*Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church: Problematizing the Catholic-Protestant Relationship in Early National Philadelphia*

Andrew Stern, Emory University

*Southern Harmony: Catholicism and Freedom in the Antebellum South*

Michael Pasquier, Florida State University

*"The Religion of the Sisters": Catholic Sisterhood and Southern Manhood in Confederate Hospitals*

Kristin Schwain, University of Missouri-Columbia  
*The Founding of the State of Liberty Spiritual? Violet Oakley's Mural Series and Roman Catholic Protest*

Responding:

Raymond A. Patterson, Saint Michael's College

Business Meeting:

Jeffrey Marlett, College of Saint Rose, Presiding  
Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University, Presiding

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 **A21-29**

**Scriptural Reasoning Group**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Peter Ochs, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Scripture, Democracy, and Traditions*

Randi Rashkover, York College of Pennsylvania  
*Reasoning through the Prophetic: A Reading of Luke 4:14-30*

C. C. Pecknold, University of Cambridge  
*Augustine's Readable City: Beyond the Politics of Empire*

Mohammad Azadpur, San Francisco State University  
*Islam, Liberalism, and Democracy*

Responding:

Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh  
Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University

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 **A21-30**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Consultation**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

**New Program Unit**

Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Theme: *Boundaries and Paths to Authenticity*

Aislinn Jones, American Academy of Religion  
*Gods of Blood and Gods of Land: Authenticity Claims in Celtic Paganism*

Chas S. Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo  
*Flying Ointments and the Discourse of Secrecy in Contemporary Wicca*

Helen Berger and Douglas Ezzy, West Chester University  
*Paths to Teenage Witchcraft: A Cross National Study*

Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania  
*co-presenter with Berger*

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Missouri, Kansas City  
*Dating Modern Paganism: Material Culture and Calendrical Subversion*

Responding:

Michael York, London, United Kingdom

Business Meeting:

Michael York, London, United Kingdom, Presiding  
Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding



**A21-35**

**Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**  
**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Cosponsored with the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Holocaust in Central and Eastern Europe*

Vladimir Georgiev, Shoumen University

*The Bulgarian Orthodox Church and the Holocaust: Addressing Common Misconceptions*

Georgeta Pana, University of Bucharest

*Antisemitism in the Orthodox Church and the Holocaust in Romania*

Gershon Greenberg, American University

*Faith and Death for the Wartime Leadership of the Slobodka, Lithuania, "Musar" (Moralistic) Yeshivah*

Responding:

Suzanne Brown-Fleming, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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**A21-31**

**AAR Annual Business Meeting**

**Monday - 11:30 am-12:45 pm**

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

AAR members are encourage to join the Board of Directors for the annual business meeting of the Academy.

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**A21-32**

**EIS Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Monday - 11:30 am-1:00 pm**

Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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**A21-33**

**Religion and Disabilities Task Force Meeting**  
**Monday - 11:30 am-1:00 pm**

Kerry Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University, Presiding

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**Sacred and Religious Sites of Philadelphia Bus Tour**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-5:00 pm**

Peter W. Williams, Miami University of Ohio and E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Please meet at the signposted area outside the Marriott Philadelphia Hotel at 12:45 pm. Bus tour is by reservation only; please have your ticket ready. Tour tickets will be mailed with the name badge materials in September.

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description. Separate registration is required.

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**Special Topics Forum**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Racial and Ethnic Minority Mentoring: A Conversation among Graduate Students and Scholars*

Panelists:

Sharon Watson Fluker, Fund for Theological Education

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University

Malinda E. Berry, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Union Theological Seminary, New York

James Samuel Logan, Princeton Theological Seminary

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

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**A21-52**

**Special Topics Forum**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Publications Committee

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *The Second Edition of the Encyclopedia of Religion*

Panelists:

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Frederick M. Denny, University of Colorado, Boulder

Chris Jocks, Arizona State University

Amy M. Hollywood, University of Chicago

Responding:

Lindsay Jones, Ohio State University, Columbus

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**A21-53**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Sponsored by AAR and Temple University

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Picturing Faith: Photography and the Great Depression*

Panelists:

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

Responding:

Miles Orvell, Temple University

David Harrington Watt, Temple University

The lecture will be followed by a reception at the photography exhibit based on Professor McDannell's work at the Mellon Society of Fellows, 10th Floor Gladfelter Hall (12th Street and Berks Mall) on the campus of Temple University. A bus will be provided following the session for attendees interested in viewing the photos.

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and SBL's Reading, Theory and the Bible Group**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Karl A. Plank, Davidson College, Presiding

Theme: *Post-Scripture[s]/Post-Holocaust: Representing the Irreparable in the Art of Samuel Bak*

Gary A. Phillips, University of the South

*Bak's Impossible Memorials: Giving Face to the Children*

Danna Nolan Fewell, Southern Methodist University

*co-presenter with Phillips*



Charles Rix, Drew University  
*Quartet for the End of Time*

Yvonne Sherwood, University of Glasgow  
*Iconoclash and Akedah*

Responding:

Samuel Bak, Weston, MA

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 **A21-55**

**Buddhism Section**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Justin McDaniel, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Encounters with Modernity*

Stuart Chandler, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
*Traditionalist and Modernist Voices in Contemporary Chinese Buddhism*

Juliane Schober, Arizona State University  
*The Theravada Buddhist Engagement with Modernity in Burma*

Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University  
*Resisting the Global in Sri Lankan Buddhist Nationalism*

Ellen Goldberg, Queen's University  
*Buddhism and Cognitive Theory: A Response to Modernity*

Responding:

Stephen Covell, Western Michigan University

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 **A21-56**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Nora O. Lozano, Baptist University of the Americas, Presiding

Theme: *Mary and Divine Creativity*

Cyrus Olsen, University of Oxford

*Divine and Human Creativity in the Annunciation: Beauty and Illumination*

Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Graduate Theological Union

*Guadalupe and the Role of Beauty in the Birth of a New People*

Nathan Jennings, University of Virginia

*Mary, Sophia, and the Ascetical Aesthetics of the Doctrine of God in the Thought of Pavel Florensky*

Melissa Stewart, Adrian College

*Reflections on Mary as More Than a Reflection of God*

Business Meeting:

David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding



**A21-57**

## **Ethics Section**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Jane Hicks, St. John Fisher College, Presiding

Theme: *"We Fight Our Own Battles": Women's Moral Agency and the Politics of Punitive Public Policies*

Mary E. Hobgood, College of the Holy Cross

*Justice Theory and US Progressives: A Feminist Ethical Critique*

Noelle Damico, University of the Poor

*Morality That Impoverishes and the Impoverishment of Morality: Poor Women Resisting!*

Cheri Honkala, Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign

*co-presenter with Noelle Damico*

Ethel Long Scott, Women's Economic Agenda Project

*co-presenter with Noelle Damico*

Jonathan Gichaara, Urban Theology Unit, Sheffield  
*African Traditional Ethics: Role of Women and Authority in the Family and HIV/AIDS*

Linda Ellison, Harvard University  
*Why the Left Has Been Left Behind: Moral Marketing, Dangerous Divides, and Ethical Ineffectiveness in the American Abortion Debate*

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 **A21-58**

**North American Religions Section and Religion, Media, and Culture  
Consultation**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Diane Winston, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theme: *Media, Commodities, and Practices in Religious Culture*

Faydra Shapiro, Wilfrid Laurier University  
*Consuming Community: A Case Study in Jewish Material Culture and Practice*

Carol Harris-Shapiro, Gratz College  
*Bloody Shankbones and Braided Bread: Food Narratives and the Fashioning of American Jewish Identities*

Beth Graybill, University of Maryland  
*Performing Amish Tourism: Lived Religion and Commerce in the Lancaster County Marketplace*

Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
*Thoughts on Approaches to the Study of Popular Religion, with Examples from Madonna's Anti-War Video "American Life"*

Responding:

Anthea Butler, University of Rochester

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 **A21-59**

**Philosophy of Religion Section**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Feminism and the Philosophy of Religion*

Kimerer L. LaMothe, Granville, NY

*Becoming Body: Nietzsche's Gift to the Feminist Philosophy of Religion*

Beverley Clack, Oxford Brookes University

*Phantasy, Feminism, and the Philosophy of Religion*

Wesley Barker, Emory University

*Secundarizing the Feminine and Sexing the Divine: Consequences of Levinas's Secundarization of Sexual Difference*

Wendy Wiseman, University of Washington

*In the Beginning: Kristeva, Cixous, and the Abject Mother of Metaphysics*



**A21-60**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding

Theme: *Robert Wuthnow: The Significance and Methodology of His Work for Religion and the Social Sciences*

Panelists:

Wade Clark Roof, University of California, Santa Barbara

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University

Stephen L. Carter, Yale University

Mark Noll, Wheaton College

Responding:

Robert Wuthnow, Princeton University



**A21-61**

**Religion in South Asia Section**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Joseph Walser, Tufts University, Presiding

Theme: *Money Problems: Money, Wealth, and Religion in South Asia*

Panelists:

Douglas Osto, SOAS, University of London

Leah Renold, University of Virginia

Amy C. Bard, Columbia University

Ami Shah, University of California, Santa Barbara

M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University

Selva, J. Raj, Albion College

Responding:

Richard H. Davis, Bard College

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**A21-62**

**Study of Islam Section and Study of Judaism Section and Theology and  
Continental Philosophy Group**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Jeffrey Kosky, Washington & Lee University, Presiding

Theme: *The Jew, the Arab: A History of the Enemy*

Panelists:

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

Elisabeth Weber, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:

Gil Anidjar, Columbia University

Business Meeting:

Jeffrey Bloechl, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

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**A21-63**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Serene Jones, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Empire*

David R. Brockman, Southern Methodist University

*Christian Exceptionalism, American Exceptionalism: Texas and the Christian Contribution to the Ideology of the American Empire*

Jenny Dagers, Liverpool Hope University College

*Dissolving Christian Monism: The Gift of Altering Hospitality*

Anselm K. Min, Claremont Graduate University

*Globalization, Imperialism, and Christian Theology*

Whitney Bauman, Graduate Theological Union

*Creatio ex Nihilo, Terra Nullius, and the Colonial Mind*

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**A21-64**

**African Religions Group**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Gwinyai Muzorewa, Lincoln University, Presiding

Theme: *Issues in the Historiography of African Religions*

Robert M. Baum, Iowa State University  
*"Religion" in the Time of the Ancestors: Methodological Problems in the Interpretation of Precolonial African Religious History*

Keisha Armorer, Temple University  
*Separating the Historical from the Mythic in Ese Ifa, the Sacred Poems of Ifa*

Frederick P. Lampe, Syracuse University  
*Living on the Threshold: Liminality and the Globalization of Christianity*

Ezra Chitando, Bayreuth University  
*"Engaged Insiders" in the Study of African Traditional Religions: Prospects and Challenges*

Responding:

Sandra E. Greene, Cornell University

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**Christian Spirituality Group and Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Grace Adolphsen Brame, LaSalle University, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritual Practices in Eastern Christianity*

Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College  
*Becoming a Useful Servant: An Early Model of Monastic Spiritual Formation*

Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University  
*The Notion of Hesychasm in the Triads of Gregory Palamas (1296-1359)*

John Eugene Clay, Arizona State University  
*Popular Uses of the Jesus Prayer in Imperial Russia from the Old Believers to the Name-Glorifiers*

Scott Kenworthy, Miami University of Ohio  
*Paisii Velichkovskii and the Hesychast Revolution in Modern Russian Orthodoxy*

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 **A21-66**

**Confucian Traditions Group and Law, Religion, and Culture Group**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Natalie B. Dohrmann, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Confucianism and Law*

Quoc Viet Nguyen, University of Kassel  
*Confucian Values and the Dilemma of Transition to the Rule of Law in Vietnam: An Explanation from Institutional Economics Perspective*

Weon Chu, Brookline, MA  
*A Social Ethicist Look at Confucian Social Conservatism through Max Weber's Thesis*

Vivian-Lee Nyitray, University of California, Riverside  
*co-presenter with Dena Davis*

Dena S. Davis, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law  
*Cloning and Identity in Confucian and Western Contexts*

Responding:

Jane Geaney, University of Richmond

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 **A21-67**

**Evangelical Theology Group**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Melissa (Wyndy) Corbin, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelical Theology and Scripture*



Craig A. Carter, Tyndale University College and Seminary  
*Citizenship and Discipleship: Tensions in the New Testament and Postmodernity*

Alan G. Padgett, Luther Seminary  
*The Canonical Sense of Scripture as a Whole: Trinitarian or Christocentric?*

Telford Work, Westmont College  
*Evangelicals in the Factory of Scripture*

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 **A21-68**

**Hinduism Group**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

John Hawley, Barnard College, Presiding

Theme: *The Bhakti Movement—Says Who?*

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Pennsylvania  
*Bhakti as Public Culture*

Shandip Saha, University of Ottawa  
*Multiple Emplotments of the Pushtimarg in "Bhakti Movement" Thinking*

Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University  
*The Absence of Siva: The North/South Issue Reconsidered*

Neelima Shukla Bhatt, Wellesley College  
*Performance as Translation: Mira Songs in Gujarat*

Business Meeting:

Balagangadhara Rao, Ghent University, Presiding

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 **A21-69**

**Islamic Mysticism Group**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Women's Contributions to Sufism: New Readings and Research*

Laury Silvers, Skidmore College

*Statistical Analysis, Comparison, and Close Readings: Getting at the Data on Early Pious and Sufi Women*

T. Emil Homerin, University of Rochester

*"Inspired with an Awesome Book": The Mystical Life and Writings of `Â'ishah al-Bâ`ûnîyah (d. 922/1517)*

Rkia Elaroui Cornell, University of Arkansas

*Rabi'a the Teacher*

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University

*Mothers, Wives, and Daughters: Female Mysticism in a Family Context*

Responding:

Joseph Lumbard, The Royal Hashemite Court of Jordan

Business Meeting:

Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding



**A21-70**

**Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Julianne Buenting, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Lesbian Lives: Remembrance and Transformation*

Gayle R. Baldwin, University of North Dakota

*For the Orphans and Widows*

Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

*Ending a Long Silence: The Memoirs of Loretta Coller*

Responding:

Lori Rowlett, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Business Meeting:

Elizabeth A. Say, California State University Northridge, Presiding

Gayle R. Baldwin, University of North Dakota, Presiding

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**Men's Studies in Religion Group and Religion and Disability Studies Group**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College, Presiding

Theme: *Masculinities, Disabilities, and Religion*

Amy Laura Hall, Duke University

*Holy Husbandmen: The American Social Hygiene Association's Program for Virility*

Darla Schumm, Hollins University

*From Superman to Super Jesus: Constructions of Masculinity and Disability on the Silver Screen*

Mark Justad, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture

*Masculinity, Disability, and Religious Imagination*

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology

*What Makes a Man? Reflections from Disability Theology*

Responding:

Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont, CA

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**New Religious Movements Group**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Greg Johnson, Univ of Colorado at Boulder, Presiding

Theme: *Devoted to the Outdoors: Nature Recreation as Religious Practice*

Bron Taylor, University of Florida  
*Surfing into Spirituality*

A. Whitney Sanford, Iowa State University  
*Pinned on Karma Rock: Popular Understanding of Whitewater Kayaking as Religious Experience through Hindu and Buddhist Terms*

Samuel Snyder, University of Florida  
*Casting for Connection: Religion, Ethics, and Environmental Conservation in Fly Fishing Culture*

Barbara Jane Davy, Ottawa, ON  
*Paddling Toward the Divine: A Critical Look at Canoeing and Nature Religion in Canada*

Responding:

William C. James, Queens University

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**Person, Culture, and Religion Group and Wesleyan Studies Group**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Rebekah Miles, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Transformation in Wesleyan Traditions*

Keith Haartman, University of Toronto  
*Watching and Praying: John Wesley's Method of Personality Transformation*

Lallene Rector, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
*A Psychoanalytic Investigation of the Transformative Impact of Sanctification Experience and Belief in the Conversion of Julia A. J. Foote, Nineteenth-Century Holiness Preacher*

Lacey Warner, Duke University  
*co-presenter with Rector*

Hetty Zock, University of Groningen  
*Paradigms in Psychological Conversion Research: The Emergence of the Biographical-Narrative Approach*

Responding:

A. Gregory Schneider, Pacific Union College

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**A21-74**

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Jay Bregman, University of Maine, Orono, Presiding

Theme: *Neoplatonism, Dead or Alive: Is Neoplatonism a Living Tradition? Part II*

Edward P. Butler, New York, NY

*Neoplatonism and Polytheism*

John Bussanich, University of New Mexico

*Living Neoplatonism*

Vladimir Kharlamov, Drew University

*Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite: Living Neoplatonic Tradition in Practice and in the Theology of Eastern Orthodoxy*

Edward Moore, St. Elias Orthodox Theological Seminary

*The Legacy of Neoplatonic Theology in Orthodox Christianity*

Business Meeting:

Willemien Otten, Utrecht University, Presiding

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**A21-75**

**Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group**

**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Suzanne J. Crawford, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Emotions, Suffering, and Efficacy*

Andrew Crislip, University of Hawaii, Hilo  
*Healing Emotions and Curing the Soul in Late Antique Monastic Psychology*

Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College  
*Healing Pain: Issues of Efficacy in Biomedicine and Religious Traditions*

Jude Aguwa, Mercy College  
*Typology and Functions of Agwu Sculptures in Dibia Therapeutic Practices*

Responding:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Suzanne J. Crawford, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

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**Open and Relational Theologies Consultation**  
**Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Eric Mazur, Bucknell University, Presiding

Theme: *American Empire and Religion*

James K.A. Smith, Calvin College  
*The Gospel of Freedom or Another Gospel? Theology, Empire, and American Foreign Policy*

Laurie A. Cozad, University of Mississippi  
*The United States's Imposition of Religious Freedom: The International Religious Freedom Act*

Michael York, London, United Kingdom  
*An "Ex-Pat's" View on the American Empire and Its Religious Divide with Europe*

C. Neal Keye, College of St. Scholastica  
*Unknown Knowns: What Americans Don't Know They Know about the History of American Empire and Religion in the Age of the "Photo Wars" and "Torture Memos"*

Responding:

Lynne Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College



**A21-100**

**Arts Series/Films: F. S. A. Photo Exhibit Curated by Colleen McDannell**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Sponsored by AAR and Temple University

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**A21-101**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Theme: *David Tracy: Tragedy as Cultural Unconscious of Western Religion and Philosophy*

Panelists:

David W. Tracy, University of Chicago

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



**A21-102**

**Special Topics Forum**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Publications Committee

Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, Presiding

Theme: *How to Publish Your Book: Advice from Oxford University Press and the AAR Book Series Editors*

Panelists:

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco

Susan E. Henking, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

James Wetzel, Villanova University

Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology

Anne E. Monius, Harvard University

Kevin Madigan, Harvard University

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**A21-103**

**Special Topics Forum**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Task Force

Bradley L. Herling, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Exploring the Field: Philosophy of Religion, and Religion and Literature - A Graduate Student Discussion Series*

Panelists:

Richard Amesbury, Valdosta State University

Martyn A. Oliver, Boston University

Responding:

William J. Wainwright, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Wesley A. Kort, Duke University

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**A21-104**



**Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Arthur Sutherland, Loyola College and Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Religion and Violence: Approaches and Traditions*

Panelists:

Anne Murphy, Columbia University

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College

Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge

Paul Younger, McMaster University

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University

Responding:

Michel Desjardins, Wilfrid Laurier University

Business Meeting:

Sidney Brown, University of the South, Presiding

Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, Presiding



**A21-105**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and SBL's Reading, Theory, and the Bible Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Post-Scripture[s]/Post-Holocaust: Representing the Irreparable in the Art of Samuel Bak*

Lawrence L. Langer, Boston, MA

*Skeptical Visions and Scriptural Truths in Samuel Bak's Genesis Paintings*

Alicia Ostriker, Rutgers University  
*Bak's Jacob: Painting as Midrash*

Dan Mathewson, Emory University  
*Survival and the Impossible in the Work of Samuel Bak and the Book of Job*

Responding:

Samuel Bak, Weston, MA

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 **A21-106**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Warren G. Frisina, Hofstra University, Presiding

Theme: *(World-)Religionization: The Politics of Religion-Making*

Arvind Mandair, Hofstra University  
*Constructing Sikhism as a "World-Religion": Transcendence, Historicism, and the Comparative Imaginary of the West*

Markus Dressler, Hofstra University  
*Religionizing Turkish Alevism: The Compelling Power of Institutionalized Religion*

Timothy Daniels, Hofstra University  
*Javanism, Tourist Culture, and Religious Rationalization*

Greg Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
*"That's Not the Way We Operate": The Political Implications of the Globalatinized Mandala*

Responding:

Angela Zito, New York University

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 **A21-107**

## **Ethics Section**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Taigen Daniel Leighton, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *The Contemplation of Social Activism: Prospects and Resources for Zen Social Ethics*

Thomas P. Kasulis, Ohio State University, Columbus  
*Zen as a Social Ethics of Responsiveness*

Dale S. Wright, Occidental College  
*What Understanding of Self and World Is Presupposed in Zen Monastic Practice?*

Jin Y. Park, American University  
*Zen Buddhism as a Public Discourse: How Do We Turn Wisdom into Compassion?*

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College  
*Not Buying into Words and Letters: Zen, Ideology, and Prophetic Critique*

Responding:

John C. Maraldo, University of North Florida

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**A21-108**

## **History of Christianity Section**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Travis Frampton, Hardin-Simmons University, Presiding

Theme: *Apostates, Heretics, and Trouble-makers in the History of Christianity*

J. Patrick Hornbeck, University of Oxford  
*The Development of Heresy: Eucharistic Theologies in English Lollard Dissent*

Karen Bruhn, Arizona State University  
*The Accidental Apostate: "Drowsie Protestants," Temporary Faith, and Deconversion among the Godly in Late Elizabethan and Early Stuart England*

Philip Harrold, Winebrenner Theological Seminary  
*Varieties of "Turning From": Modernist Deconversion Narratives in a Midwestern Academic Community*

Jonathan Moore, Grinnell College  
*The Devil Went Down to Hoopston: Pagans, Christians, and American Identity*

Responding:

E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania

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 **A21-109**

**Religion in South Asia Section and Hinduism Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Michael C. Linderman, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Dharma and the Sastras: The "Religious" and the "Secular" in Hindu Scholasticism*

Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University  
*Punishment and Expiation*

Ethan Kroll, University of Chicago  
*Early Modern Sastric Views on the Legal Principle of Svatva*

Timothy C. Cahill, Loyola University, New Orleans  
*Indian Literary Critics on "Dharma"*

Donald R. Davis, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
*Hinduism as a Legal Tradition*

Responding:

Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas, Austin

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 **A21-110**

**Study of Islam Section**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Azam Nizamuddin, Elmhurst College, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Approaches to Salafi Islam*

Scott Lucas, University of Arizona  
*Al-Bukhari's Legal Theory: An Early Model of Salafi Islam*

Walid Saleh, University of Toronto  
*Salafism and Intra-Islamic Confessional Polemics: Ibn Taymiyah's Minhaj al-Sunnah*

Natana Delong-Bas, Brandeis University, Boston College  
*Salafis, Wahhabis and Jihadis: The Ties That Bind?*

Jonathan A. C. Brown, University of Chicago  
*Between Salafi Iconoclasm and Institutional Security: Nasir Al-Din Al-Albani and the Criticism of the Canonical Hadith Collections*

Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi, University of Illinois  
*From Modernizing Islam to Islamizing Modernity: Historical Transformations of the Salafiyyah Movement*

Responding:

Omid Safi, Colgate University

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**A21-111**

**Study of Judaism Section and Mysticism Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Hindy Najman, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Responding To Elliot Wolfson's Language, Eros, Being (Fordham University Press)*

Panelists:

Kalman P. Bland, Duke University

Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto

Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame

Jeffrey Kripal, Rice University

Responding:

Elliot R. Wolfson, New York University

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**A21-112**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Eric Boynton, Allegheny College, Presiding

Theme: *Is There a New Civil Religion?*

Daniel Campana, University of La Verne

*Civil Religion at the Hearth: Current Trends in American Civil Religion from the Perspective of Domestic Arrangement*

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian college

*The Rhetoric of "Sacrifice" in the Public Realm: Tales of Obfuscation and Glorification*

Stephen M. Johnson, Montclair State University

*Re-Viewing the Flag after September 11 and the 2004 Election: Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Votes for Reformed Civil Religion*

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Making God Safe for Democracy? Visions of American Civil Religion Old and New*

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**A21-113**

**Women and Religion Section**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Women's Religious Leadership and Feminist Identity*

Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University -- Camden

*Daoist Priestesses in Sociopolitical Transformation and Cultural Transmission in Northern China during the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries*

Kimberly Hill, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
*Integrating the "Race Woman": Approaches to Ministry among African Methodist Episcopal Women in the 1870s*

Malgorzata Kruszewska, California Institute of Integral Studies  
*Krolowipolski: Black Queen-Mothers of Poland*

Priscilla Eppinger, Graceland University  
*"Maternal Desires": Deconstruction of the Moral Value of Womanhood by Nineteenth-Century Reformers*

Tracy Tiemeier, Boston College  
*"I Shall Pluck by the Roots These Useless Breasts": A Comparative Approach to Asian American Women's Identity Construction*

Business Meeting:

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University, Presiding

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**Black Theology Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *Renewed Conversation: A Meeting of Black and Process Theologies*

Panelists:

Henry James Young, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

Theodore Walker, Southern Methodist University

Barbara Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary

Karen Baker-Fletcher, Southern Methodist University

Monica A. Coleman, Bennett College for Women

Responding:

Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University, Presiding

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 **A21-115**

**Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Gregory Spinner, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Theme: *Death and Dying in Hindu and Jewish Traditions*

T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University

*Funeral Hymn (Sukta) Connected with Death Given in the Rgveda: A Study*

Kyoko Murata, Georgia State University

*Death and Dying Rituals in Hindu Communities in Atlanta*

Harlan J. Wechsler, Jewish Theological Seminary

*Taharah: Maavar Yabok and Purifying the Dead*

Ellen Posman, Baldwin-Wallace College

*A Time to Mourn: A Comparative Analysis of Hindu and Jewish Mourning Practices*

Responding:

Marcy Braverman Goldstein, University of Judaism

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 **A21-116**

**Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, Presiding

Theme: *Riding the Margins: The Performance of Queer Religious Identities*



John-Charles Duffy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
*Why Are There So Many Gay Mormon Websites?*

Vanja Hamzic, International Initiative for Visibility of Queer Muslims  
*Queer Muslims: Coming Out to Creator*

Steven Lapidus, Concordia University  
*Queering the Other: The Homosexual and the Jew in Nineteenth-Century Thought*

Dugan McGinley, Temple University  
*Being Queer and Normal at the Same Time? Gay Men in Liturgical and Performing Arts*

Responding:

Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University

Business Meeting:

Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding  
Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University, Presiding



**A21-117**

**Native Traditions in the Americas Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Analytical Conventions for Native Traditions*

Marilyn Notah, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*A Critical Analysis of Western Healing Practices in Comparison to Indigenous Healing*

Brian Clearwater, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*The Rhetoric of Confusion: "Shamanism," Eliade, and the New Age*

Zachary Simpson, Claremont Graduate University  
*Native American "Religion": A Reassessment and a Constructive Proposal*

Enrique Maestas, Flatonia, TX  
*Native American Epistemology of Religion and Vine Deloria, Jr.*

Responding:

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**A21-118**

**Person, Culture, and Religion Group**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Kathleen Bishop, Madison, NJ, Presiding

Theme: *The Psychology of Anomalous Experience and the Nonunitary Self*

G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University

*Henri Bergson and William James on Paranormal Experiences and the Multi-Dimensional Self*

Jaesung Ha, Vanderbilt University

*Spirit Possession, Shin-Byung, and the Restoration of the Self in Korean Shamanism*

Felicity Brock Kelcourse, Christian Theological Seminary

*Intersubjectivity, Infantile Helplessness, and Occultism: Non-Ordinary Experience in the Dialogue between Freud and Jung*

Andrea Mundis, Drew Theological School

*Psychology, Neurology, and Their Attempt to Dismiss Mystical Experiences: Should They Succeed?*

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**A21-119**

**Religion and Popular Culture Group and Animals and Religion Consultation**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Responses to Cultural Changes and Other Animals*

Panelists:

Michael R. Bathgate, Saint Xavier University

Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University

David Aftandilian, University of Chicago

Paul Waldau, Tufts University

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 **A21-121**

**Ritual Studies Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Theme: *Performance and Change in Civic and Sacred Rites*

Ute Huesken, University of Heidelberg  
*Conflicts on Appropriate Ritual Procedures in a South Indian Vishnu Temple*

Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University  
*Civil Religion and Public Ritual in Lutherstadt Wittenberg*

Sarah Haynes, University of Calgary  
*Authority and Improvisation in Tibetan Buddhist Ritual Manuals: Tools, Symbols, and Literalism in Text and Performance*

Jacob Latham, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*The Ritual (Re)Creation of the Ancient City*

Responding:

Tom F. Driver, Union Theological Seminary, New York

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 **A21-122**

**Scriptural Reasoning Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

W. Stacy Johnson, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Prophecy Heard and Not Heard*

Panelists:

Michael A. Signer, University of Notre Dame

Willie Young, Endicott College

Umeyye Yazicioglu, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:

Peter Ochs, University of Virginia, Presiding

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**A21-123**

**Wesleyan Studies Group**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

K. Steve McCormick, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Methodism in Eastern Europe: Renewing the Heritage*

Panelists:

S T Kimbrough, United Methodist Church

Heigo Ritsbek, Charismatic Episcopal Church of Estonia, Estonian Evangelical Alliance

Joyce Mauler Michael, Prague, Czech Republic

Sergei Nikolaev, Russia United Methodist Theological Seminary

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**A21-124**

**Sacred Space in Contemporary Asia Consultation**

**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Pamela D. Winfield, Meredith College, Presiding

Theme: *Map and Reality*

Laurel Kendall, American Museum of Natural History  
*Auspicious Places in a Mobile Landscape: Of Shamans, Shrines, and Dreams*

Alexander Gardner, University of Michigan  
*Ris-Med (Non-Sectarian) Sacred Geography: Religious Authority and the Regional Unification in Nineteenth-Century Khams (Eastern Tibet)*

Xiaofei Kang, St. Mary's College of Maryland  
*Two Temples, Three Religions, and Tourist Attractions: Contesting the Sacred Space at the Sino-Tibetan Border*

Mark McGuire, Cornell University  
*From the Dual Mandala to World Heritage: Mount Ômine's Emergence as a Hotspot on Global Tourist-Pilgrims' Itineraries*

Responding:

Eve L. Mullen, Mississippi State University

Business Meeting:

Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding  
Pamela D. Winfield, Meredith College, Presiding



**A21-129**

**Reformed Theology and History Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Martha L. Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *"Reconciled Memory": Book Review Session with Miroslav Volf*

Panelists:

Miroslav Volf, Yale University

Responding:

Sarah Coakley, Harvard University  
Michael Wyschogrod, New York, NY  
Nicholas Wolterstorff, Grand Rapids, MI

Business Meeting:

Robert J. Sherman, Bangor Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding

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 **A21-125**

**Plenary Address**  
**Monday - 7:15 pm-8:15 pm**

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Plenary Panel: The Future of Religion in the West: Perspectives*

Panelists:

Sarah Coakley, Harvard University

Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary

Julius Schoeps, University of Potsdam

Teresa Berger, Duke University

Vincent J. Cornell, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

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 **A21-126**

**Arts Series/Films: *Left Behind: The Movie***  
**Monday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm**

Sponsored by Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

John Lyden, Dana College, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



**A21-127**

**Arts Series/Films: *The Magdalene Sisters***  
**Monday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm**

Sponsored by Religion and Sexuality Group

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



**A21-128**

**AAR Program Unit Chairs and Steering Committee Members' Reception**  
**Monday - 9:00 pm-10:30 pm**

Program unit chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception in their honor hosted by the Program Committee.



**A22-2**

**Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Grace G. Burford, Prescott College, Presiding

Theme: *An Elephant Ain't Always an Elephant: The Importance of Cultural Context in Teaching*

Joseph E. Bush, United Theological Seminary the Twin Cities  
*Theological Education in South Pacific Cultures*

Michael F. Strmiska, Central Connecticut State University  
*When Life Gives You Beets, Make Borscht: On Almost Teaching Religious Studies in Post-Soviet Eastern Europe*

June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart University  
*"It Fulfills My Requiremen'": Strategies of Passionate Teaching to Dispassionate Students*

Juliane Hammer, Elon University  
*Teaching "Islam in America": Essentialism, Race, and Politics*

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida  
*Queer Pedagogy! Or, Is Authenticity Overrated?*

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**A22-3**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Sacramental Arts*

Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary  
*Sacramental Sound: Theological Aesthetics in a Musical Mode*

Steven Shakespeare, Liverpool Hope University  
*Bordering on the Unsayable: George Steiner and Søren Kierkegaard on Music, Language, and Sacrament*

Paul Myhre, Wabash Center  
*Painting as Sacrament: An Examination of the Aesthetics and Sacramental Theology of Salvador Dalí in the 1950s*

Brannon Hancock, University of Glasgow  
*The Eucharist and Body Modification: The Aesthetics of Brokenness*

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**A22-4**

**Buddhism Section**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Wang Youru, Rowan University, Presiding

Theme: *New Perspectives on the Awakening of Faith*



Kosei Ishii, Komazawa Junior College

*Trends in Modern Day Research on the Dasheng Qixin Lun in Japan, China, and Korea*

Alan Cole, Lewis and Clark College

*A Plan for the Past: The Role of Innate Perfection in the Awakening of Faith's Sinification of Buddhism*

Tao Jin, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

*The Formulation of Exegetical Issues in the Introductory Sections of Early Qixin Lun Commentaries*

A. Charles Muller, Toyo Gakuen University

*A Comparison of Huiyuan's and Weonhyo's Approaches to the Problem of the Two Hindrances in the Awakening of Mahayana Faith*

Dan Lusthaus, Boston University

*Why, If We Are Originally Enlightened, Is There Non-Enlightenment? The Awakening of Faith's Neglected Answers*

Responding:

Robert M. Gimello, Harvard University

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**A22-5**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

David Berger, Brooklyn College, Presiding

Theme: *Abraham's Promise: The Thought of Michael Wyschogrod*

R. Kendall Soulen, Wesley Theological Seminary

*The Achievement of Michael Wyschogrod*

Michael Walzer, Institute of Advanced Study

*Covenant and Body in the Thought of Michael Wyschogrod*

Walter Lowe, Emory University

*Michael Wyschogrod and the Task of Systematic Theology*

Responding:

Michael Wyschogrod, New York, NY

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**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: *Current Research on the Afterlife*

Guy Beck, Tulane University

*Soteriology, Music, and the Afterlife in Theistic Hinduism*

Mark L. Blum, University at Albany

*Redefining Death in Mahayana Buddhism: The Antarabhava Sutra and the Deconstruction of Karma*

Yechiel Shalom Goldberg, California State University, Long Beach

*Nourished by the Divine Splendor: The Individual and the Afterlife in Thirteenth-Century Kabbalah*

Kiki Kennedy-Day, Rutgers University

*An Eleventh-Century Islamic Perspective on the Afterlife: Ibn Sina's Thoughts on the Ma'ad (Return)*

Responding:

Robert Thurman, Columbia University

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**History of Christianity Section**

**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Arun W. Jones, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *East Meets West: Intra-Christian Tensions and Relationships*

Jennifer C. Lane, Brigham Young University, Hawaii  
*Comos and Communion: The Orthodox and the Other in Thirteenth-Century Central Asia*

Korinna Zamfir, Babes-Bolyai University  
*An Overview of the Tensions Related to Mixed Matrimony in Transylvania during the Eighteenth–Twentieth Centuries*

István Keul, Free University of Berlin  
*Denomination and Ethnic Affiliation in East Central Europe: Past and Present*

Brian P. Bennett, Niagara University  
*Western Christianity as Other: The Discourse of "Latinism" in Russian History*

Amy A. Slagle, University of Pittsburgh  
*The Internalized Other: Narrative Constructions of Ethnicity among American-Born Converts to Eastern Orthodox Christianity*

Responding:

Milica Bakic-Hayden, University of Pittsburgh



**A22-8**

**North American Religions Section**

**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Sex, Fear, and Loathing*

Amy Sitar, Princeton University  
*The Fear of Sex: Evangelical Protestants, Adolescents, and the Pro-Family Movement in Late Twentieth-Century American Culture*

Kelly Baker, Florida State University  
*Hate Made Flesh (and Cloth): Religious Hate Groups and the Creation of Identity through Dress*

Brian Froese, Canadian Mennonite University  
*Body Apocalyptic: Reading Evangelical Raptures, 666, and Resurrections in the Twentieth Century*

Responding:

Edward Ingebretsen, Georgetown University  
Amy Johnson Fryckholm, Leadville, CO

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**A22-9**

**Philosophy of Religion Section**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Kevin Schilbrack, Wesleyan College, Presiding

Theme: *Liberalism, Pluralism, and Social Ontology*

Jens Zimmerman, Trinity Western University  
*Martin Heidegger and the Limits of Phenomenology*

James Kraft, Huston Tillotson University  
*Philip Quinn's Contribution to the Epistemological Challenge of Religious Diversity*

Robert Erlewine, Rice University  
*Revealed Truths and Fissured Societies: Habermas and the Problem of Monotheism*

Michael Johnson, University of Chicago  
*Heidegger and Thanatology in Twentieth-Century Continental Thought*

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**A22-10**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Anthropology of Religion Group**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Angela Zito, New York University, Presiding

Theme: *Ethnographies of Media: Performance, Audience, and Meaning*

Christopher Chesnek, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Contesting Spirits: Native Traditions in the Spiritual Marketplace*

Kevin O'Neill, Stanford University  
*Movie House: Viewing Christianity in an Emotional Borderland*

Patton Dodd, Boston University  
*Hollywood and Evangelical Identity*

Hannah Sanders, Curry College, Milton  
*From Victim to Witch: Discourses of Dis/Empowerment in 1990s Teenage Witchcraft*

Responding:

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

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 **A22-11**

**Study of Islam Section**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Jocelyne Cesari, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Public Discourses on Islam in American Society after September 11?* -  
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Panelists:

Sherman Jackson, University of Michigan

Saeed Khan, Wayne State University

Munir Jiwa, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

H. Chad Hillier, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago

Responding:

Qureshi Emran, Harvard University

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 **A22-12**

**Study of Judaism Section**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Randi Rashkover, York College of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Jewish Thought: Culture and Curriculum*

Alan Verskin, Princeton University  
*Teaching Philosophy to the Multitude: The Thought of Nissim B. Moshe of Marseilles*

Ellen Haskell, Franklin & Marshall College  
*Metaphor, Transformation, and Transcendence: Toward an Understanding of Kabbalistic Imagery in the Book of Zohar*

Marc Krell, University of Arizona  
*The Prophetic Narrative as a Basis for Religious Socialism in Weimar Germany: Jewish and Christian Attempts to Navigate between Historicism and Dialectical Theology*

Kenneth Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College in Pennsylvania  
*The Art of Writing: The Diaries of Mordechai Kaplan*

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**A22-13**

**Women and Religion Section**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Women and Religious Performance*

Kristi Upson-Saia, Duke University  
*Performance Anxiety: Religious and Gender "Performance" in the Attire of Ancient Female Christian Ascetics*

Julie J. Kilmer, Olivet College  
*Troubling Performativity: Creating Subversive Religious Identities*

Cynthia Elledge-Volker, Claremont School of Theology  
*More Bloodshed in the Name of God: When Contemporary Self-Injury Behavior Has Religious Significance*

Kimberleigh Jordan, New York University  
*Black Bodies Moving in Sacred Space: African American Liturgical Dance*

Kelly E. Hayes, Indiana University/Purdue University  
*Dark Side of the Sacred: Pomba Gira in Brazil*

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**A22-14**

**Afro-American Religious History Group**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College, Presiding

Theme: *Unmasking the Body with Passion and without Fear: Black Religions and Black Materiality as Social Constructs of Food, Health, and Identity*

Julius Bailey, University of Redlands

*"That Hardy Race of Pioneers": Constructions of Race and Masculinity in AME Church Histories, 1865-1900*

Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College

*The Body as Menagerie: African-American Narratives of Supernatural Affliction*

Stephen Finley, Rice University

*Homoeroticism, the Body, and the African-American Heterosexual Male Quest for Meaning in the Black Church*

Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

*The Riddle of the Bean Pie: Religion and Food in the Nation of Islam, 1960-1975*

Responding:

Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:

Debra Mubashshir Majeed, Beloit College, Presiding

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**A22-15**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Union Theological Seminary, New York, Presiding

Theme: *Reformulations of Religion and Spirituality in Asian America*

David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College

*Buried in Time's Memory: Nostalgia, Cosmopolitanism, and the Asian American Religious Imagination*

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California

*The Moral Minority: Race, Religion, and Conservative Politics in Asian America*

Naoki Okamura, Claremont School of Theology

*Cultural Oppression and Losing One's Spiritual Voice: A Case for Elderly Japanese-American Women*

Responding:

Rudiger V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Duncan Williams, University of California, Irvine, Presiding

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding



**A22-16**

**Confucian Traditions Group**

**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Robert C. Neville, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Contemporary Relevance of Neo-Confucianism*

Yong Huang, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

*Why Be Moral? The Cheng Brothers' Neo-Confucian Conception of Morality and Happiness*

John Berthrong, Boston University

*Boston Daoxue?*

Stephen Angle, Wesleyan University

*Learning to Look for Harmony*



Eske Mollgaard, St. Lawrence University  
*Can We Pick Up on the Discourse of the Sages?*

Business Meeting:

Keith Knapp, The Citadel, Presiding

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 **A22-17**

**Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University, Presiding

Theme: *Sacred Tops, Manly Bottoms: Readings of Ron Long's Men, Homosexuality, and the Gods*

Panelists:

Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ

Robert E. Goss, Metropolitan Community Church

Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion

Kathleen M. Sands, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Responding:

Ronald E. Long, Hunter College

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 **A22-18**

**Mysticism Group**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Neil Douglas-Klotz, Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Learning, Presiding

Theme: *The Mystical Experience: Natural or Supernatural?*

Sandra Costen Kunz, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Dust and Wind: The Relationality between Natural and Supernatural in James Loder's Model of Mysticism for Social Transformation*

G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University  
*Henri Bergson's Trans-Natural Mysticism*

Mark McInroy, Harvard University  
*"Spiritual Senses," Natural, and Supernatural in Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theological Aesthetics*

Luke Higgins, Drew University  
*Interstitial Spatiality, Relationality, and Spiritual Freedom: A "Natural" Whiteheadian Perspective on Mystical Experience*



**A22-19**

**Religion and Ecology Group**  
**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Issues of Science, Simplicity, and Sustainable Community in the Quakers, Mennonites, and Amish*

Ellen Ross, Swarthmore College  
*Earth Visions: Philadelphia Quakers on Nature and Religion*

Trevor Bechtel, Bluffton University  
*The Gospel of All Creatures Then and Now*

Darla Schumm, Hollins University  
*co-author with Holt*

Sally D. Smith Holt and Darla Schumm, William Jewell College  
*From Subsistence to Factory Farming: Rethinking Mennonite Conceptions of Community as an Ecological Response*

Anna Peterson, University of Florida  
*Community, Nature, and Religion in Salvadoran and Old Order Amish Agrarian Communities*

Marie Vandenberg, Indiana University East  
*Countercultural Simplicity: Theology and Practice among Amish and Quakers in Indiana*



**A22-20**

**Religious Freedom, Public Life, and the State Group**

**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Andrew William Getz, Duquesne University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Public Life: Here and There*

Jillinda Weaver, Emory University

*Who Does God's Work? George W. Bush on Here and There*

Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University

*Pluralizing the Jeremiad: Narrative and Religious Diversity in Contemporary American Public Life*

Alexei Krindatch, (Graduate Theological Union

*Religion, Public Life, and the State in Putin's Russia*

Kristin McLaren, University of Ottawa

*Sukarno's Indonesia: A Muslim Alternative to Western-Style Democracy and the Islamic State*



**A22-21**

**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Ritual Studies Group**

**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Popular Religion*

Jennifer Hughes, Mt. Holyoke College

*The Case of María Tiburcía, Mexican Itinerant Preacher and Curandera: The Recuperation of Theology for the Study of Latin American Religion*

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton

*"I Get Goosepimples!" Transnational Ritual: The Transfiguration of the The Salvadoran Divine Savior of the World*

Ruth J. Chojnacki, University of Chicago

*Whose Popular Religion? (Re)Construing Catholic Ritual Practice in Mexico's Maya Highlands*

Jean Molesky-Poz, Santa Clara University

*Discerning the Fire: "To Connect to the Mystery in Which We Trust" Maya Ritual Space, Sacred Time, and Ways of Knowing*

Responding:

Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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**A22-22**

**Roman Catholic Studies Group**

**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Theme: *New Angles from Ethnography and History in the Study of U.S. Catholicism*

Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University

*Reconceptualizing Catholic Studies: Perspectives from the Study of "New Nuns"*

Susan Ridgely Bales, Princeton University

*A Theology of Taste: First Communion as Embodied Ritual*

Luis Enrique Murillo, Trinity University

*Wither the Parish? Considerations of the Impact of Mexican and Mexican-American Transnationalism*

Julie Byrne, Duke University

*The New American Catholicism: Old Catholics and Internet Evangelism*

Responding:

Scott Appleby, University of Notre Dame

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**A22-23**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**

**Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: *Empire, Globalization, and Religion: Interactions with Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri*

Arvind Mandair, Hofstra University

*Empire or Globalization: Religion, Post-Colonial Sovereignty, and the Politics of Resistance*

Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College

*Secularization and the Multitude: An Alternative Theology of Empire*

Michele Saracino, Manhattan College

*Facing Narcissism and Embracing Borders in the Midst of Empire*

Responding:

Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary

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