



PROGRAM SESSIONS

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

PV18-101

VIRTUAL SESSION



Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Conversation with Authors: *Becoming a White Antiracist***

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Nancy Lynne Westfield, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Presiding

Boldly, these authors call for the deconstruction of white supremacist structures designed to maintain and reward the truncated imaginations of white professors concerning the systemic hatreds and racist activities baked-into our world of scholarly pedagogy and beyond. This conversation with Stephen D. Brookfield and Mary E. Hess, authors of *Becoming a White Antiracist*, will delve into their struggle to develop this counter-cultural motif. The work of becoming a white antiracist is routinely met with institutional obstacles, collegial nay-sayers, or out-and-out rejection. We will dialogue about the author's well-crafted approaches, strategies, and methods for creating an antiracist ecology in your school, workplace, community, and home. We will discuss ways to use this book as a resource to improve the formation of students, to correct the deformation of faculty, and to explore the needed identities to become a white antiracist.

Panelists:

Stephen Brookfield,
Mary E. Hess, Luther Seminary

PV18-201

VIRTUAL SESSION

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Faculty Matters: Generative Formation of Early Career Colleagues**

2:00 PM–3:00 PM

Destabilizing forces in higher education and theological education increase the pressure on early career colleagues. Kindling and rekindling the genuine voice of an early career scholar requires intention planning and a supportive environment. Many colleagues report that they experience isolation and feelings of being overwhelmed with little recompense or community structures to help them adapt and thrive. What is the price of belonging in a faculty? What kind of formation is necessary to assist early career faculty with living into their creativity imagination and courage? This is a conversation with seasoned mentors of early career faculty who will discuss what they wish early career faculty colleagues know and would be about to nurture their own generativity survival and persistence.

Panelists:

Nancy Lynne Westfield, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Willie J. Jennings, Yale University
Roger Nam, Emory University
Jennifer Harvey, Drake University

P18-501

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Presidential Address - Dr. Erik Carter

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Grand Hyatt–Texas A

Anne Collier-Freed, Kettering College, Presiding

Panelist:

Erik Carter, Loma Linda University

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

P19-106

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Lessons from Ecology for our Witness as a Church**

8:00 AM–9:30 AM

Grand Hyatt–Texas D

8:00 AM–8:15 AM Devotional

Carla Gober, Loma Linda University

Trees, the Gut, Social Media, and God: What are the Connections?

Jeffrey Gang, Loma Linda University

Algorithm Shall Lead Them: The Rise of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Robotics and Christian Hope

Germana Ponce de Leon Ramirez, Centro Universitário

Adventista de São Paulo

The Intersection Between Ecology and Religion in a Pandemic Scenario: An Adventist Missiological Perspective



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

AV19-101 VIRTUAL SESSION

Buddhism Unit and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Theme: **Reading Queerly: Towards a Queer, Trans, and Feminist Readings of Tibetan Buddhism**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, Ohio State University, Presiding

Ray Buckner, Northwestern University
*Extractive "Tantra": Reading Orientalism and Transphobia at a Women's "Tantric Sex" Retreat*Learned Foote, Rice University
*Narratives of Tibetan Buddhist Homosexuality/Homophobia in the 20th–21st C.*Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College
*Sexual Subjectivity in Vinaya Case Law concerning Sexual Violation and Misconduct*Joshua Shelton, Northwestern University
*Tickling Our Way to Enlightenment: Preliminary Reflections on a Queer Theology of Buddhist Tantra*Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University
*Vajrayāna Buddhist Sexual Ethics: Vantage Points from the Margins of the Tibetan Monastery*Dawa Lokyitsang, University of Colorado
Decolonial and Intersectional Interventions Against (Neo)Liberal Feminism: Reflections on Tibetan Feminisms

Responding:

Bee Scherer, INCISE - Intersectional Centre for Inclusion and Social Justice

AV19-102 VIRTUAL SESSION

Contemporary Pagan Studies UnitTheme: **Contemporary Pagan Ethics**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Damon Berry, St. Lawrence University, Presiding

Panelists:

Kimberly Kirner, California State University

Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania

Michael York, Cherry Hill Seminary

Giovanna Parmigiani, Harvard University

Kate Hoeting, Harvard University

AV19-103 VIRTUAL SESSION

Fifty Years of Teología de la Liberación – Examining Gustavo Gutiérrez's Influence and the Task of the Liberation of Theology

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Maria T. Davila, Merrimack College, Presiding

Panelists:

Marc H. Ellis, Baylor University

Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University

Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg

Alex Nava, University of Arizona

Xochitl Alvizo, California State University, Northridge

Matthew Casey-Pariseault, Arizona State University

Karlene Griffiths Sekou, Harvard University

AV19-104 VIRTUAL SESSION

**Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit and Yogacara Studies Unit**Theme: **Roundtable on Eyal Aviv's *Differentiating the Pearl from the Fish-Eye: Ouyang Jingwu and the Revival of Scholastic Buddhism* (Brill, 2020)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Jingjing Li, Leiden University, Presiding

Panelists:

Ernest Brewster, Iona College

Barbra R. Clayton, Mount Allison University

Ching Keng, National Chengchi University

Rongdao Lai, McGill University

Jessica Zu, Princeton University

Philippe Major, Universität Basel

Responding:

Eyal Aviv, George Washington University

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AV19-105

VIRTUAL SESSION

Japanese Religions Unit and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit

Theme: **Dharmacakra, Sword, and Chrysanthemum: Buddhist Entanglements in Japan's Wartime Empire**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College, Presiding

Erik Schicketanz, Kokugakuin University, Tokyo, Japan
Between Idealism and Geopolitics: Yoshii Hōjun and the Sino-Japanese Society for the Study of Esoteric Buddhism in 1930s North China

Daigengna Duoer, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, United States

Embodying Otherness: Religion, Colonialism, and Japanese Intelligence Agents Under Inner Asian Buddhist Disguises

Yukiko Sakaida, Aichi University, Toyohashi, Japan
Fujii Sōsen: A Buddhist "China-Hand" and the Two Nationalisms of Sino-Japanese Buddhist Relations

Justin Stein, Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Japanese Imperialism and the 1934 Pan-Pacific Young Buddhists' Associations Conference

AV19-106

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion and Politics Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **Religion and Populist Movements in South Asia**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Nababjan Maitra, University of Chicago, Presiding

Rebecca Faulkner, Princeton University
Muslim Internationalism: Poverty, Anti-imperialism, and Communism

Carter Higgins, Duke University
Pluralism, Development, and the 'Populist' Investment of a North Indian Pilgrimage Public

Sanjeer Alam, Centre for the Study of Emerging Societies, Delhi
Populism and Policies: Implications for the Welfare of Muslim Minorities in India

Justin Henry, Georgia College and State University
Terraforming the Past: Buddhist Majoritarianism and the Sinhala Ravana Movement

A19-107**Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–301C

Jessica Tinklenberg, The Claremont Colleges, Presiding

AV19-108

VIRTUAL SESSION

**Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit**

Theme: **Legacy, Leverage, and Political Leadership: Black Women's Activism and Building Collective Futures**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Melanie Jones, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

Toni Bond, Claremont School of Theology
Black Women Organizing from the Heart: Outrageous, Audacious and Willful

Karen Baker-Fletcher, Southern Methodist University
Four Black Women Activists and the Power of Resilience: Coretta Scott King, Ruby Sales, Patrice Khan Cullors, and Angela Davis

Nicole Symmonds, Emory University
Stripping Humanity: A Womanist Response to Hip-Hop's Glorification of the Stripper

Responding:

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

Business Meeting:

Melanie Jones, Union Presbyterian Seminary, and Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Independent Scholar, Presiding

AV19-109

VIRTUAL SESSION

Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Evan Berry, Arizona State University, Presiding

A19-111**1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Editing Workshop**

Theme: **Addressing Issues of Gender Bias and Knowledge Equity**

9:00 AM–12:30 PM

Convention Center–215

Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project, Presiding

A19-112**Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting**

9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Convention Center–224

AV19-113

VIRTUAL SESSION

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting

9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

AV19-114 VIRTUAL SESSION

International Connections Committee Meeting

9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University, Presiding

A19-115

THATCamp: The Humanities and Technology Camp 2021

9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Convention Center–205

Constance Kassor, Lawrence University, Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University, Adam Porter, Illinois College, and Renee Ford, Rice University, Presiding

A19-117

Regions Committee Meeting

9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Convention Center–211

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding

PV19-118 VIRTUAL SESSION



African Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **African Megachurches and the Pandemic: Adaptation, Accommodation, and Resistance**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

The COVID-19 global pandemic presents a profound and evolving challenge that raises many questions regarding the role of religious institutions and the rise of religious adaptation. The papers here explore these questions with a focus on African megachurches in Nigeria, Ghana, and Kenya. The authors examine how church leaders, members, and the general public are reacting and responding to the global pandemic, drawing on various disciplines and offering both contemporary insights and historical comparisons. Utilizing virtual ethnography and content analysis, the authors probe how megachurches in Africa are interpreting and interrogating the coronavirus pandemic against the backdrop of drastic government policies and politicization that inhibits religious practice and mobility. These case studies identify the unique roles of religious leaders in influencing the values, attitudes, behaviors, and actions that affect the wellbeing of their communities.

The authors also interrogate the relationships between religious actors, health workers, and the government in response to the pandemic, highlighting examples of both collaboration and resistance.

Damaris S. Parsitau, Egerton University, and Okelloh Ogera, St. Paul's University, Kenya

Are Churches Essential Services? Religion, Public Health Policies and the Politicization of COVID-19 in East Africa, Kenya

Felicity Apaah, University of Ghana, and Allison Norton, Hartford Seminary

Combating COVID-19 and "Possessing the Nations": Insights from Ghana's Megachurches

Dodeye Williams, University of Calabar, and Olanike Ogunnowo, University of Ibadan

Faith, Politics and Science in Nigeria: Interrogating Local Responses of Megachurches to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Responding:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

Abel Ugba, University of Leeds

P19-114

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Theological and Social Responses to Crises of (Biblical) Hermeneutics Revealed by the Pandemic**

9:30 AM–10:30 AM

Grand Hyatt–Texas D

10:15 AM–10:30 AM Business Session II

Sigve Tonstad, Loma Linda University

Covid-19 Is a Crisis of Ecology—Is It Also a Crisis of (Biblical) Hermeneutics?

Greg Hoenes, La Sierra University

World Disrupted, World Revealed: Ecology and Theology in an Age of Pandemic

Ante Jeroncic, Andrews University

Ecological Homelessness and Practices of Homecoming

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P19-117

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Discerning Biblical Ethical Practices**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Grand Hyatt–Texas D

Petr Cincala, Andrews University

What Can We Learn from “the Wisdom of the Creator” That Would Help to Restore Our Communities and Churches?

Roy Benton, Walla Walla University

An Adventist Green New Deal? Two Viewpoints Regarding the Moral Standing of Creatures

Melissa Brotton, La Sierra University

Dwelling with Animals: Zoonotic Disease, Kashrut, and Jewish Animal Ethics

PV19-105

VIRTUAL SESSION

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Life-Giving Teaching: When Classrooms Are Not Cloistered Away from The World**

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

What if rather than teaching about the world as if it is a distant land to be grappled with after graduation we teach as if the world was our classroom? In order to create courses which are relevant meaningful and life-giving what would it mean to decenter the tried-and-true disciplinary tactics and instead place the joys sufferings perspectives and cultural meaning making apparatuses of students as the keystone of the course? Too much of our teaching is siloed away from the worlds and the realities from which our students leave and to which our students must return. This session is a discussion with colleagues who have a proven track record of seamlessly keeping the classroom connected to the world and vice versa i.e. praxis education. With intention and creativity these colleagues design courses which extend the classroom learning into connect with and operate in the world.

Panelists:

Nancy Lynne Westfield, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Almeda Wright, Yale University

Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University

Annie Lockhart-Gilroy, Phillips Theological Seminary

AV19-116

VIRTUAL SESSION

The Religion and Media Workshop

Theme: **Religion, Media, and Ecology: Built Ecology, Built Environments, and Religious Belonging**

11:00 AM–6:00 PM

Alejandro Escalante, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Panelists:

Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

AV19-201

VIRTUAL SESSION



Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts Workshop

Theme: **Media Training and Work Outside the Academy**

12:00 PM–4:00 PM

Benjamin Marcus, Religious Freedom Center, Presiding

Panelists:

Beth Seltzer, Stanford University

Matthew Linton, Council of Graduate Schools

Gertrude Nonterah, The Bold Biomed

Friday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

AV19-203

VIRTUAL SESSION

Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee

Theme: **Black Queer Responses to Injustice Through a Pandemic**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Teresa Smallwood, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Panelists:

Pamela Lightsey, Meadville Lombard Theological School

S.N. Nyeck, Emory University

Louis Mitchell, Alki United Church of Christ, and Transfaith

Responding:

Phillis Isabella Sheppard, Vanderbilt University



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Friday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

AV19-204

VIRTUAL SESSION



African Diaspora Religions Unit

Theme: **Flash of the Cool Spirit: Honoring Robert Farris Thompson's Black Atlantic Sacred Arts Legacy**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Scott Alves Barton, New York University, Presiding

Ashley Coleman Taylor, University of Texas
"Life and Life Beyond": Women, Itutu, and Fluid Ancestrality in Fabamu Pecou's Work

Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College
"The Sun Ra of Black (Atlantic) Studies": Robert Farris Thompson and Africana Arts Deep Comparison

Yanique Hume, University of West Indies - Cave Hill, Barbados
Ecstatic Play: Transcending Spirit in the Dances of the Wake

Kantara Souffrant, Illinois State University
Flashes of Spirit: Diasporic Desires and Doorways

Bárbaro Martínez-Ruiz, Indiana University
Robert Farris Thompson and the Art of Things

Responding:

Charles Daniel Dawson, Columbia University

Business Meeting:

Scott Alves Barton, New York University

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University

AV19-205

VIRTUAL SESSION



Animals and Religion Unit and Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: *Becoming Human: Matter and Meaning in an Antiracist World* by Zakiyyah Iman Jackson (NYU Press, 2020)**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Candace M. Laughinghouse, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Jeania Ree Moore, Yale University
Charismatic Megafauna, Race, and the Liability of Sentimental Affect

Eric Meyer, Carroll College
Empathy, Plasticity, and the Powers of (White) Humanism

Paul Daniels, Fordham University
Enduring Abjection: The Mystical Potential of White Self-Dispossession After Becoming Human

Wendy Mallette, Yale University
Vulnerability, Compassion, and Racialized Affect in Derridean Ethics and the Kantian Sublime

Responding:

J. Kameron Carter, Indiana University

Zakiyyah Iman Jackson, University of Southern California

AV19-206

VIRTUAL SESSION



Buddhism in the West Unit and Buddhist Critical-Constructive Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Sharon A. Suh's *Occupy This Body: A Buddhist Memoir* (Sumeru Press Inc., 2019)**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Ali Altaf Mian, University of Florida, Presiding

Panelists:

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida

Sophia Arjana, Western Kentucky University

Helen Jin Kim, Emory University

Mark Unno, University of Oregon

Responding:

Sharon A. Suh, Seattle University

AV19-207

VIRTUAL SESSION



Childhood Studies and Religion Unit

Theme: **Living and Growing Prayers: Children, Time, and the Study of Religion**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Kelsey Moss, University of Southern California, Presiding

Panelists:

Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Princeton University

Leslie Ribovich, Transylvania University

Elena Kravchenko, Washington University, St. Louis

Kijan Bloomfield, Rhodes College

Elise Leal, Whitworth University

Ambre Dromgoole, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University, St. Louis

Sally Stamper, Capital University

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AV19-208 VIRTUAL SESSION

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Metaphors of Embodiment, Knowledge, and the Self in Indian and Islamic Philosophy**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Nora Jacobsen Ben Hamed, Bard College

A Liar and a Frivolous Babblers: Imagination, Virtue, and Inescapable Materiality in Ibn Sinā's Allegorical Tales

Arjun Nair, University of Southern California

Cognitive Imagination and the Mystical Consciousness: Developing an Interpretive Approach to Mystical Commentary in Islam

Rebecca Makas, Villanova University

He Spoke of Noble and Hidden Matters: Examining the Philosophical Coherence of Subrawardi's Metaphors of Sexuality and Death

Caley Smith, Young Harris College

Permeable Bodies in Vedic Discourse

Natalie Gummer, Beloit College

Sacrificing the Empty Self: Metaphor as Ritual Speech Act in Mahāyāna Sūtras

Responding:

Cyrus Zargar, University of Central Florida

AV19-209 VIRTUAL SESSION

Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Blood and Soil Ideologies in Contemporary Heathenry**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Michael F. Strmiska, Orange County Community College, Presiding

Barbara Jane Davy, University of Waterloo

Ancestors of Blood and Ancestors of Place

Jennifer Snook, Grinnell College

Pilgrimage and DNA: Imaginary Places and Peoplehoods Among American Heathens

Jefferson Calico, University of the Cumberland

This Place in the World: Blood, Soil, and Capitalism in American Asatru

Austin Lawrence, Ontario Tech University

To Immanentize Ragnarök or Forge Frith?: Differences in Religious Practise and Belief Between Folkish and Inclusive Heathens

Responding:

Michael F. Strmiska, Orange County Community College

AV19-210 VIRTUAL SESSION

Exploratory Session: Blinded by the White: Race, Religion and Video Gaming

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

John Borchert, Syracuse University, Presiding

Zhang Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Get Revenge or Let It Go? Race and Religion in the Chinese RPG Game Gujian 2

Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University

Playing with Voodoo: Race and Representations of Voodoo in Video Games

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

QAnon: What a Racist Digital Game, Gone Evil, Can Tell Us About the Study of Religion

Souvik Mukherjee, Presidency University

Worshipping Banashur: Far Cry 4 and the Ubisoft Version of Hinduism and Buddhism

Responding:

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen

AV19-211 VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: ***The Divine Institution: White Evangelicalisms Politics of the Family* (Rutgers University Press, 2021): An Author Meets Critics Panel**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Rebecca Barrett-Fox, Hesston College, Presiding

Panelists:

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University

Sara Moslener, Central Michigan University

Dawne Moon, Marquette University

Responding:

Sophie Bjork-James, Vanderbilt University



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Friday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

AV19-212 VIRTUAL SESSION



Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Mapping New Digital Geographies of American Islam During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Mahdi Tourage, Western University, Presiding

Shabana Mir, American Islamic College

Gendered Access and Muslim American Community Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Katrina Thompson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

How to Queer Islamic Rituals on Zoom: Multimodal Tactics of Nonconformist Muslim Intersubjectivity During a Pandemic

Anna Piela, Northwestern University, and Joanna Krotofil, Jagiellonian University

'I Discovered I Love to Pray Alone': Nonconformist Muslim Women's Approaches to Practicing Islam During the 'Lockdown Ramadan of 2020'

Andrea Stanton, University of Denver

Lived Islam and COVID-19 in the United States: Assessing the Pandemic's Digital Turn

Responding:

Sana Patel, University of Ottawa

P19-223

Forum on Religion and Ecology and the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture

Theme: **Religion, Nature, and Ecology Luncheon**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio–La Vista West (ABC)

P19-230

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Deans and Chairs Luncheon Sponsored by the North American Division of SDAs**

12:30 PM–1:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

AV19-213 VIRTUAL SESSION

Academic Relations Committee Meeting

1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

A19-214

Graduate Student Committee Meeting

1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Convention Center–225C

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

AV19-215 VIRTUAL SESSION



Center for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion (MAVCOR) E-Publishing Workshop

1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Sally M. Promey, Yale University, Presiding

Panelists:

Christopher Allison, Dominican University

Emily Floyd, University College London

A19-216

Comparative Hagiology Workshop

Theme: **Teaching Hagiography in a New Way**

1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Convention Center–215

Nikolas Hoel, Northeastern Illinois University, Presiding

AV19-217 VIRTUAL SESSION

Motherhood and Religion Workshop

Theme: **Matricentric Feminist Approach: A Follow-Up Workshop**

1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Florence Pasche Guignard, Université Laval, and Pascale Engelmajer, Carroll University, Presiding

Panelists:

Kimberley Patton, Harvard University

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Theology and Ethnography Workshop

Theme: **Turning the Lived into Text: Theology, Ethnography and Writing**

1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden, Presiding

PV19-231 VIRTUAL SESSION

Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship Annual Lecture

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Gary Deddo, Grace Communion Seminary, Presiding

In T.F. Torrance's trinitarian theology, the homoousion plays the role that the doctrine of divine simplicity played for the pro-Nicene theologians in the fourth century. This lecture will demonstrate that point, and then consider the historical and systematic implications of it. It is arguable that Torrance offers us a way to preserve trinitarian orthodoxy without the need to invoke the troublesome concept of simplicity, which would be a significant gain; it is also arguable that even in Torrance's deployment, the homoousion is too capacious of doctrines the Fathers would have regarded as tritheistic.

Stephen R. Holmes, University of St. Andrews
Simplicity in Fourth-century Nicene Theology and T.F. Torrance's "Homoousion"

P19-226

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Environmental Ethics and Adventist Practical Theologies in Light of the Pandemic**

1:30 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Texas D

Zdravko Zack Plantak, Loma Linda University, Presiding

2:45 PM–3:00 PM Business Session III

3:00 PM–3:15 PM Break

3:15 PM–4:15 PM Sectional Meetings + Conveners

- Old Testament (Jody Washburn)
- World Religions/Missiology (John Jones)
- New Testament (Erhard Gallos)
- Christian Theology and History (Martin Hanna)
- Philosophy and Ethics (Roy Benton)
- Practical Theology (Ernie Furness)
- Black Theology Group (Lincoln Nogueira)

4:15 PM–4:30 PM Break

James Wibberding, Pacific Union College
Theology of Leadership: What a Pandemic, Immigration Crisis, Black Lives Matter, and Me Too Movement Reveal About American Christianity—and How to Fix It

Lukas Ruiz Torres, Universidad Adventista de Chile

From de Ecology to Ecotheology

Joseph Nesbit, Andrews University

The Land Shall Rest: Sabbath, Stewardship and Environmental

AV19-219 VIRTUAL SESSION

Women's Caucus Workshop Gathering

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, and Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

A19-220

Buddhist Pedagogy Workshop

Theme: **Reflecting on the Buddhism Survey Course**

2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Convention Center–208

Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Panelists:

Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University

Nicole Willock, Old Dominion University

A19-221

Centers for Religion and Public Life Network Workshop Annual Meeting

2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Convention Center–221A

Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham, Presiding

Friday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

AV19-301 VIRTUAL SESSION

African Religions Unit

Theme: **Christianity and Political Imagination in South Sudan**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding

Panelists:

Georgette Ledgister, Harvard University

David Ngong, Stillman College

Heather Sharkey, University of Pennsylvania

Jesse Zink, Montreal Diocesan Theological College

Responding:

Christopher Tounsel, Pennsylvania State University



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Friday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

AV19-302 VIRTUAL SESSION

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Whose Rooster? A Roundtable on Thoreau, Melville, and Transcendentalist Environmental Politics**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University, Presiding

Panelists:

Justina Torrance, Harvard University

Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Australian Catholic University

Peter Coviello, University of Illinois, Chicago

AV19-303 VIRTUAL SESSION



Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit

Theme: **Race, Empire, and Inequality in the History of the Study of Religion**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College, Presiding

Mary Ann Robertson, Emory University

"In Excess of Legibility": The Production of History and the Political Potential of Archival Silence

Annelies Lannoy, Ghent University

Social Inequality in the Making of History of Religions in France: A Gramscian Analysis

Mohammad Meerzaei, Vanderbilt University

Alternative Orientalism: Henry Corbin and the Hellenic-Christian Making of His Theory of Iranian Islam

Responding:

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto

Business Meeting:

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College

AV19-304 VIRTUAL SESSION



Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit

Theme: **Authors Meet Critics: Lawrence W. Gross' *Native American Rhetoric* (New Mexico University Press, 2021)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Lawrence W. Gross, University of Redlands, Presiding

Panelists:

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University

Felicia Lopez, University of California, Los Angeles

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College

Meredith Moss, Hamilton College

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

Cutcha Risling Baldy, Humboldt State University

Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University

Responding:

Emerson Bull Chief, Little Big Horn College

Michael Zogry, University of Kansas

AV19-305 VIRTUAL SESSION

Mysticism Unit

Theme: **Town Hall on the Study of Mysticism**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Jason N. Blum, Davidson College, Presiding

Panelists:

Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University

Joy R. Bostic, Case Western Reserve University

Nicholas Boylston, Harvard University

C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University

David Odorisio, Pacifica Graduate Institute

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo

AV19-306 VIRTUAL SESSION

Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Sociopolitical Contexts of Scholarly Knowledge Production**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Zaid Adhami, Williams College, Presiding

Mahjabeen Dhala, Graduate Theological Union

African Muslim Women in Early Islamic History: A Shii Counter-Storytelling Amidst Patriarchal, Racial, Sectarian, and Secular Biases

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Samuel Kigar, University of Puget Sound
Itineracy, Homecoming, and Territory in the Maghreb over the Longue Dure

Ossama Abdelgawwad, Valparaiso University
Questioning Hermeneutics and Intellectual History in Medieval Islam

Caitlyn Olson, New York University, Abu Dhabi
Trans-Saharan Controversy: Disputes over Creedal Ignorance Between Morocco and West Africa

AV19-307 VIRTUAL SESSION

Vatican II Studies Unit

Theme: **From Vatican II to Pope Francis: Toward a Dialogical Church**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Dries Bosschaert, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Presiding

Gary Slater, Wilhelms-Universität Münster
Between Local and Global: Fratelli Tutti, Borders, and the Search for Global Dialogue

Join-Lambert Arnaud, Université Catholique de Louvain
The Innovation of the Diocesan Synod By and After the Second Vatican Council

Responding:

Peter De Mey, University of Leuven

AV19-308 VIRTUAL SESSION

American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee Meeting

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Duncan Williams, University of Southern California, Presiding

P19-303

Karl Barth Society of North America

Theme: **Friday Evening Lectures**

4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Grand Hyatt–Republic B

Keith Johnson, Wheaton College, Presiding

Sarah Jobe, Duke University
Preaching Basel Prison: The Personal and Political in Barth's Judged Judge

Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary
The Bible as Holy Scripture

P19-304

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Theme: **The Eighth Raimon Panikkar Symposium**

4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio C

PV19-305 VIRTUAL SESSION

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Theme: **Buddhist-Christian Responses to Ecological Catastrophe and Climate Change**

4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Kristin Johnston Largen, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Presiding

Ten of the warmest years globally have occurred since 1998, the arctic has lost 95% of its oldest ice, 6 of 10 of the largest wildfires in California occurred in 2020, and the march goes on. As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports, "It is therefore no longer a question of whether to mitigate climate change or to adapt to it. Both adaptation and mitigation are now essential." This paper session explores Buddhist and Christian responses to climate change in terms of both adaptation and mitigation. What kinds of responses can be formulated in terms of religious thought, scientific understanding, environmental activism, and community building?

Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Spiritual Practice and Sacred Activism in a Climate Emergency

Xiumei Pu, Westminster College

Climate Resilience: a Synergy of Bön, Buddhist, and Womanist Perspectives

John Becker, Lyon College

The Future of Process Thought in Interfaith Dialogue and Environmental Issues: Tribute to John B. Cobb, Jr.

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont

Responding to the Climate Crisis: Buddhist Resources for Interreligious Engagement

P19-309

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Sectional Meeting: Black Theology Group**

4:30 PM–5:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis CD



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Friday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

AV19-401 VIRTUAL SESSION

African Diaspora Religions Unit and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society UnitTheme: **A Womanist Theology of Worship: Liturgy, Justice, and Communal Righteousness**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Independent Scholar, Presiding

Panelists:

- Melva L. Sampson, Wake Forest University
Valerie Bridgeman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Neichelle Guidry Jones, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Responding:

Lisa M. Allen, Interdenominational Theological Center

AV19-402 VIRTUAL SESSION

Arts, Literature, and Religion UnitTheme: **Exile, Migration, and Diaspora**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Gloria Maité Hernández, West Chester University, Presiding

- Kythe Heller, Harvard University
About to Happen: Cecilia Vicuña's Indigenous Futurism as an Approach to Climate Crisis
Wesley Barker, Mercer University
Migration, Nostalgia, and Dystopia in Gloria Naylor's Mama Day (Vintage Books, 1989) and Toni Morrison's Paradise (Alfred A. Knopf Inc., 1997)
Ken Derry, University of Toronto
Writing Home: Religion, Diaspora, and Healing in Halfbreed (University of Nebraska Press, 1982) and in Search of April Raintree (HighWater Press, 1999)

AV19-403 VIRTUAL SESSION

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Sikh Studies UnitTheme: **Anti-Asian Hate Roundtable**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
Simran Kaur-Colbert, Miami University of Ohio
Melissa Borja, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University

AV19-404 VIRTUAL SESSION

Eastern Orthodox Studies UnitTheme: **The Future of Orthodox Christian Studies**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter, Presiding

Panelists:

- Vera Shevzov, Smith College
Erin Walsh, University of Chicago
Paul Gavriluk, University of St. Thomas
George Demacopoulos, Fordham University

AV19-405 VIRTUAL SESSION

Islamic Mysticism UnitTheme: **Organizing Sufi Practice: Studies in Space, the City, and New Religious Movements**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Edith Szanto, University of Alabama, Presiding

- Ida Sofie Nitter, University of Pennsylvania
Public Rituals and Private Devotion: The Impact of Taşawwuf on Cairo's Cityscape in the Nineteenth Century
Francesco Piraino, Le Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
Sufism Meets the New Age: The Fragmentation of the Naqshbandiyya-Haqqaniyya in Italy
Jeremy Farrell, Emory University
The Organizational Strategies of New Religious Movements: Early Sufism (9th and 10th Centuries C.E.) as a Case Study

Responding:

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University

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AV19-406 VIRTUAL SESSION

Political Theology Unit and Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit

Theme: **Environmental Justice and Political Asceticism: A Panel on *Thoreau's Religion* by Alda Balthrop-Lewis (Cambridge University Press, 2021)**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Fannie Bialek, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding

Panelists:

Bonnie Honig, Brown University
Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Willis Jenkins, University of Virginia
Danube Johnson, Harvard University

Responding:

Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Australian Catholic University

AV19-407 VIRTUAL SESSION

Exploratory Session: The Legacy of Desmond Tutu: Ubuntu, Spirituality and Restorative Justice

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Michael Battle, General Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Sarojini Nadar, University of the Western Cape
Lerato Kobe, University of Pretoria
Wilhelm Verwoerd, University of Stellenbosch

Responding:

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

A19-409

Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR) Editorial Board Meeting

6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Convention Center–214B

Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, and Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University, Presiding

P19-407

Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet

6:00 PM–9:00 PM

Offsite - Maverick Texas Brasserie, 710 S. St. Mary's St.

Sharon Krishek, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Presiding

The Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet will be held on Friday, from 6pm to 9pm at Maverick Texas Brasserie. The restaurant can be found at 710 South Saint Mary's Street, San Antonio, and we will convene in the Le Box room.

The evening will feature an interview with longtime Society member C. Stephen Evans conducted by Sharon Krishek.

More information can be found at: www.kierkegaardsocietyusa.com

Panelist:

C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University

P19-405

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture

Theme: **Religion and the Environmental Humanities:**

Opportunities for a (Re)emerging Field

6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Crockett AB

Religion is an insistent feature of the anthropocene, finding its way into apocalyptic discourses and vitalizing resistance movements and materialisms alike. And while scholars of religion have a longstanding engagement with ecological issues, the proliferation of 'turns' in the environmental humanities and social sciences have often moved away from, rather than toward theology and religious studies. As creative scholarship on religion and environment takes new forms, the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture seeks to provide space for transdisciplinary connections that attend to the power of religious studies as a theoretical lens for the environmental humanities and social sciences. In the spirit of building collegiality around these shared disciplinary and methodological challenges, our session at the AAR Annual Meeting seeks to help provide early career scholars with opportunities to broaden their networks and deepen collaboration on a variety of practical topics.

Panelists:

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Friday, 7:00 PM and Later

PV19-503 VIRTUAL SESSION

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Theme: **Discussion of *Reading the Hindu and Christian Classics* by Francis X. Clooney, Winner of the Best Book Award in Hindu-Christian Studies (Theology/Philosophy) in 2020**

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Arun W. Jones, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:

Stephanie Corigliano, Humboldt State University

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

A19-408

Film: *Parasite*

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Convention Center–210

Minjung Noh, Drew University, Presiding

Parasite is a 2019 South Korean black comedy thriller film directed by Bong Joon-ho, which follows the poor Kim family who scheme to become employed by the wealthy Park family and infiltrate their household by posing as unrelated, highly qualified individuals. But greed and class discrimination threaten their symbiotic relationship.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

A20-100

American Academy of Religion New Members' Breakfast and Annual Meeting Orientation

7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Convention Center–214B

Matt Vieson, American Academy of Religion, and Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

New (first-time) AAR members in 2021 are cordially invited to a welcome breakfast hosted by the AAR Staff and Board of Directors, including a brief orientation to the AAR Annual Meeting.

Panelists:

Alice Hunt, American Academy of Religion

Marla Frederick, Emory University

A20-134

Regional Officers Meeting

7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Convention Center–214A

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding

Gathering of regional leaders including presidents, student representatives, regionally elected coordinators, and other regional officers for a meeting to discuss the work of the Regions and the needs of regional leaders.

PV20-138 VIRTUAL SESSION



Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Business Meeting

7:30 AM–8:30 AM

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Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

AV20-101 VIRTUAL SESSION



Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: **Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-academic Careers: What's a Faculty Member to Do?**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Daniel Fisher, Hebrew Union College
- Molly Bassett, Georgia State University
- Kathleen Talvacchia, Independent Scholar

AV20-102 VIRTUAL SESSION

Status of Women in the Profession Committee

Theme: **Fieldnotes from 2020**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Panelists:

- Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton
- Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
- Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy
- Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific University
- Vanessa Lovelace, Lancaster Theological Seminary

AV20-103 VIRTUAL SESSION

Theological Education Committee and Religion and Disability Studies Unit

Theme: **Disabling Theological Education**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
- Sarah Jean Barton, Duke University
- Erin Raffety, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Miriam Spies, Emmanuel College
- JJ Flag, Drew University
- Benjamin Conner, Western Theological Seminary

AV20-106 VIRTUAL SESSION

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit, Comparative Studies in Religion Unit, Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit, and Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Women and Revelation in India, Tibet, and China**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Alison Melnick Dyer, Bates College, Presiding

Karen Pechilis, Drew University
A Female Saint's Power to Speak

Jue Liang, Denison University
Revealing Khandromas in the Nyingma Treasure Tradition

Hsin Yi Lin, Fo Guang University
Revelation Through Procreation: Mothers, Fetuses and Auspicious Signs in Medieval Chinese Buddhist Hagiographies

Antoinette E. DeNapoli, Texas Christian University
Revelation, Performance, and a Guru's Mobilizing of a Women's Liberation Movement in India

Responding:

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

A20-107



Catholic Studies Unit and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Work, Sex, and Money: Generating Catholic Masculinities**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center-007B

John Seitz, Fordham University, Presiding

Carlos Ruiz Martinez, University of Iowa
Calling All Hombres Valientes: Charismatic Catholicism and Masculinity in a Latino Parish

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College
'Man Up!' Natural Family Planning and the Formations of Catholic Masculinities in the 21st Century

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College
Masculinity, Money, and Survival: Keeping a Parish Alive in Brooklyn

Julie Byrne, Hofstra University
The "Regular Guys" of "Work-Hard Play-Hard" Culture: White-Ethnic Catholic Masculinity and Global Finance in the Late-Twentieth Century Suburban Northeast

Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University
Violence and Virtue: Embodied Catholic Masculinity in the Boxing Ring, 1880–1930



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

AV20-108

VIRTUAL SESSION

Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **Embodiment, Eucharist, and the Trinity**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hanna Reichel, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Niamh Colbrook, University of Cambridge
"My Being Hurts": A Theological Account of Embodiment and Suffering Through the Lens of Eating Disorders

Michael Kamenicky, Lee University
Drama and Desire: A Comparative Analysis of the Trinitarian Theologies of Robert Jenson and Sarah Coakley

Eugene Schlesinger, Santa Clara University
Opus Dei, Opus Hominum: The Trinity, the Four-Point Hypothesis, and the Eucharist

Samuel Davidson, Princeton Theological Seminary
Sin Language in the Theology of Psychological Disorder: Recent Trends and Potential Directions

Selina Stone, University of Birmingham
The Spirit and Scarred Resurrection: Embodying and Materialising Pneumatology in the Midst of Oppression.

A20-109

Confucian Traditions Unit

Theme: **Thinking Through Emotion, Confucian and Comparative Perspectives**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

Jin Y Park, American University, Presiding

Edward Chung, University of Prince Edward Island
The Role of Emotions in Self-Cultivation: A Comparative Study of Yi Yulgok's Neo-Confucian Ethics

Suk Gabriel Choi, Towson University
Gyeong/Jing 敬 (Reverence) in the Korean Neo-Confucian Philosophy of Emotion and Its Availability in Contemporary Ethical Debates

Joseph Harroff, American University
Confucian Ethical Individuality: The Korean Four-Seven Debate in Light of Recent Archaeology and Present Democratic Predicaments

Hyo-Dong Lee, Drew University
The Neo-Confucian Concept of Emotions (情 Jeong) as a Core Political Notion of 'Confucian Democracy' in South Korea

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University
Emotions (情 Jeong) in Korean Confucianism and Family Experience: An Ecofeminist Perspective

Responding:

Young-chan Ro, George Mason University

AV20-110

VIRTUAL SESSION



Contemplative Studies Unit

Theme: **Sensory Experience in Contemplative Practice**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Linda Ceriello, Kennesaw State University, Presiding

Namdrol Miranda Adams, Maitripa College
Do You Hear What I Hear? An Exploration of the Epistemology of Oral Transmission in Tibetan Buddhist Contemplative Practice

Rachel Wheeler, University of Portland
In Love with the Desert: Erosion, Mirage, and Oasis in the Early Christian Contemplative Tradition

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University
Listening Contemplatively to Nature and Ourselves: Pedagogical and Personal Observations

Responding:

Anne C. Klein, Rice University

Business Meeting:

Harold D. Roth, Brown University

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

AV20-111

VIRTUAL SESSION



Ecclesial Practices Unit

Theme: **Ethnography, Embodiment, and Virtual Worship**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Rebecca Spurrier, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Tim Snyder, Wesley Theological Seminary
The Disembodiment Myth: Ethnographic Notes on Two Models of Virtual Digital Worship

María Soledad Del Villar, Boston College
Being the People of God in Times of Pandemic: Solidarity in the Streets of Santiago De Chile

Sarah Kathleen Johnson, MennoMedia
Online Communion, Christian Community, and Receptive Ecumenism: A Holy Week Ethnography During COVID-19

Business Meeting:

Theodore Hickman-Maynard, Boston University

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A20-112

History of Christianity Unit

Theme: **Memory, Memorials, and Materials**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–006A

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding

Karen Park, St. Norbert College

"A Sacred Neighborhood:" The National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima as a Site of Immigrant Memory and Meaning

Tola Rodrick, Indiana University

"Let Us Leave Monuments for Posterity": Construction of Communal Memory in Philosophical Handbooks of Late Antiquity

Jacob Torbeck, Loyola University Chicago

Leaving a Trace: Sensibility, Memory, and Theoria in the Divine Ideas Tradition

Petra Kuivala, University of Helsinki and Harvard University

Street Processions in Revolutionary Towns: Catholic Material Culture, Material Atheism, and State Power in Cuba, 1959–1978

AV20-113

VIRTUAL SESSION



Islam, Gender, Women Unit

Theme: **(Re)Conceptualizing the Field: Scholarship at the Margins of Islam and Gender**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Saadia Yacoob, Williams College, Presiding

Ash (Aisha) Geissinger, Carleton University

Applying Gender and Queer Theory to Pre-modern Sources

Tabassum Ruby, West Chester University, and Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University

Aversion or Conversion: A Missed Opportunity?

Sohaira Siddiqui, Georgetown University

Good Scholarship/Bad Scholarship: Consequences of the Heuristic of Intersectional Islamic Studies

Sarah Tobin, Christian Michelsen Institute, and Noor Hashem, Boston University

Self-Making in Exile: Moral Emplacement by Syrian Refugee Women in Jordan

Shenila Khoja-Moolji, Bowdoin College, and Nermeen Mouftah, Butler University

The Making of Muslim Girlhoods in Pakistan

Business Meeting:

Saadia Yacoob, Williams College

AV20-114

VIRTUAL SESSION

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit

Theme: **Revisiting the Borderlands: Anzaldúa's Contribution to Queer Theory and Latinx Religion**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Michelle Wolff, Augustana College, Presiding

Stephanie Londono, Florida International University

The Human Memorial: Anzaldúa and the Other Side of Trauma

Jeremy Schulz, Independent Scholar

Uncanny Theological Expressions of Queer Survival from the Borderlands

Israel Dominguez, University of North Carolina

Weaving Webs and Bridging Bodies: Nepantla, El Mundo Zurdo, and Identity (In)Formation

Mark Anthony Hernández, Oblate School of Theology

Enacting Networks of Belonging: Gloria E. Anzaldúa's Borderland Narrative in Conversation with M. Shawn Copeland's Theological Framework of Narratives

A20-115

Liberation Theologies Unit and Schleiermacher Unit

Theme: **Reconsidering Christ, Sin, and Atonement**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–302C

Taraneh Wilkinson, University of Cincinnati, Presiding

David Justice, Saint Louis University

From White Supremacy to the Beloved Community: King in Conversation with Schleiermacher

S. Kyle Johnson, Boston College

Liberation and Exorcism: Political Holiness Through the Symbols of Spiritual Warfare

Annette G. Aubert, Westminster Theological Seminary

Schleiermacher's Creative Atonement Theology: Toward a Social Ecology

Andrew Packman, University of Chicago

Structural Sins and the Affective Structure of Agency: Systemic Racism, Implicit Bias, and Friedrich Schleiermacher's "Collective Power of the Flesh"

Hannah Jones, University of Chicago

Using the Theological Canon for Emancipatory Work



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Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

AV20-116 VIRTUAL SESSION

Middle Eastern Christianity Unit

Theme: **Middle Eastern Christianity and the Shaping of Communal Identity**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Presiding

Lucy Schouten, University of Edinburgh
'Who Is Helping the Iraqis?': Jordanian Catholics Reaffirm Pluralism in a Context of Forced Migration

Monica Mitri, Claremont School of Theology
Medieval Copto-Arabic Nomocanons: Marriage, and Communal Identity Law

Responding:

Gaetan Du Roy, Radboud University Nijmegen

A20-117



New Directions in the Study of Religion, Monsters, and the Monstrous Seminar

Theme: **Monsters Transgressing and Defending Religious Order**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–305

Kelly Murphy, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University
Affecting the Monstrous: Twentieth Century Arab Encounters with the American 'Other'

Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University
'However Extraordinary Such a Creature May Appear': Order and Monstrosity in the Legends of St. Christopher

Elliot Mason, Concordia University
The Risen Body Is a Zombie Body: Religion, the Monster, and Rebellion in BBC's In the Flesh (2013)

Helena Martin, Yale University
'The Ugliness of Sin' in Early Modern England: Popular Prints and the Rhetoric of Monstrosity

Leland Merritt, Claremont School of Theology
When an Animal Looks Up at the Night Sky: Job 38–42 as Cosmic Horror

Responding:

Scott Poole, College of Charleston

Business Meeting:

Natasha Mikles, Texas State University

Kelly Murphy, Central Michigan University

A20-118



Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit

Theme: **Pentecostals and the Pandemic**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Travis CD

Yvette Garcia, Baylor University, Presiding

Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills
A Tale of Two Churches: Oneness Pentecostals and COVID-19 Pandemic Resistance

Justin Doran, Middlebury College
God Will Provide the Lamb: The Political Economy of Sacrificial Media

Okelloh Ogera, St. Paul's University, Kenya
Sense of the Sacred: African Mega-Churches and Spiritual Transmutations in a Truculent World

Sean Sagan, California State University, Long Beach
The Saturate OC Revival and Conservative Backlash in Orange County

Responding:

Angela Tarango, Trinity University

AV20-119 VIRTUAL SESSION



Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Beyond Man: Race, Coloniality, and Philosophy of Religion (Duke University Press, 2021)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, Presiding

Panelists:

An Yountae, California State University, Northridge

J. Kameron Carter, Indiana University

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University

Filipe Maia, Boston University

Joseph Winters, Duke University

Responding:

Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones, Boston College

Business Meeting:

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University

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AV20-120

VIRTUAL SESSION

Qur'an Unit

Theme: **The Life of the Qur'an**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Samaah Jaffer, Columbia University
"It Is as If He Kills All Mankind": The Social Life of Qur'an 5:32

Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies
'God Desires Ease for You': Al-Tusi on Concessions, Postponements and Penalties

Majid Daneshgar, University of Freiburg, and Sajjad Rizvi, University of Exeter
Inscribing Persian in the Arabic Cosmopolis: A Case Study of Qur'anic Exegesis

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College
Variant Reading, Epistemological Certainty, and Transmission Issues: A Case Study of Qur'an 4:24

Azadeh Aghighi, Indiana University
The Methodology of Scientific Interpretation of the Qur'an; Boundaries, Requirements, and Conditions

George Archer, Iowa State University
The Prophet at Sea? The Ocean in the Quran and in the Career of a Late Antique Merchant

A20-121



Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **Playing Cowboys and Indians: Rewriting the Mythology of the West**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–304A

Brennan Keegan, College of Charleston, Presiding

Joel Maynard, University of St Andrews
Cinematic Elegies for the American Frontier: The Neo-Western Films of Chloé Zhao

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University
Conservationist Cowboys in the Eco-Corral?: Complicating the Western Frontier Mythos, as Art Mimics Life and Life Mimics Netflix in the COVID-19 Pandemic Western Land Rush

Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto
Cowboy Up!: Being Western, Extracting Oil, and Living the Good Life at the Calgary Stampede

Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary
Savage Symbols: Native American Mascots in the U.S.

Business Meeting:

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery

A20-122



Religion and the Social Sciences Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Negotiating Religious Identity Within Late Modern Contexts**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–301A

Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding

Responding:

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University

Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles

Gustavo Morello, Boston College

Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

AV20-123

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **New Directions in South Asian Religions**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sarah Pierce Taylor, University of Chicago, Presiding

Andrew Kunze, University of Chicago
Ascetic Tech Shop: The BAPS Multimedia Cell, Seva-Vocation, and the Guru's Divine Foresight

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University
Between Visits: Domestic Hindu Religiosity, Home Shrines, and ThirdSpace in the Diaspora

Sohini Pillai, Kalamazoo College
Making the Mahābhārata Vaiṣṇava: Two Regional Retellings of the Epic

Manpreet Kaur, Columbia University
Rehearsal as Utopia: Learning and Singing in the Sikh and Dadupanthi Communities in the 17th Century

Responding:

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University



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Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A20-124



Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit

Theme: **The United States as a Settler State**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–212

Stephanie Thurston, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Rebecca Potts, Yale University

Prophets of Place: Settler Materiality in HGTV's Fixer Upper

Tisa Wenger, Yale University

Settler Secularism: Baptist Missions, Indian Removals, and the Structures of American Religion

Kathy Chow, Yale University

The Settler Colonial and Anti-Chinese Imaginary of American Romantic Democracy

Matthew Smith, Northwestern University

The White (or Black?) Protestant Possessive: U.S. and Liberian Settler Colonialism in the Aftermath of Slavery

Responding:

Timothy Vasko, Barnard College

Business Meeting:

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn

A20-125



Religion, Media, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Technologies of Body and Self: Media Influencers, Techno-Utopias, and Surveillance**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham B

Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University, Presiding

Sana Patel, University of Ottawa, and Kristin Peterson, Boston College

From Imams to Influencers: Claiming Religious Authority on the Internet

Emily Hill, Cincinnati Theological Society

Google Ads, Surveillance Capitalism, and the Disciplining of the Church

Emma Rifai, University of Iowa

Whose Techno-Utopia? Biobacking, Silicon Valley, and Protestant Privilege

Business Meeting:

Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

A20-126



Secularism and Secularity Unit

Theme: *The Sex Obsession: Perversity and Possibility in American Politics* (NYU Press, 2020)– a Roundtable Discussion with Author
Janet R. Jakobsen

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar E

Ann Pellegrini, New York University, Presiding

Panelists:

Salonee Bhaman, Yale University

David Eng, University of Pennsylvania

Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College

Anthony Petro, Boston University

Mayra Rivera, Harvard University

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

Responding:

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

Business Meeting:

Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College

Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College

A20-127



Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Negotiations of Religious Space: Focus on Economics**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–005

Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia, Presiding

Thomas Newhall, University of California, Los Angeles

"Vaipulya" Precepts Platforms: The Political and Economic Implications of a Buddhist Ritual Space in China

Lisa Beyeler-Yvarra, Yale University

Global Networks of Enclosure: Port Cities and the Nagasaki Burakumin Ghetto

Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College

Non-merit Buddhist Economies During a Pandemic: A Case Study of Thich Nhat Hanh's Plum Village Tradition

Caroline Starkey, University of Leeds

Wellness Tourism and Buddhist Retreats: Tracing the Contours of the Sacred and Secular in British Buddhism

Business Meeting:

Katie Oxx, Saint Joseph's University

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VIRTUAL SESSION

Tantric Studies Unit

Theme: **Discursive Transgression: Tantra and Ritual Language**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Shaman Hatley, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Presiding

Jackson Stephenson, University of Washington
Apabhramśa Dohās in the Buddhakapāla Tantra

Patricia Sauthoff, University of Alberta, Edmonton
Chommakās in the Svachchanda Tantra

Aaron Ullrey, University of California, Santa Barbara
Simple Sexy Style: Erotic Magic in Jain Tantras

Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
The Language of Gestures: Mudrā and Meaning in Tantras

Joel Bordeaux, Leiden University
This Charming Mantra: Language Choice and Style in Bengali Tantric Chapbooks

A20-129



Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Church in Color: Youth Ministry, Race, and the Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr., by Montague Williams (Baylor University Press, 2020)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham D

Emily Dumler-Winckler, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Panelists:

Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

Almeda Wright, Yale University

Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology

Responding:

Montague Williams, Point Loma Nazarene University

Business Meeting:

Leonard McKinnis, University of Illinois

A20-130



World Christianity Unit

Theme: **Migration and World Christianity**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar F

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University, Presiding

Seforosa Carroll, World Council of Churches
Climate Change, Migration, and Displacement

Ulrich Schmiedel, University of Edinburgh
Ecclesiology in the Age of Migration: Towards a Coalitional Church

Karla Britton, Diné College
Migration and the Arts

Valentina Napolitano, University of Toronto
Migration, Borders and Noli Me Tangere

Kathrin Winkleer, EMP Corp
Migration, Religious Literacy, and Subaltern Thinking. Challenges for Education

Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University
Worship, Vicarious Action, and the Challenges of Global Migration

Business Meeting:

Briana Wong, Wake Forest University

Corey Williams, Leiden University

A20-131



Yogācāra Studies Unit

Theme: **Madhyamaka According to Yogācāras: Appraisals and Criticisms of Mādhyamikas' Middle Way**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–008A

Sumi Lee, Dongguk University, Presiding

Amit Chaturvedi, University of Hong Kong
Sthiramati on Mental Representation

Ernest Brewster, Iona College
Beyond Existence and Emptiness: Kuiji's and Woncheuk's Logical Analyses of Bhāviveka's Two Inferences for the Emptiness of All Dharmas

Daniel McNamara, Rangjung Yeshe Institute
Un-stacking the Deck: Taking Seriously the Critiques by Non-Mādhyamikas of Madhyamaka

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University
Yogācāra Critiques of Madhyamaka in India and China

Responding:

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Joy Brennan, Kenyon College

Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University



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VIRTUAL SESSION



Women's Caucus

Theme: **New Books on Gender and Religion**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College

Abortion and the Christian Tradition: A Pro-choice Theological Ethic

Sabrina D. MisirHiralall, Montclair State University

Insights into the Publishing Journey of Devotional Hindu Dance: A Return to the Sacred

Debora Jackson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Meant for Good: Fundamentals of Womanist Leadership

Jill Peterfeso, Guilford College

Womanpriest: Tradition and Transgression in the Contemporary Roman Catholic Church

Phyllis Zagano, Hofstra University

Women: Icons of Christ

AV20-133

VIRTUAL SESSION

Exploratory Session: Anglicanism in Local Practice: Global Perspectives

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Seminary of the Southwest, and Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

Storm Swain, United Lutheran Seminary

Emerging Ecclesiologies in the Episcopal Church

Francisco Garcia, Vanderbilt University

Exploring Grassroots Community-Based Ecclesiologies in Los Angeles: A Model for Church Disruption and Revival?

Kapya John Kaoma, Boston University

Fighting for Inclusion: How LGBTQI Anglicans Are Doing Church in Africa

Michael Tamihere, Te Rau Theological College, and Christopher

Douglas-Huriwai, Te Rau Theological College

Mana Whakapapa: Towards an Indigenous Maori Ecclesiology

PV20-107

VIRTUAL SESSION

Niebuhr Society Annual Meeting

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

PV20-108

VIRTUAL SESSION

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Theme: **Buddhist-Christian Reflections on Nationalism**

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

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

In the past several years, the international world has witnessed the rise of religio-ethno-nationalism. This has not been a singular event but occurred simultaneously in many countries with the rise of populism and authoritarian nationalist rulers worldwide. What should we make of counter-response movements such as Black Lives Matter? In what ways have Buddhists and Christians resisted as well as been implicated in the rise of nationalism around the globe? What resources are available to Buddhists and Christians in responding to problematic nationalism?

Neena Mahadev, Yale-NUS College

Buddhist Nationalism and Christian Evangelism: Populism and Prosperity Gospels in Millennial Sri Lanka

Kunihiko Terasawa, Wartburg College

Buddhist-Christian Conflicts and Cooperation Against Nationalism in Asia from pre-WWII to the Present

Raquel Bouso Garcia, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Responsive Politics of Difference: Rethinking Nationality, Race, Class and Gender from Buddhist and Christian Perspectives

Michael Masatsugu, Towson University

Memorials to the Embraced and Discarded: Buddhist-Christian Responses to U.S. Nationalism

P20-109

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

Theme: **Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Presidential Address and Annual Meeting**

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio–Salon del Rey C

Douglas Hardy, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding

9:00 AM–10:15 AM 2021 Presidential Address

10:30 AM–12:00 PM Annual Meeting.

All are welcome. For more information on the Society and its events, please visit <https://sscs.press.jhu.edu/>; please send additional questions to Rachel Wheeler, Secretary, at wheelerr@up.edu.

Barbara Quinn, Boston College

Leading to the Edge of Mystery: The Challenge of Teaching Spirituality

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Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **Theological Explorations of Mimetic Theory**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Crockett AB

Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University, Presiding

This session pairs two papers, along with a response, with the aim of expanding how to think about the intersection of religion, violence, and theology.

Joseph Rivera, Dublin City University
Eucharist as Contemplative Action: A Girardian Perspective

Jaisy Joseph, Seattle University
Racism, Casteism and Mimetic Ecclesiology

Responding:

Chelsea King, University of Notre Dame

P20-139

Søren Kierkegaard Society

Theme: **Kierkegaard and Public Philosophy**

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Riverwalk–Alamo F

Antony Aumann, Northern Michigan University, Presiding

Panelists:

Vanessa Rumble, Boston College

Alexander Jech, University of Notre Dame

Gordon Marino, St. Olaf College

PV20-140

VIRTUAL SESSION

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Theme: **Indigeneity and Colonization in Hindu-Christian Studies**

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Reid Locklin, University of Toronto, Presiding

The diverse legacies of Portuguese, Dutch and British colonial powers in India deeply inform the practice of Hindu-Christian Studies as a scholarly discipline. Less commonly explored are themes of colonization, assimilation and the subjugation of Indigenous peoples as they manifest in both European Christianity and Sanskrit Hinduism. This panel attempts a comparative enquiry on these themes, in the contexts of India and North America. Panelists will focus particular case studies of Christian and Hindu colonial and neocolonial programs, along with those decolonial spaces of resistance created by and/or with Indigenous peoples.

Jeanette Rodriguez, Seattle University
When the Clan Mothers Stand: Interreligious Dialogue and Liberation in Colonial North America

Rochhuahthanga Jongte, Princeton Theological Seminary
Christian Hindus or Indigenous Christians? An Indigenous Liberationist Response to Neo-Hindutva Assimilationist Agendas in Northeast India

Brandi Denison, University of North Florida
Adult Children of Manifest Destiny: Confronting Christian Colonization in 12 Steps

Bennett Comerford, Harvard University
Questioning Coloniality in Hindu-Christian Studies: An Enquiry in Extremity

Responding:

Michelle Voss Roberts, Emmanuel College, Toronto

P20-110

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Sabbath Morning Service**

9:30 AM–12:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Grand G

9:30 AM–10:45 AM

Panel Discussion

10:45 AM–11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Welcome, Prayer and Introduction of Speaker for the Worship Service

Anne Collier-Freed

Liturgy

Message - Professor Jenkins

Closing Thoughts - Erik Carter

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Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

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Society for the Study of Chinese Religions

Theme: **Emerging Voices in the Study of Chinese Religions**

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Conference 13

A20-135



Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Working Group Open Conversation

11:15 AM–12:15 PM

Convention Center–214A

Anyone interested in academic labor is welcome to join us. Hosted by the Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Working Group, this annual gathering and business meeting brings together those concerned about changes in academic labor for discussion and a place to brainstorm ways to advocate and support contingent faculty and sustainable employment for all faculty. We will also have discussion tables on various topics, including the gig economy, contingent faculty scholarship, publishing, burnout, best practices, and more.

Nicole Kirk, Meadville Lombard Theological School, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

A20-137



Plenary Panel: What Just Happened? Religion, American Politics and Our Collective Future

11:15 AM–12:15 PM

Convention Center–Stars at Night 1

Marla Frederick, Emory University, Presiding



Anthea Butler



Todne Thomas



Andrew Whitehead

For decades evangelicals have worked to leave an indelible mark on American religion, politics and culture. In the face of a global pandemic, a racial reckoning and the transfer of US political power, their grip on American politics seems palpable. On issues of race, public health, education, governmentality, the economy, climate change and gender equity, their influence for good or naught is enduring. Yet, for how long? Several recent, influential books have emerged to help us better understand the cultural shifts as well as the vulnerabilities of the white evangelical conservative movement. This panel brings together the authors of some of these works to help us examine the religious narratives and commitments that have brought us here.

Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania
White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America (University of North Carolina Press, 2021)

Todne Thomas, Harvard University
Kincraft: The Making of Black Evangelical Sociality (Duke University Press, 2021)

Andrew Whitehead, Indiana University–Purdue University, Indianapolis
Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States (Oxford University Press, 2020)

P20-117

Religious Education Association

Theme: **Design and Pedagogy**

11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Conference 11

The Religious Education Association has partnered with Dr. Lynne Westfield and Rev Stephen Lewis for a workshop on Design and Pedagogy. The in-person workshop will be tailored for religious education professionals interested in advancing their practice of design and pedagogy. REA invites interested teachers, facilitators, and practitioners to join the workshop. The workshop materials and recordings will be made available to Religious Education Association members following the gathering.

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Panelists:

Nancy Lynne Westfield, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Stephen Lewis, Forum for Theological Exploration

Saturday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

AV20-201

VIRTUAL SESSION



Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: **Off the Tenure Track: Career Services for Diverse Careers**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

Panelists:

Chris Golde, Stanford University
Alfreda James, Stony Brook University
Derek Attig, University of Illinois

AV20-202

VIRTUAL SESSION

Public Understanding of Religion Committee and Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit

Theme: **Teaching About Religion in Texas Public Schools: Historical and Legal Perspectives and a Case Study**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Katharine Batlan, University of Alberta, Augustana, Presiding

Mark A. Chancey, Southern Methodist University
Bible Literacy Bills and the 2006 Texas Bible Course Law
Steven Green, Willamette University
The Texas State Board of Education and Social Science Curriculum Revisionism

AV20-203

VIRTUAL SESSION



Publications Committee

Theme: **Publishing in Religious Studies Journals**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

Panelists:

Karen Pechilis, Drew University
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Alex Jassen, New York University

A20-204

African Religions Unit

Theme: **Jacob Olupona's Contribution the Study of African Religions**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–304A

David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Adnan Wood-Smith, Harvard University
The Sainly Politics of a Senegalese Sufi: Looking at Shaykh Ibrahim Niasse's Political Engagement Through the Lens of His Metaphysical Claims

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University
Building Bridge Across Scholarship Between the Old and New Order: A Critical Engagement of Jacob Olupona's Scholarship on African Traditional Religion

Ayodeji Ogunnaiké, Bowdoin College, and Oludamini Ogunnaiké, University of Virginia
Development of and Theoretical Contributions of Prof. Jacob K. Olupona's Body of Work

Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College
An Assembly of Spirit Nations: Indigenous Hermeneutics and Haiti's African Lwa/Spirits

Responding:

Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard Divinity School

AV20-205

VIRTUAL SESSION

Animals and Religion Unit

Theme: **Religious Scholarship as a Means of Improving Farmed Animal Welfare**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College, Presiding

Panelists:

David Clough, University of Chester
Margaret B. Adam, University of Chester
David Grumett, University of Edinburgh
Christopher Carter, University of San Diego
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology
Aaron Gross, University of San Diego



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A20-206



Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit

Theme: **Jane Iwamura's *Virtual Orientalism*, Ten Years Later: Reflections and Response**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, Presiding

Brett Esaki, University of Arizona
Oriental Conjurer: Inverse of the Monk

Hyemin Na, Emory University
The Oriental Monk Cooks Enlightenment: Zen Buddhist Nun Jeong Kwan, Korean Temple Cuisine, and the Future of Food

Girim Jung, Felician University
The Religious Orientations of Minari and the Undoing of the Ethnic Bildungsroman

Responding:

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West

Business Meeting:

SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine

Helen Jin Kim, Emory University

AV20-207

VIRTUAL SESSION

Black Theology Unit

Theme: **Confronting Black Death: Black Theology and the Politics of Social, Ecclesial, and Ecological Demise**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Michele Watkins, University of San Diego, Presiding

Nathan D. Wood-House, Boston College
James Cone's Black Fire: Necropolitical Theology and Apocalyptic Blackness

David Latimore, Princeton Theological Seminary
Rise of the Neoliberal Black Church

Nixon Cleophas, Bloomfield College
Towards a Black Vodounist Eco-Theology of Liberation: The Earth, Black Bodies and Sexualities Matter

Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology
Where Do We Go from Here? The Social Gospel's Mandate for Abolition

AV20-208

VIRTUAL SESSION

Body and Religion Unit

Theme: **Religious Bodies in Motion, Confinement, and Death: Migration and Transnational Movements**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Megan Adamson Sijapati, Gettysburg College, Presiding

Rupa Pillai, University of Pennsylvania
Cultivating an Indo-Guyanese Self Through Hindu Bodily Practices in New York City

Steven Vose, Florida International University
Globalized Guru, Nationalized Icon: Representing the Body of Śrīmad Rājacandra in a Jain Guru Movement in Contemporary India

Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary, and Kaia D. S. Ronsdal, University of Oslo
How Should These Bones Live?

Barbara Sostaita, University of North Carolina
The Migrant Body Aspires to Flight: Exceeding Sanctuary's Capture Through Fugitive Poetics

AV20-209

VIRTUAL SESSION

Buddhism Unit

Theme: **The Lived Realities of Buddhist Economics**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Gregory Clines, Trinity University, Presiding

Alexander Hsu, University of Notre Dame
Anthologist as Entrepreneur: "Scriptural Economy" in a Seventh C. Chinese Buddhist Anthology

Renee Ford, Rice University
Come to the Land of Padmasambhava: Sikkim as a 'Buddhist Nation'

Matthew Milligan, Trinity University
Moral and Material Prosperity (Hita-Sukha) in Premodern Buddhist Economics

Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo
Pennies from the Pure Land: Practicing the Dharma, Hanging Out, and Raising Funds for the Oldest Buddhist Temple Outside Asia

Kai Shmushko, Tel Aviv University
Towards Understanding the Economy of Lay Tibetan Buddhism in China – the Case of the "Living Hall" (Shenghuo Guan 生活) Model

Ian MacCormack, University of California, Berkeley
What Is a Dalai Lama Worth? Reflections on Buddhism, Economy, and State in Tibet

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Catholic Studies Unit

Theme: **What Does Catholicism Sound Like?**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–005

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University, Presiding

Jack Downey, University of Rochester
Diabolique ou Divin?: Gregorian Chantmania Goes Platinum in the Shadow of Y2K

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin
Giggles Are Serious Business: Imagination, Innovation, and the Staying Power of Play

Byron Wratee, Boston College
Lift Every Voice and Sing: The Liberating Sound of the African-American "Voices" and African American Sacred Music in the Roman Catholic Churches in the United States

Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University
Listening for Demons in Early Modern New France

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
Sucky's Scream: Catholic Complicity and Resistance in an Economy of Enslavement

Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University
The Sounds of Silence: Ministry to the "Nones" at a Catholic Shrine in the Pacific Northwest

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College
The Talking Rosary

Responding:

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University

Business Meeting:

John Seitz, Fordham University

J. Michelle Molina, Northwestern University

AV20-211

VIRTUAL SESSION



Chinese Religions Unit

Theme: **Buddhist Intra-religious Networks and Buddhist Religious Innovation in Late Imperial and Modern Sichuan**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Annabella Pitkin, Lehigh University, Presiding

Gilbert Chen, Towson University
A Western Model of the Clergy-Laity Relationship? Migration, Rebuilding and Monastic Landlordism in Mid- and Late Qing Chongqing

Wei Wu, Emory University
Chan Buddhism and the Rise of Tibetan Buddhism in Sichuan

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, Occidental College
Treasures That Transcend Space and Time: Connections and Networks in the Migration of the Lineage of Dorje Dechen Lingpa in Sichuan and Beyond

Responding:

Elena Valussi, Loyola University, Chicago

Business Meeting:

Anna Sun, Duke University

Rongdao Lai, McGill University

A20-212

Christian Systematic Theology Unit and Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Analytic Theology and the Academic Study of Religions**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–207B

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary
A Via Media Between Analytic Philosophy and Critical Theory

Kevin Hector, University of Chicago
Analytic Theology, the Secular University and the Pursuit of Wisdom

Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College
Critique and Appreciation in Analytic Theology

Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz
Towards a Feminist and Comparative Analytic Theology

Responding:

William Wood, University of Oxford

AV20-213

VIRTUAL SESSION

Comparative Religious Ethics Unit

Theme: **Sumner B. Twiss's Contributions to the Comparative Study of Religious Ethics**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding

Panelists:

Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University

Simeon Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University

John Kelsay, Florida State University

Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University

Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University

Irene Oh, George Washington University

Responding:

Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University



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Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Metamodernism: Emerging Theorizations for Studying Culture and Religion Beyond Postmodernism**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Sissel Undheim, University of Bergen, Presiding

Panelists:

Linda Ceriello, Kennesaw State University

Jason Storm, Williams College

Brendan Dempsey, *PersonalMythology.org*

Ashlie Kontos, University of Houston

Moyosore Okediji, University of Texas

Michel Clasquin-Johnson, University of South Africa

Tom de Bruin, Newbold College of Higher Education

A20-215



Comparative Theology Unit

Theme: **Agency, Liberation, Transformation: Feminist Comparative Theological Perspectives**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–305

Axel Marc Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Megan Hopkins, Boston College

Affective Kenosis as Feminine Ideal? Recasting the Legacies of Fāṭimah and Mary Towards Gender Solidarity and Liberation

Katie Mahowski Mylroie, Boston College

Ivone Gebara and Goddess Kali: Transformation and Liberation Through Comparing Theological Anthropologies and Implied Epistemologies

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

Women's Historical Liberative Leadership as Empowerment

Responding:

Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones, Boston College

Business Meeting:

Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College

A20-216



Constructive Muslim Thought and Engaged Scholarship Seminar and Contemporary Islam Unit and Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Islamic Mysticism Unit and Qur'an Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Mentoring Session**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–301A

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Panelists:

Zaid Adhami, Williams College

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University

A20-217



Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit

Theme: **Contemporary Heathenry and Nationalism**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham D

Damon Berry, St. Lawrence University, Presiding

Fredrik Gregorius, Linköping University

Heathen Gods Beyond Nationalism and Race? The Case of Nordic Animism

Matthew Hartman, Graduate Theological Union

New Ecological Entanglements on the Right: White Christian Nationalism, Alt-Right Ecology, and the Movement from Climate Denialism to Climate Nationalism

Dillon Sampson, Syracuse University

Religious Enemies, Cultural Brothers: On Heathen-Christian Relations in the Wake of the European 'Migrant Crisis'

Business Meeting:

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA

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A20-218



Evangelical Studies Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Evangelicalism, Science, and Inequality**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–006A

Kristen Deede Johnson, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding

Ryan Juskus, Duke University
The Hole in Our Hearts: Creation Care and the Democratization of Environmental Politics

John Sheridan, University of Iowa
Hutterite Experiences of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Lane Davis, Southern Methodist University
Institutionalizing a Pandemic: Texas Methodists' Progressive Response to the 1918 Flu

Katherine Marshall, Georgetown University
Revisiting the Scopes Trial: Young-Earth Creationism, Creation Science, and the Evangelical Denial of Climate Change

Responding:

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute

Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois

A20-219



Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Emotion, Affect, and Social Change**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–008A

Amanda Nichols, University of Florida, Presiding

Amanda DiMiele, Yale University
Feminism's Serious Sentimentality

Candace Jordan, Princeton University
Resentment as a Valuable Moral Sensibility

Emily Dumler-Winckler, Saint Louis University
Sympathy, Anger, and the Virtues of Just Social Change

Danae Faulk, Syracuse University
White Power Barbie and Other Figures of the Angry White Woman

Erin Kidd, Saint John's University
White Women's Tears

Business Meeting:

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University

Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary

AV20-220

VIRTUAL SESSION



Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **South Asian Religious Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Sarah Pierce Taylor, University of Chicago, Presiding

Heleen De Jonckheere, Ghent University
"A True Jain [Sings]: Do Not Fear from It!" Religion, National Sentiment and Social Media in the COVID-19 Pandemic

Carola Lorea, National University of Singapore
A White-Collar Disease: Matua Approaches to COVID-19, Rural Pride, and Sonic-Sacred Epistemologies of Healing

Ali Altaf Mian, University of Florida
Calamity, Compassion, Caution: Shari'a and the Grammar of Pandemic in Muslim South Asia

Nick Tackes, Columbia University
COVID First Responders: The Gayatri Pariwar and the Immune Ritual Body

Bhakti Mamtara, College of Wooster
Religious Rhetoric, Pandemic Precautions, and Civic Duty in the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha

Responding:

Nicole Karapanagiotis, Rutgers University, Camden

Business Meeting:

Sarah Pierce Taylor, University of Chicago

Jennifer Ortegren, Middlebury College

A20-221



Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit

Theme: **Identity and Infinity in Technofuturism**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–205

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

Seth Hart, University of Oxford
Homo Deus?: A Critique of Yuval Noah Harari's Transhumanist Vision of Humanity's Religious Future

Ayman Shabana, Georgetown University, Qatar
Islamic Discourses on Bodily Enhancement in the Wake of the Genetic Revolution

Melanie Dzugan, Fuller Theological Seminary
Just Relationality: Justice, Agency, and Relationality in the Network Society

Myriam Renaud, Parliament of the World's Religions
The Effect of Radical Life Extension Technologies on Childbearing: Ethical and Theological Implications

Business Meeting:

Amy Michelle DeBaets, Hackensack University Medical Center

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University



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A20-222

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

Theme: **What Do We Mean by the Word Trauma? An Interdisciplinary Exploration**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar F

Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Samira I. Ibrahim, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Historical Trauma: Insights from a North African, Islamic Perspective

Danielle Elizabeth Tumminio Hansen, Seminary of the Southwest
The Never-Ending Bracket Creep: The Limits of Psychology's Definition of Trauma and a Fresh Alternative

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University, and Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theological Seminary
Trauma Matters: Parsing Definitions and Implications for Clinical and Pastoral Practice

Peter Capretto, Phillips Theological Seminary
When the Metaphors Stop Working: Trauma, Moral Injury, and Descriptions of the Impossible

A20-223



Mysticism Unit

Theme: **Session in Honor of Dr. June McDaniel**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–211

Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Panelists:

Antoinette E. DeNapoli, Texas Christian University
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

Responding:

June McDaniel, College of Charleston

Business Meeting:

Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University

A20-224



Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

Theme: **Theological Responses to Poverty and Inequality in the 19th Century**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis AB

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding

Charles J. T. Talar, University of St. Thomas
Fideism, Scientism, and the Social Question: Emile Zola's "Paris" (Macmillan, 1898)

Joseph Strife, Fordham University
Poverty, Secularism, and the Foundation of Social Work

William Stell, Princeton University
Signed Religion, Unscripted Revelation: Theological Debates Around Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet's Work Among the Deaf

Aaron Stauffer, Vanderbilt University
The Church as a Freedom-House: The Political Ecclesiology of George Washington Woodbey

Responding:

Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg

A20-225

North American Religions Unit and Religion and Economy Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Heritage Economies and Material Religion Roundtable**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–216

Lerone Martin, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding

Panelists:

Rebecca Potts, Yale University
Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto
Hillary Kaell, McGill University
Alexia Williams, University of Illinois
Melissa Borja, University of Michigan
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado
Sally M. Promey, Yale University
Angela Tarango, Trinity University

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A20-226

Open and Relational Theologies Unit

Theme: **Interreligious and Ecumenical Perspectives on Panentheism**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham C

Tripp Fuller, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

David H. Nikkel, University of North Carolina, Pembroke
Categorizing Nondualisms

Benjamin Crace, American University of Kuwait
Oord and Schwartz's "Panentheism and Panexperientialism for Open and Relational Theology" and a Phenomenology of Semi-discarnate Persons

Paul Ladouceur, University of Toronto
Panentheism in Modern Orthodox Christianity

Charissa Jaeger-Sanders, Graduate Theological Union
Webs and Wombs: An Interreligious Dialogue Regarding Divine Immanence

Responding:

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology

A20-227



Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit

Theme: **Pentecostal Identities**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham B

Leah Payne, George Fox University, Presiding

Antipas Harris, Jakes Divinity School
Profiles of Black Pentecostal Public Theologians: Toward a Pentecostal Theology of Social Justice

Matthew D. Taylor, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies
Shofars and a Messianic Rabbi at the Capitol Riot? American Christian Nationalism's Jewish Edge

Josiah Baker, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Query of Trinitarianism as a Boundary of Pentecostal Identity

Responding:

Dara Delgado, Roberts Wesleyan College

Business Meeting:

Leah Payne, George Fox University

Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills

A20-228



Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit and Schleiermacher Unit

Theme: **Book Panel on Schleiermacher's Plato (De Gruyter, 2021)**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–302C

Kevin Vander Schel, Gonzaga University, and Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

Responding:

Julia Lamm, Georgetown University

Willemien Otten, University of Chicago

Jacqueline Mariña, Purdue University

Johannes Zachhuber, University of Oxford

Ruth Jackson Ravenscroft, University of Cambridge

A20-229



Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **U.S. Civil Religion**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–006B

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Nicholas Buck, University of Chicago
Civil Religion, Liberalism, and the Problem of Belonging: On the Transcendent Dimension of Political Life

Herbert Strange, Greenville Technical College
Standing in the Breach: The Military as a Role Model for Balancing Civil Religion and Individual Religious Belief and Practice

Ryan O'Leary, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point
The Totem-Flag and the Sacrificial Soldier: Civil Religion in American Schools since 9/11

Erika Nelson, Vanderbilt University
Why We All Want to Be in the "Room Where It Happens": Hamilton and American Civil Religion

Business Meeting:

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University

Ann Duncan, Goucher College



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Saturday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

A20-230



Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit

Theme: **Beyond Jesus and Hollywood: Pedagogical Diversification and Maturation in Religion and Film Studies**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis CD

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Panelists:

Rebecca Moody, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Sheila F. Winborne, Northeastern University

Business Meeting:

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary
Rebecca Moody, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

AV20-231

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion, Media, and Culture Unit and Religious Conversions Unit

Theme: **Virtual Conversions? Identity Reified Through Digital Community**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Edith Szanto, University of Alabama, Presiding

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University
@RadicalTweets: Religio-Political Conversion and the Online Far-Right Orthodox Christian Movement

Madeline Gambino, Princeton University
Ascension Presents Father Mike Schmitz: Digital Platforms and New Evangelization in American Catholicism

Suzanne Van Geuns, University of Toronto
Conversion and/as Influence: Reformed Wives and Monetized Links on Biblical Womanhood Blogs

Sonya Tillman, Lund University
Digital Devotion: Exploring Iskon Outreach/ Efforts/ Recruitment Strategies/Activities in COVID-Times

AV20-232

VIRTUAL SESSION

Revisiting Dharma: Neglected Histories and Possible Futures of Buddhist Philosophy

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Ralph Craig, Stanford University, Presiding

Panelists:

Larry Ward, The Lotus Institute
Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College
Aakash Singh Rathore, Independent Scholar
Gitanjali Surendran, Jindal Global Law School

A20-233



Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion

Theme: **Religion, Inequality, and Bias: Fault Lines Around Ethnicity, Race, Class, and Nation**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–212

Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Samir Sweida-Metwally, University of Bristol
Ethno-Religious Penalties at Work: Can Country-of-Origin or So-Called 'Sociocultural Attitudes' Explain Muslim Men and Women's Employment Disadvantage in Britain?

Oneya Okuwobi, Ohio State University
How Does It Feel to Be a Commodity? How Pastors of Color Experience Church Diversity Initiatives

Brenton Kalinowski, Rice University, and Christopher P. Scheitle, West Virginia University
Patterns of Support for Anti-Muslim Policies in the United States, 2002 to 2019

Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania, Tessa Huttenlocher, University of Pennsylvania, Joan Ryan, University of Pennsylvania, and Elena van Stee, University of Pennsylvania
Religious Inequality in America: The View from 1916

Business Meeting:

Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara
Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University

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A20-234

Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Religion, Secularization, and Real Abstraction:**
Abstraction Beyond the Value-Form

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-213

Timothy Snediker, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Alex Dubilet, Vanderbilt University
On Real Abstraction and Secular Abstraction

Tapji Garba, University of Winnipeg
The Abstraction of Exchange: Natural Law, the Salamanca School, and Spanish Empire

Sara-Maria Sorentino, University of Alabama
The Happy Slave and Happy Scripture: Christianity, Slavery, and Interpretation

Marika Rose, University of Winchester, and Anthony Paul Smith, La Salle University
The One Who Is Nothing: Political Theology and Real Abstraction

Sean Capener, University of Toronto
Time as Real Abstraction

Responding:

Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College

A20-235



Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit

Theme: **New Research in Tibetan Studies**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-221A

Brandon Dotson, Georgetown University, Presiding

Peter Faggen, University of Chicago
Contested Hagiography: The Stakes to Sanctify a Non-traditional Lay Trülku Mother

Catherine Hartmann, Harvard University
Karma as Interpretive Lens in the Pilgrim Diary of Khatag Zamyak

Maria Turek, University of Toronto
Monstrosity in Tibetan Narrative as Indigenous Storywork

Somtsobum Suancuoben, Northwestern University
Non-sectarianism and the Construction of Tibetan Buddhist Identity: The Life, Times, and Advice (Zhaldam) of Lamo Yongzin Rinpoche

Gendun Rabsal, Indiana University
The Game of Fire and Water: Debates Defining the Four Noble Truths in Early 20th Century Amdo

Business Meeting:

Nicole Willock, Old Dominion University

AV20-236

VIRTUAL SESSION

Women and Religion Unit and Women's Caucus

Theme: **Re-engaging Praxis: A Call for Action**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Mai-Anh L. Tran, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
From My Lai to Ferguson: Collaterality, Grievous Deaths, Militarized Orientalism, Benevolence, and Racism

Haley Feuerbacher, Southern Methodist University
The Economics of Purity and Marriage: Towards a Communal and Postcolonial Christian Ethics of Sex Positivity Inspired by an Indigenous Women's Land Rights Movement

K. Christine Pae, Denison University
War on COVID-19: Resurging Indecent Theology

Responding:

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

AV20-237

VIRTUAL SESSION



Intersectional Hindu Studies: Feminist and Critical Race Approaches to Research and Teaching Seminar

Theme: **Challenging Hindu Fragility: Interrogating Hindu Studies from a Dalit/Anti-casteist Perspective**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Shana Sippy, Centre College, Presiding

Panelists:

Chinnaiah Jangam, Carleton University
Yashica Dutt, Journalist and Independent Scholar
Reema Rajbanshi, Haverford College
Thenmozhi Soundararajan, Equality Labs

Business Meeting:

Shreena Gandhi, Michigan State University
Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University

AV20-238

VIRTUAL SESSION

Exploratory Session: Energy, Extraction, and Religion

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Terra Schwerin Rowe, University of North Texas, Presiding

Panelists:

Lisa Sideris, University of California, Santa Barbara
Evan Berry, Arizona State University
J. Kameron Carter, Indiana University
Jan H. Pranger, Concordia College, Moorhead



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A20-239 (=S20-229)

Western Esotericism Unit and SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Unit

Theme: **New Approaches and Neglected Topics in Esotericism**

1:00 PM– 3:30 PM

Convention Center–303

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo, Presiding

Panelists:

Egil Asprem, Stockholm University
Dylan Burns, University of Amsterdam
April D. DeConick, Rice University
Rebecca Lesses, Ithaca College
Claire Fanger, Rice University

Saturday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

AV20-301 VIRTUAL SESSION

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Regions Committee

Theme: **Regions Forum: Contingent Labor and the AAR**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding

Panelists:

Nicole Kirk, Meadville Lombard Theological School
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute
Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life, Austin, TX
Philippa Koch, Missouri State University

A20-302

Program Committee

Theme: **How to Propose a New Program Unit**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–224

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

Panelists:

Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion
Tiauna Lewis, American Academy of Religion

AV20-303 VIRTUAL SESSION

Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **The Media Ecosystem in the Public Understanding of Religion**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Evan Berry, Arizona State University, Presiding

Responding:

Megan Goodwin, Northeastern University
Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
Nyasha Junior, Temple University
Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

A20-304



Publications Committee

Theme: **From Dissertation to Book (to Next Book)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–205

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Panelists:

William Germano, Cooper Union

A20-305

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **A Comprehensive Guide to Comprehensive Exams**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–225C

Panelists:

Kaitlyn Lindgren-Hansen, University of Iowa
John Sheridan, University of Iowa

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AV20-306 VIRTUAL SESSION

African Diaspora Religions Unit

Theme: **The Myths about Melville J. Herskovits and African Diaspora Religions: Reflections on the 80th Anniversary of *The Myth of the Negro Past* (Harper and Brothers, 1941)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Tracey Hucks, Colgate University, Presiding

Dianne Stewart, Emory University
"Did Black Religious Studies Throw the Baby Out with the Baptismal Water?": Moving Beyond Reductive Readings of Melville J. Herskovits's Scholarship

Ras Michael Brown, Southern Illinois University
Herskovits and the Contested Myths of Early African/Atlantic Religions

Marcus Harvey, University of North Carolina, Asheville
Melville J. Herskovits, Africa, and the Black Religious Imagination

Elaine Penagos, Emory University
Poetics Not Pathology: The (Re)Forming of Afro-Cuban Religious Narratives

AV20-307 VIRTUAL SESSION

Afro-American Religious History Unit and Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit

Theme: **A Century of African Orthodoxy: Exploring Racism, Blackness, and Religious Identity**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Ashley Purpura, Purdue University, Presiding

Aram Sarkisian, Northwestern University
"For as a Member of an Oppressed Race:" New Interpretations of Eastern Orthodox Involvement in the Early African Orthodox Church

Dellas Herbel, North Dakota National Guard
No Longer "A Black Tail to a White Kite": A Re-assessment of Raphael Morgan and the Relationship Between the African Orthodox Church and Eastern Orthodoxy

Claire Koen, Fordham University
Reckoning with the Roots of Systemic Racism: An Investigation into Modern Orthodox Inheritance of Early Christian Associations Between Color and Spiritual Merit

Colin Bossen, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston
The Universal Black Men Catechism: The African Orthodox Church and Marcus Garvey's Populism

AV20-308 VIRTUAL SESSION

Anthropology of Religion Unit

Theme: **Pandemic Religiosity: What Ethnography Reveals About Adaptation, Experimentation, and Failure**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Presiding

Fizza Joffrey, University of Toronto
The Limits of Communal Grief: A South Asian Shi'a Group's Commitment to Ritual and Community

Emmy Corey, Emory University
"What Else Could We Do?": Navigating Compassion, Healing, and Care in a Nairobi Clinic

Thorsten Wettich, University of Bremen
No-Contact-Communion and YouTube-Services – Adapting to the Requirements of the Corona-Crisis in German-Speaking Lutheran Congregations in the USA

Paola Cavaliere, Osaka University
One Year into the Pandemic: Religious Institutions in Japan Responding to the New Normal

Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University
Uncertain Certainties About Worship: First Baptist Dallas Copes with the Pandemic

Responding:

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

AV20-309 VIRTUAL SESSION

Buddhism in the West Unit

Theme: **Critical Reflections on the Buddhist Modernism Paradigm**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Mark Unno, University of Oregon, Presiding

Panelists:

Natalie Quli, Institute of Buddhist Studies
 Nalika Gajaweera, University of Southern California
 Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Business Meeting:

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Hospice by the Bay
 Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies



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AV20-310

VIRTUAL SESSION



Buddhist Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Roundtable on Buddhist Philosophy in Philosophy Departments: Training Students, Hiring, Teaching**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Pierre-Julien Harter, University of New Mexico, Presiding

Panelists:

- Emily McRae, University of New Mexico
- Rafal Stepień, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University
- Tanya Kostochka, University of Southern California
- Ronald S. Green, Coastal Carolina University
- Roshni Patel, Colgate University

AV20-311

VIRTUAL SESSION

Chinese Religions Unit

Theme: **Chinese Religious Novels and Fictional Figures**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Andrew Quintman, Wesleyan University, Presiding

- Zhang Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Empty the Crystal Coffin: Rewriting Mao Zedong in Contemporary Chinese Fantasy Novels
- Chloe Starr, Yale University
The Complexities of Conversion in Contemporary Spiritual Literature
- Jennifer Eichman, SOAS, University of London
Voicing the Voiceless: The Life Story of a Buddhist Nun as Scripted by Many a Male Narrator
- Noga Ganany, Cambridge University
Writing and Worship in Deng Zhimo's Saints Trilogy

Responding:

- Lang Chen, University of Michigan

A20-312



Christian Spirituality Unit

Theme: **2020: The Year of the Hermit**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-Travis AB

- Rachel Wheeler, University of Portland
Desert Spirituality: Challenge and Consolation in a Time of Loneliness
- Jordan Conley, Boston University
Home Is Where the Hermit Is: What Ancient Female Recluses Can Teach Us About Pandemic Life
- Samantha Miller, Whitworth University
Not for Everyone: The Challenges of Forced Hermit Spirituality in COVID

Business Meeting:

- Beringia Zen, Saint Agnes Medical Center

A20-314

Comparative Theology Unit and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit

Theme: **Disease in Comparison**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–213

Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College, Presiding

Panelists:

- Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero, United Lutheran Seminary
- Matthew Elmore, Duke University
- Domenik Ackermann, Boston College
- Greg Mileski, Boston College

AV20-315

VIRTUAL SESSION



Ecclesial Practices Unit

Theme: **Prayers in Defiance of Empire: Engaging Claudio Carvalhaes' Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World (Abingdon, 2020)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Rebecca Spurrier, Columbia Theological Seminary, and Michael Grigoni, Duke University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Claudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary
- Yohana Junker, Graduate Theological Union
- Thomas Gaulke, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
- Yara González-Justiniano, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University

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AV20-316 VIRTUAL SESSION



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

Theme: **Moral Injury in the COVID-19 Pandemic**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Michael Yandell, Emory University, Presiding

Joanne Braxton, Braxton Institute for Sustainability, Resiliency and Joy, and Nigel Hatton, University of California, Merced
Covid 19, Black Clinicians, and Moral Suffering

Leenah Safi, Chicago Theological Seminary
Muslim Healthcare Chaplains, COVID-19 and Moral Injury

Business Meeting:

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry

AV20-317 VIRTUAL SESSION



Mormon Studies Unit

Theme: **Movements and Politics in Mormonisms**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sara Patterson, Hanover College, Presiding

David Howlett, Smith College, and Nancy Ross, Dixie State University
Counterpublic, Social Movement, or Network?: The Case of RLDS Feminists and Women's Ordination Advocacy, 1970–1985

Esiteli Hafoka, Stanford University
"Siale, Is That Why You Reached for the Pen?": The Tongan Crip Gang vs. the State of Utah

Jana Riess, Religion News Service, and Benjamin Knoll, Centre College
Mormons and Christian Nationalism

Business Meeting:

Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College
Sara Patterson, Hanover College

A20-318



New Religious Movements Unit

Theme: **Consuming and Adjudicating Religion: New Religions in Marketplaces and Courts**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar F

Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University, Presiding

Joshua Urich, Trinity University San Antonio
Brainwashed Sex Slaves: Gender and Performative Disgust in Anti-NXIVM Rhetoric

John Eugene Clay, Arizona State University
New Religious Movements in the Russian Spiritual Marketplace

Gale Kenny, Barnard College
Religion on Trial: Courtroom Drama and Media Narratives in Theosophist Katherine Tingley's 1901 Libel Case

Matthew Harris, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sun Ra's Magic Music of the Spheres: Religious Alternatives Beyond the Black Gods of the Metropolis

Business Meeting:

Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University
Joseph Laycock, Texas State University

A20-319



Political Theology Unit

Theme: **Mourning Political Theology**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–208

Elizabeth Phillips, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Presiding

Michael Mango, Harvard University
Life Philosophy as "Prefascist Aestheticism": Walter Benjamin and Georges Bataille on the Body, Politics, and Religion

B. Yuki Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology
Melancholic Sovereignty: Mourning and Resisting Pandemic-Fueled Anti-Asian Violence

Panashe Chigumadzi, Harvard University
The Exodus of the Israelites: Dylann Roof, the Transatlantic Apartheid and a White Theology of Domination

Bryan Ellrod, Emory University
The Remembrance of Dismembered Bodies: The Promise and Challenge of Mourning in the United States' Southwestern Borderlands

Business Meeting:

Michelle Sanchez, Harvard University
David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Saturday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

AV20-320

VIRTUAL SESSION

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit

Theme: **Democratic Faith, Catastrophe, and Truth in a (Post)-Trump Era**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding

Greylyn Hyding, Boston University
American Pragmatism and the Trump-Era: The Contrasting Positions of Pragmatism and Neo-Pragmatism on Truth

Jason Cabitac, Emory University
From Crisis to Transition: Dewey on the Transformative Power of Imagination

Mary Leah Friedline, Austin College
Pragmatism and Democratic Faith in Post-truth America

Nathaniel Holmes, Florida Memorial University
Pragmatism, Truth, and Trust in the Post-Trump Era

Derek Buyan, University of Chicago
What's Religion Got to Do with It?: Race and Religion in John Dewey's Theory of Democracy

A20-321

Reformed Theology and History Unit

Theme: **The Extra Calvinisticum**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–212

Hanna Reichel, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Ian A. McFarland, Cambridge University

Linn Tonstad, Yale University

Paul Nimmo, University of Aberdeen

A20-322

Religion and Economy Unit

Theme: **Management Pedagogies, Subject Formation, and the Corporate Form**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–302C

Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Panelists:

George Gonzalez, City University of New York

James Dennis LoRusso, Georgia State University

Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma

Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College

Responding:

Daromir Rudnyckj, University of Victoria

A20-323

Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Religion, Public Health, Nation-States and NGOs**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

Rachel Schneider, Rice University, Presiding

Tyler Fuller, Boston University
Defining "Spiritual Well-Being": A Case Study of Religious and Posivist Dialog About Measuring Religion in Public Health

Michelle Walsh, University of Virginia
Sacrifice and Solidarity: Transforming Buddhist Practice in the Time of COVID-19

AV20-324

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **The *Yogavāsiṣṭha* and the Construction of a Pan-Indian Vedānta Through Translation**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Supriya Gandhi, Yale University, and Jennifer Ortengren, Middlebury College, Presiding

Michael Allen, University of Virginia
A Tale of Two Hindi Translations: Kavīndrācārya's Jñān-Sār and Keśavdās's Vijñān-Gītā

Tamara Cohen, University of Toronto
Assimilation Through Redaction: From the Mokṣopāya to the Yogavāsiṣṭha

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Shankar Nair, University of Virginia
Māyā in the Mind of Allah: Competing Muslim Renderings of Vedānta in the Yogavāsiṣṭha

Eric Steinschneider, Ithaca College
The Commentator as Translator: Exegetical Practice and the Fashioning of Tamil Monism

Responding:

Supriya Gandhi, Yale University

AV20-325

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit

Theme: **Book Panel: *A Postcolonial Relationship: Challenges of Asian Immigrants as the Third Other* (SUNY Press, 2021)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding

Panelists:

Lee Hayward Butler, Phillips Theological Seminary

Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College

Steve Sandage, Boston University

Shaunesse' Jacobs, Boston University

Responding:

Hee An Choi, Boston University

A20-326

Religious Conversions Unit

Theme: **Technological and Social Scientific Insights and Applications for Studying Religious Conversions**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–005

Eliza Kent, Skidmore College, Presiding

Matyas Bodi, University of St Andrews

Leaving Islam for Christianity: A Grounded Theory Study of Somali Converts Living in the United Kingdom and Sweden

Jacob Cook, Wake Forest University

Reconceiving the Hopes for and Hindrances to the Conversion of a Plural Self

Lauren Horn Griffin, University of Oklahoma

The Rise of the RadTrads: A Machine Learning Approach to Catholic Twitter

A20-327

Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Entangled Translations: Muslim Practices in Modernity**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–305

Anna Bigelow, Stanford University, Presiding

Mohamad Jarada, University of California, Berkeley

Siyar of Security: Narrations of the Prophet and the Protection of Muslim American Community

Samah Choudhury, Ithaca College

Kumail Nanjiani's "Poor" Muslim: The Humor and Aesthetic of Being Penniless and Pitied

Micah Hughes, University of North Carolina

Secular Theologies of Reform: Translating 'Social Science' in the Turkish University, 1920–1933

Nadirah Mansour, Princeton University

Translating Qur'anic Commentary: Tafsiṛ to Arabic-Magazines in the Late 19th Century

AV20-328

VIRTUAL SESSION



Tantric Studies Unit

Theme: **Tantric Goddesses and Public Esotericism in Buddhism, Hinduism, and Jainism**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College, Presiding

Anna A. Golovkova, Cornell University

Becoming Śrīvidyā: A Vedic Tale of a Kaula Goddess

Hillary Langberg, Bard College

Mantra-Based Rituals and the Rise of Goddess Worship in Mahāyāna Indian Buddhism (C. 450–600 CE)

Ellen Gough, Emory University

The Śriyantra in Jainism

Shaman Hatley, University of Massachusetts, Boston

The Devīpurāṇa's Integration of Tantric Ritual and Civic Religion

Business Meeting:

Gudrun Buhemann, University of Wisconsin

Glen Hayes, Bloomfield College



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Saturday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A20-329



Teaching Religion Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit

Theme: **Anti-racist Pedagogies**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham B

Peter Capretto, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Michelle M. Lelwica, Concordia College, Moorhead
Anti-racist Learning Through Compassionate Justice: Connecting College Students with Incarcerated Youth for Mutual Enrichment

Kristyn Sessions, Villanova University
Celebrating BIPOC Exemplars: A Collaborative, Joyful Effort to Live Out Anti-racist Commitments in the Classroom

R. Ward Holder, Saint Anselm College, and Cynthia Holder
Rich, Tumaini University Makumira
Race and Theology: An International Transformative Pedagogical Model

Business Meeting:

Michael Fisher, San Jose State University

A20-330

Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **The Ambiguity of Sin and Shame: Contextual, Critical, and Constructive Perspectives**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–216

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, and Kristin Graff-Kallevag, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:

Marcia Blasi, Faculdades EST

Mary J. Streufert, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Graduate Theological Union, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University

Arnfridur Gudmundsdottir, University of Iceland

Deanna A. Thompson, St. Olaf College

A20-331



Vatican II Studies Unit

Theme: **One Human Family**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham D

Richard Gaillardetz, Boston College, 1958, Presiding

Trevor B. Williams, Villanova University
Fratelli Tutti and the Autonomy of Political Life

Laurel Marshall Potter, Boston College
Otra Evangelización Posible: Toward a Decolonial Theology of Mission

Responding:

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University

Business Meeting:

Kristin Colberg, College of Saint Benedict, Saint John's University

Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University

A20-332

Artificial Intelligence and Religion Seminar

Theme: **Experiments in Artificial Intelligence and Religion**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–304A

Tracy J. Trothen, Queen's University, Presiding

Nathan R. B. Loewen, University of Alabama
Applying Machine Learning to Compressively Map a Scholarly Field

Justin Lane, Center for Modeling Social Systems
Creating the First AI Religious Leader

Sharday Mosurinjohn, Queen's University, and Jordan Brady
Loewen, Syracuse University
Robot Priests, Virtual Freuds, and Technodelics: A Theoretical Framework for Coupling AI and VR

Jonathan Teubner, Australian Catholic University, and David
Smith, Linux Academy
Teaching Machines to Pray: A Word2vec Model for Religious Text Analysis

Randall Reed, Appalachian State University
The Religion of GPT-2/3: Exploring the Religious Constructions of a Language Model

Philip Butler, Loyola Marymount University
The Seekr Project: An Examination of the Initial Pilot Study Data and Results

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AV20-333

VIRTUAL SESSION



Women's Caucus

Theme: **Emerging Scholars' Research on Gender, Religion, Poverty and Inequality**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno, Presiding

Melody Escobar, Oblate School of Theology
"Love on Steroids": The Unrealized Cost of Kenotic Caregiving Among Mothers of Children with a Disability

Kathryn Common, Boston University
Creating New Canon: A Feminist Biblical Case for Expanding Sacred Texts in Ecclesial Practice

Cella Masso-Rivetti, New York University
Transforming Narratives of the Catholic Women Deacons' Debate Through Digital Collections

Shivani Bothra, Rice University
Zoom: Technology Empowering Jain Laywomen for Religious Education

A20-334 (=S20-318)



Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit and SBL Contextualizing North African Christianity Unit

Theme: **James K. A. Smith on Augustine in the 21st Century**

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Convention Center–303

Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University, Presiding

Panelists:

James K. A. Smith, Calvin College

Business Meeting:

Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa

AV20-335 (=SV20-304)

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit and SBL Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Unit

Theme: **Review Panel for Maia Kotrosits, *The Lives of Objects* (University of Chicago, 2020)**

4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Eric Vanden Eykel, Ferrum College, Presiding

Panelists:

Ben Dunning, Fordham University

Janet Spittler, University of Virginia

C. Michael Chin, University of California, Davis

Nicola Denzey, Claremont Graduate University

Responding:

Maia Kotrosits, Denison University

Saturday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

A20-402



Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee

Theme: **What COVID-19 Laid Bare: The Precarity of Contingent Faculty in Times of Crisis**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-Travis CD

Nicole Kirk, Meadville Lombard Theological School, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

Panelists:

James Dennis LoRusso, Georgia State University

Rohit Singh, University of North Carolina Greensboro

Leonard McKinnis, University of Illinois

Amy Artman, Missouri State University

Matt Sheedy, University of Bonn

AV20-403

VIRTUAL SESSION



International Connections Committee and International Association for the History of Religions

Theme: **International Collaboration in the Time of COVID-19 and Post-Pandemic Future**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University, and Satoko Fujiwara, University of Tokyo, Presiding

Panelists:

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Jon Keune, Michigan State University

James Ponniah Kulandai Raj, University of Madras

Thorsten Wettich, University of Bremen

Fortune Sibanda, Great Zimbabwe University

Responding:

Kimberly Hill, University of Texas, Dallas



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Saturday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

A20-404

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Cracking the Cohort Code: Appreciating the People Around You**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–225C

Panelists:

- Jon Snyder, Baylor University
- Shannan Baker, Baylor University
- Samuel Tandei, Baylor University

AV20-405

VIRTUAL SESSION



Afro-American Religious History Unit

Theme: **Borderlands and Boundary-Crossings: Black Religion at Intersections in History and Method**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College, Presiding

- Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College
Conjuring Black Lives: Parallel Histories of Hoodoo, Healing, and Resistance
- Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Vanderbilt University
Mixed-Method Investigations of Public Humanities Through Digital Humanities
- Douglas Clark, Vanderbilt University
Queering Black Religions in the Long Civil Rights Movement: Pauli Murray and Bayard Rustin in Civil Rights Historiography
- Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
The Heirs of Malcolm X Have Taken Up the Gun: Religion and the Black Panthers' Fight for Black Survival

Business Meeting:

- Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University
- Tobin Shearer, University of Montana

AV20-406

VIRTUAL SESSION

Buddhism Unit

Theme: **New Work in Buddhist Studies**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

- Christina A. Kilby, James Madison University
The Limits of Karma: Humanitarian Crises and the Ethics of Governmental Responsibility
- James Gentry, Stanford University
The Porosity of Brahmin Flesh in Tantric Buddhist Pill Practice in Tibet: Contested Boundaries and Ambiguous Efficacies
- Wei Wu, Emory University
The True Faith and the Deluded Faith: Buddhism in the Anti-superstition Campaigns in Modern China
- Douglas Gildow, Chinese University Hong Kong
What Is a Buddhist in Modern China?

A20-407

Catholic Studies Unit

Theme: **Law and Order Catholicism**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–221A

Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Matthew Cressler, College of Charleston
- Michael Graziano, University of Northern Iowa
- Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
- Daisy Vargas, University of Arizona

A20-408



Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **Book Panel on Andrew Davison's Participation in God: A Study in Christian Doctrine and Metaphysics (Cambridge University Press, 2019)**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–213

Daniel Wade McClain, Loyola University Maryland, Presiding

Panelists:

- Jennifer Martin, Alexandria, VA
- Kara Slade, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies

Responding:

- Andrew Davison, University of Cambridge

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A20-409

Class, Religion, and Theology Unit

Theme: **Religion In/Against the Capitalist Workplace**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Presiding

John Aden, Yale University

Religion and Worker Cooperatives in the COVID Era and Beyond

Lauren R. Kerby, Harvard University

The Heroes of COVID-19: Deep Stories of Work and Workers on the Frontlines

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University

The Idiosyncratic, the Organization, and the Sabbath Observer: How the EEOC Imagines Religion at Work

Levi Checketts, Santa Clara University

Singularity and Natality: Transhumanists and Hans Jonas on Secular Attitudes toward Death

Responding:

Jamie Brummitt, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

A20-412



Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit

Theme: **The Past and Future State of (Orthodox) Theology**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar E

Erin Walsh, University of Chicago, Presiding

Cyril Hovorun, Loyola Marymount University

Is Scholasticism a Pseudomorphosis? Identifying the Political Theology of Fr Georges Florovsky.

Lance Green, University of St Andrews

Participation, History, and Truth: Phenomenology and the Orthodox Icon

Ashley Purpura, Purdue University

Troubling the Gender of Orthodox Theology: Acknowledging the Limits of the Past and Thinking toward Inclusion

Responding:

Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter

Business Meeting:

Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter

AV20-410

VIRTUAL SESSION

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Religions, Social Conflict and Peace Unit

Theme: **Conspirituality, Christian White Nationalism, and Transnational Subjectives**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, Presiding

Susannah Crockford, Ghent University

A Deep State of Illusion: Conspiracies, Democracy, and Spirituality in the Current Moment

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University

Futile Fantasies and Fascism: Conspiratorial Theologies and the Orthodox Far-Right Movement

Edward Escalon, University of Toronto

Unholy Smokes: Tear Gas and the Reluctant Sacrament of State Violence

Responding:

Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame

A20-413

Ethics Unit

Theme: **Anger, Contempt, and Affect in Religious Ethics**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar F

Rebecca Epstein-Levi, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Barbara Anne Kozee, Jesuit School of Theology

Anger as Mediator and Cultural Boundary: Sara Ahmed and Ethical Methodology

Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University

Burning with Righteousness: Anger as an Expression of Sociopolitical and Divine Participation

Leonard Curry, Vanderbilt University

Where Did Her Anger Go? Nadine Collier and the (Im)Possibility of Anger

A20-411

Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit

Theme: **Breaking Boundaries: New Approaches to Death and Technology**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–304A

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

Ori Tavor, University of Pennsylvania

Bringing Out the Dead: How Virtual Reality Is Changing Chinese Ancestor Worship

Jacob Boss, Indiana University

Dying in the Meat: Grassroots Transhumanism on the Engines of Immortality (to the Memory of Mario Savio)



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A20-414



History of Christianity Unit

Theme: **Modern Uses of the Premodern**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–008A

Minji Lee, Reunion Institute, Presiding

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Wake Forest University
Christian Supremacy and the Court: The Accidental Reproduction of an Ancient Polemic

C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University
Contagion, Anxiety, Panic: An Affective Genealogy of Transphobia

Roy Fisher, University of California, Berkeley
Peter Sellars, Bach's Passions, and the Remediation of the Sacred with the Berliner Philharmoniker

Business Meeting:

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College

Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College

AV20-415

VIRTUAL SESSION

Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit

Theme: **Mesoamerica at the Borders: Religious Contacts Beyond Space and Time**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas, Presiding

Yanitsa Buendia De Llaca, University of California, Santa Barbara
Can Mesoamerican Studies Speak to Live Religions? On How to Situate Toltec and Aztec Revivals Within and Beyond Mesoamerica

Daniel Nourry, University of Texas
Indigenous Body, Narrative Body, Sacred Body: The Construction of the Erasure of Indigeneity as Sacred Action

Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas
Teotihuacan and Tollan in the Hierarchy of Nahua Ritual Specialists

Mallory Matsumoto, University of Texas
Tracking Wahy: Distribution of a Classic Maya Concept in Text and Iconography

Responding:

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University

AV20-416

VIRTUAL SESSION

Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit

Theme: **Exploring the Intersection of Lesbian-Feminisms and Islamic Studies**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Anna Piela, Northwestern University, Presiding

Lauren Osborne, Whitman College
Affective Economies in Sayyid Qutb's Thought on the Qur'an

Fatima Seedat, University of Cape Town
Intersections and Assemblages: South Africans Negotiating Privilege and Marginality Through Freedom of Religion and Sexual Difference

Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University
Maryam Jameelah and the Affective Dimensions of the Islamic Revival

Zaynab Shahar, Chicago Theological Seminary
Re/Interpretations and Re/Orientations: Towards a Lesbian-Feminist Epistemology for Gender Justice in Islamic Law

A20-418



Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Kierkegaard, Contagion, Class, and Corporeal Vulnerability Part 1**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham C

Tekoa Robinson, Villanova University, Presiding

Marilyn Piety, Drexel University
Pulling Ourselves Together: Kierkegaard on the Catechesis of Contagion

Jared Highlen, Boston College
Isolation, Conspiracy, and the Privation of Narrative Meaning in Fear and Trembling's "Attunement"

Wojciech Kaftanski, Harvard University, The Human Flourishing Program
Kierkegaard, Emotional Contagion, and Affective Sociability

Responding:

Helene Russell, Christian Theological Seminary

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VIRTUAL SESSION



Korean Religions Unit and Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit

Theme: **Stinky Neighbors: Religion, Socio-economics, and the Other in *Parasite***

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Minjung Noh, Drew University, Presiding

Michael Baysa, Princeton University
Constructing Space and Religion in Bong Joon Ho's Parasite (2019)

Min-Ah Cho, Georgetown University
Love Thy Stinky Neighbor: Bong Joon-ho's Parasite in Conversation with Slavoj Žižek

Timothy Dwight Davis, Vanderbilt University
They Are Nice Because They Are Rich: Bong Joon-ho's Parasite and Religious Anticapitalist Critique

Responding:

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University

A20-420

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit

Theme: **Decolonizing Global Lutheranism: Theological Education, Ministry, Sacrament, and Empire**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

David Brondos, Theological Community of Mexico
An Ever More Critical Dialogue: Table-Talking with Paulo Freire on Education and Liberation

Adam Vander Tuig, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York
By Any Sacramental Means Necessary: Baptism as Defiance of Ecocide and Empire

Wanda Deifelt, Luther College
Decolonizing Lutheran Diaconia

Cynthia Holder Rich, Tumaini University Makumira, and R. Ward Holder, Saint Anselm College
Decolonizing Theological Education: An International Experiment

AV20-421

VIRTUAL SESSION

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

Theme: **Systems and Structures of Moral Injury in the XXI Century**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Michael Yandell, Emory University, Presiding

Ana Maria Rodriguez Alfonso, Boston University
A Decolonial Proposal of Forgiveness and Reconciliation Based One Trauma

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian University
And Then Your Soul Is Gone: Moral Injury and U.S. War-Culture

Wendy Wiseman, University of California, Santa Barbara
Anthropocenic Trauma: Anticipating the Moral Injury of Betrayal in a Warming World

AV20-422

VIRTUAL SESSION

Mormon Studies Unit

Theme: **Visualizing Mormon Sacred Space**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

Adam Dunstan, University of Alaska, Anchorage
Latter-Day Landscapes: Sacred Space, the Hill Cumorah Pageant, and the Internationalization of the LDS Church

Quincy D. Newell, Hamilton College, and Sara Patterson, Hanover College
Mormonism's First Bad Girl: The Feminization of Doubt in LDS Collective Memory

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara
Travel of the Truest Kind: Stereoscopic Tourism in Mormon History

Nicholas Austin, Florida State University
With Love, the Saints: Visualizing Mormonism in Turn-of-the-Century American Postcards

A20-423

North American Religions Unit

Theme: **(Re)Inventing American Religion from Around the Empire**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis AB

Jennifer Graber, University of Texas, Presiding

Valeria Vergani, Stanford University
Interfaith at the Borderlands: Great Lakes Indigenous Sovereignty, American Religions, and the 2018 Toronto Parliament of the World's Religions

Melissa Bendt, University of New Mexico
Oil Ontologies in the Land of Enchantment: Reading the Theological in Archives of the Technological

Kevin Rose, University of Virginia
The Ecology of Empire: Christian Environmental Consciousness as Postcolonial Anxiety

Anca Wilkening, Harvard University
The Making of Ohio's First White Child: Whiteness, Settler Colonialism, and Frontier Memory Work Among Nineteenth-Century American Moravians

Responding:

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto



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AV20-424 VIRTUAL SESSION

Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Isolation Without Solitude: Mothering as a Critical Lens for Theorizing Cohesion and Collapse in the Face of Plague**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Lisa Gasson-Gardner, Drew University, Presiding

Panelists:

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College

Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary

A20-425



Quaker Studies Unit

Theme: **Quakers and Social Power**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham D

Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Stephen Zunes, University of San Francisco
Quaker Schools and Censorship of Israeli and Palestinian Voices for Peace

Stephen Angell, Earlham School of Religion
Sojourner Truth and Sarah Mapps Douglass: Intersections Between Race and Class

Andrew Taylor, University of Virginia, and Isaac May, University of Virginia
The Invention of Professional Quakerism: Bureaucracy, Ministry, Academia, and Social Class in the Shaping of Twentieth Century American Quaker Leadership

Responding:

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University

David Harrington Watt, Haverford College

AV20-426 VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion and Cities Unit

Theme: **Gentrification, Community and Religion**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

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

Edward Dunar, Albertus Magnus College
Building Housing in God's Backyard: A Case Study in Affordable Housing Ministry

Debbie Brubaker, Vanderbilt University
Gentrification... Can You Feel It?

Matt Waggoner, Albertus Magnus College
Regenerative Cities: Patricia Johanson's Multispecies Urban Infrastructure Gardens

Responding:

Stanley Jenkins, Morgan State University

Business Meeting:

Rupa Pillai, University of Pennsylvania

AV20-427 VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion and Human Rights Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics Session: Eric Nelson, *Levinas, Adorno, and the Ethics of the Material Other* (SUNY Press, 2020)**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Martin Shuster, Goucher College, Presiding

Panelists:

Emilia Angelova, Concordia University

Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska, Omaha

Leah Kalmanson, University of North Texas

Responding:

Eric Nelson, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

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A20-428

Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Election and Insurrection**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–006B

Ann Duncan, Goucher College, Presiding

Matthew D. Taylor, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies

"We Are Going to Rule and Reign Through Trump and Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ" – a Stereotype-Defying, Immigrant, Christian Nationalist Pastor at the January DC Protests

Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia

Global Prayer for Election Integrity: What Do Evangelical Prayers for President Trump's Reelection Reveal About Conspirituality?

Rebecca Barrett-Fox, Hesston College

Holy Emperor, Messiah, or Svengali? Christian Nationalists' Invocations of Donald Trump Before and After Arrest for Domestic Terrorism

Scott Culpepper, Dordt University

QAnon, Christian Media, and the Dark Legacies of the Satanic Panic

A20-429

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Science Skepticism and Religion**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–216

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Josh Reeves, Samford University

Science and Religion in an Age of Conspiracy

Joshua Urich, Trinity University

Conspiracies as Critiques: A Mythic Approach to Conspiracy Theories

A20-430

Tantric Studies Unit and Yogacara Studies Unit

Theme: **Yogācāra Themes in Tantric Sādhana: Hevajratāntra 1.8.24–56**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–205

John Dunne, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Panelists:

Daniel McNamara, Rangjung Yeshe Institute

Davey Tomlinson, Villanova University

Rae Dachille, University of Arizona

Jingjing Li, Leiden University

AV20-431

VIRTUAL SESSION



Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: **Towards a Postcolonial Pedagogy: Teaching Asian Religions in the 2020s**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Quinn Clark, Columbia University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jay Ramesh, Columbia University

Marko Geslani, University of South Carolina

Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Lang Chen, University of Michigan

Megan Robb, University of Pennsylvania

Manpreet Kaur, Columbia University

Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn

Mark Balmforth, University of Toronto

A20-432



Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **COVID-19 and Gendered, Sexualized Anti-AAPI Hate**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–212

Nami Kim, Spelman College, Presiding

Panelists:

Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology

SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College

Lisa Cunningham, Drew University



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Saturday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

A20-433



Constructive Muslim Thought and Engaged Scholarship Seminar

Theme: **Critical Questions for Constructive Muslim Thought**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–007B

Sarra Tlili, University of Florida, Presiding

Ramon Harvey, Ebrahim College

The Epistemic Crisis in Sunni Theology: A Critical Diagnosis and Constructive Prescription

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College

The Ethnographic Imagination and Constructive Muslim Thought

Caner Dagli, College of the Holy Cross

The Premises, Procedures, and Purposes of Answering the Question “Is X Islamic?”

Responding:

Ebrahim Moosa, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Chicago Theological Seminary

AV20-434

VIRTUAL SESSION

Mahabharata and Classical Hinduism Seminar

Theme: **Alf Hiltebeitel’s Legacy and the Literary-Critical Method**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University, Presiding

Brian Collins, Ohio University

“Epic” Scholarship: Reckoning with Alf Hiltebeitel’s Contributions to the Study of the Mahābhārata

Vishwa Adluri, Hunter College

Fathers and Sons: Deconstructing Paternity and Engendering Literature

Joydeep Bagchee, Independent Scholar

The Mahābhārata as Literature: Hiltebeitel’s “Literary Turn” at 20

A20-435

VIRTUAL SESSION

Theological Education Committee Meeting

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

P20-401

Society for the Study of Japanese Religions

Theme: **Informal Workshop and Discussions on Job Hunting, Publishing, and More**

6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Offsite

The Society for the Study of Japanese Religions is hosting an informal workshop and discussion session at this year’s conference. Have questions that you’re afraid to ask or senpai knowledge you want to share? This is the space for you! The session is organized as a set of virtual “conversation tables” centered on topics of interest for members at many levels of their careers. These topics include the job search, publishing, second books, tenure and promotion, teaching, and fellowships. Each “table” will be anchored by hosts who will share their knowledge in these areas, and others are welcome to add their perspectives as well. Given the hybrid nature of the AAR conference this year, the SSJR committee has decided to run this as a virtual event, so members who cannot travel to San Antonio can attend. We have set it at a time allowing for participation from North America, Japan, and more, so feel free to join in as you are able! More information about how to join will be sent out via the SSJR email and over social media closer to the meeting time. Non-members who wish to attend can contact Matthew Mitchell (mmitchell@allegheny.edu) for information.

AV20-437

VIRTUAL SESSION

Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee

Theme: **Creating Connections**

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University, and W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

A20-438



Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Reception

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Convention Center–225D

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

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Saturday, 7:00 PM and Later

P20-501

College Theology Society

Theme: **Liturgy**

7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Grand G

PV20-503

VIRTUAL SESSION

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Theme: **Rethinking Connectivity: Asian Perspectives**

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College
Liberating Consciousness from the Anthropocene: Reading the Gnostic Gospels from a Tantric Perspective

Michael Tze-Sung Longenecker, Wuhan University
"Useless Use" in the Zhuangzi and Identifying with the Universe

Sergio Andre Gerardo F. Gabriel, Ateneo de Manila University
Rediscovering a "Connected" Self Tied to Humanity and the Environment Through Fr. Albert Alejo's Filipino Concept of Loob

A20-502



Film: *Devout and Dangerous: The Berrigans*

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Convention Center–213

Michael Budde, DePaul University, Presiding

Devout and Dangerous: The Berrigans, dir. by Susan Hagedorn (2021, 82 minutes). The film tells the story of two Catholic priests and a nun whose 50-plus years of radical peacemaking ranges from burning draft files during the Vietnam War to symbolic destruction of nuclear weapons in Plowshares action, and more. It relates their gospel-based opposition to war and oppression, the movements they inspired and the personal costs they paid, and the opposition they generated from church and state leaders. *Devout and Dangerous* digs deep into the actions that made the Berrigans pop icons, the subjects of rock songs, appearing on the front page of newspapers, in films, on talk shows and in pulpits world-wide. The film uses 25 years of intimate interviews, live footage of nonviolent demonstrations and actions, and interviews with an impressive host of notable figures the Berrigans inspired, Dans poetry, read by actor Liam Neeson, and Phil's intimate letters, read by actor Bill Pullman, are woven through the film. *Devout and Dangerous* brings the Berrigans and their Gospel alive, inspiring us at this dangerous crossroads that fighting for what's right is not a choice, but a necessity.

Panelists:

Susan Hagedorn, College of William and Mary

A20-503



Film: *J.R. 'Bob' Dobbs and the Church of the SubGenius*

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Convention Center–301A

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Directed by Sandy Boone (2019), 85 mins, The Church of the SubGenius has been called "the most aggressively preposterous theology the world has ever known!" But what is the Church? Filmmaker Sandy K. Boone explores the underground movement that has galvanized the imaginative, the artistic, the nerdy, even the deranged — to examine the simmering dystopia in their culture, and do absolutely nothing about it — except, maybe, poke fun at it all. Co-sponsored by the Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and the New Religious Movements Unit.

Panelists:

Joseph Laycock, Texas State University

Joseph Christian Greer, Harvard University

A20-507



AAR Presidential Address: Religion, Inequality, and the Will to "Stop"

8:00 PM–9:00 PM

Convention Center–Stars at Night 1

Mayra Rivera, Harvard University, Presiding



Marla Frederick

Rising social inequality defines much of our world today, evidenced not only by the disproportionate effects of poverty and climate change, but also by the uneven impact of the global pandemic on resourced and under-resourced communities. As scholars, we understand that religion often plays the role of both hero and villain in our efforts to live justly in the world. Navigating the lived effects of global supremacies can motivate collective action or forms of existential denial that reproduce the status quo. This session asks not what religion can help us do, but rather what might religion help us cease to do, "to Stop."

Panelists:

Marla Frederick, Emory University

P20-513

College Theology Society Reception

8:00 PM–9:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Grand F

A20-506



Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR)

Reception for Authors and Editorial Board Members

9:30 PM–11:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Oak Tree Terrace



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A21-101

American Academy of Religion Business Meeting

7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Convention Center–209

Marla Frederick, Emory University, and Alice Hunt, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Join the AAR Board of Directors for a continental breakfast and brief business meeting.

P21-103

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions

Theme: **Women Scholars in the Study of Chinese Religions Breakfast**

7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Hyatt Regency–Regency Center 1-3

Sunday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A21-102



Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting

9:00 AM–9:30 AM

Convention Center–225C

Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

AV21-103

VIRTUAL SESSION



Academic Relations Committee

Theme: **But How Am I Going to Get a Job? Professional Development for Undergraduates**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Panelists:

Cara Burnidge, University of Northern Iowa
Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University
Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University
Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University

A21-104



Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: **Academic Religion Centers as Sites of Training and Employment for PhDs**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt-Bonham B

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University, Presiding

Panelists:

Silas Allard, Emory University
J. Kameron Carter, Indiana University
Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham
Willemien Otten, University of Chicago

A21-105

Publications Committee Meeting

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–224

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

AV21-106

VIRTUAL SESSION

Status of LGBTIQ Persons, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and Women in the Profession Committees

Theme: **Telling the Truth of Our Lives, 2.0: Deepening Intersectional Coalition Building as Scholars, Educators, and Activists**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Panelists:

Teresa Smallwood, Vanderbilt University
Michael A. Walker, North Park Theological Seminary
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University
Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific University
Angela Parker, Mercer University
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University

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AV21-107 VIRTUAL SESSION

Theological Education Committee

Theme: **Theological Education Between the Times**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Rachelle Green, Fordham University, Presiding

Panelists:

Mark Jordan, Harvard University
Willie J. Jennings, Yale University
Chloe Sun, Logos Evangelical Seminary
Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary
Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Eastern University
Daniel O. Aleshire, Association of Theological Schools

A21-110

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Performing Race, Religion, and the Secular**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Travis CD

Josef Sorett, Columbia University, Presiding

Panelists:

Hannah Garvey, Indiana University
Charles McCrary, Arizona State University
Alexia Williams, University of Illinois
Lindsay Reckson, Haverford College
Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College

AV21-108 VIRTUAL SESSION

Religions in Global Perspective: In Honor of Mark Juergensmeyer

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Kathleen Moore, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Panelists:

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College
Julie J. Ingersoll, University of North Florida
Margo Kitts, Hawai'i Pacific University
Jamel Velji, Claremont McKenna College

Responding:

Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara

A21-111 VIRTUAL SESSION

Baha'i Studies Unit

Theme: **New Perspectives on Baha'i Scholarship and Community Life**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Julia Berger, Montclair State University, Presiding

Mike McMullen, University of Houston, Clear Lake
Bahá'í Race Unity Efforts since 2000: Evidence from FACT Data

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend
Producing the World of the Bahá'í Faith

Christopher Glen White, Vassar College
The Baha'i Faith and Religious Studies Scholarship: Reflections on Belief and Secularism in the U.S. Academy

Responding:

Susan Maneck, Jackson State University

Business Meeting:

Christopher Glen White, Vassar College
Julia Berger, Montclair State University

A21-109

Anthropology of Religion Unit and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit

Theme: **Critical Terms for the Ethnography of Religion**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–212

Brendan Jamal Thornton, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Panelists:

Christopher Taylor, George Mason University
Lauren Leve, University of North Carolina
Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa
N. Fadeke Castor, Northeastern University
Stephen Selka, Indiana University
Jessica Johnson, College of William and Mary

Responding:

Eric Hoenes Del Pinal, University of North Carolina, Charlotte





SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

AV21-112 VIRTUAL SESSION

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit and Christian Spirituality Unit

Theme: **Ecologies of Gracious Encounter**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg University, Presiding

Jacob Cook, Wake Forest University

A Free, Responsible Approach to Actively Identifying (with) Jesus in Interreligious and Other Complex Contexts

Jean-Pierre Fortin, University of Toronto

Mercy as Conversion in Dialogue: Theological Encounter Between Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Pope Francis

Lisa E. Dahill, California Lutheran University

Weirding Life Together: Bonhoeffer, Interspecies Community, and the Wilds of Southern California

AV21-113 VIRTUAL SESSION



Buddhism Unit and Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit

Theme: **Challenging Privilege in Buddhist Institutions and in Buddhist Studies**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Liz Wilson, Miami University of Ohio, Presiding

Panelists:

Jimmy Yu, Florida State University

Nirmala S. Salgado, Augustana College

Bee Scherer, Intersectional Centre for Inclusion and Social Justice

Kali Cape, University of Virginia

Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College

Bryan Lowe, Princeton University

Responding:

Kristin Scheible, Reed College

Business Meeting:

Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy

Barbra R. Clayton, Mount Allison University

AV21-114 VIRTUAL SESSION

Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **White, Green, and No Lotuses: Xiantiandao and the Question of Unities and Diversities in Chinese Sectarianism in Late Imperial and Modern China**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Elena Valussi, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

Nikolas Broy, Leipzig University

Mother Mythologies: Xiantiandao, Sectarian Repertoires, and 'Buddhist-Oriented' Sects in Late Imperial China and Modern Taiwan

Matthias Schumann, Heidelberg University

One Dao Pervading Them All? The Role of the Xiantiandao Tradition Among Redemptive Societies.

Rostislav Berezkin, Fudan University, Shanghai

Sectarian Teachings and Narrative Baojuan in the Late 19th Century: With the Example of the Complete Recension of Baojuan of Mulian

A21-115



Comparative Religious Ethics Unit and Confucian Traditions Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Aaron Stalnaker's *Mastery, Dependence, and the Ethics of Authority* (Oxford University Press, 2020)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center-005

Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University

Forging Common Conversation: Labor, Literature, and the Practices of Formation

Molly Farneth, Haverford College

Masters, Mastery, and Freedom

Mercedes Valmisa, Gettysburg College

TBA

Christopher Yang, Brown University

Virtue and Skill in Early Confucianism

Responding:

Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University

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AV21-116 VIRTUAL SESSION ★

Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit

Theme: **The Space and Place of Death, Dying and Living After**
9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Candi K. Cann, Baylor University, Presiding

Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego
"No Safe Space to Grieve": Death, Loss, and Mourning Among Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Courtney Applewhite, University of California, Santa Barbara
From Tomb to Zoom: Creating New Spaces to Memorialize the Dead

Natasha Mikles, Texas State University
Recommitment, Rejection, and Innovation: American Responses to COVID-19 Grief and Religious Identity

Joseph Williams, Rutgers University
Saints and Martyrs: Tribute Politics and the Deceased in Late Nineteenth Century Black Women's Activism

Business Meeting:

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University

Candi K. Cann, Baylor University

A21-117 ★

Ecclesiological Investigations Unit

Theme: **Narratives of Liberation Ecclesiologies**
9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–305

Laurel Marshall Potter, Boston College
"Yeast in the Dough": Ecclesial Base Communities Yesterday and Today

Michael Woolf, Harvard University
Can You Hear Me Now?: The Sanctuary Movement of the 1980s, Power, and Ecclesiology

Htoi San Lu, Vanderbilt University
Embodying the Body of Christ Through a Basileia Praxis of Rau: A Kachin Feminist Ecclesiology

Jason Steidl, Saint Joseph's College
Queer Latin@ Narrative as Ecclesiology: The Church Life of Nickie Valdez

Business Meeting:

Brian Flanagan, Marymount University

Dennis Doyle, University of Dayton

AV21-119 VIRTUAL SESSION ★

Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit

Theme: **Updating Global Indigenous Religious Traditions**
9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University
"Mother Is Important" (Nonyinū): An Ontology of Motherhood, Authority, and Ethics in Vodun Religious Cultures

Eglute Trinkauskaite, Maryland Institute College of Art
Embodied Soul-Breath-Wind in the Lithuanian Context

Yuria Celidwen, Pacifica Graduate Institute
Master Plants and Monster Medicine. Indigenous Contemplative and Western Medicine Practices: Towards Reciprocity and Recontextualization

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College
The Criminal Tribes Act, 150 Years Later: Negotiating the Long-Term Effects of the Criminalization of Border Crossing in Colonial India

Responding:

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College

Business Meeting:

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College

AV21-120 VIRTUAL SESSION ★

Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit

Theme: **Marcella Althaus-Reid: Pandemic and Precarity**
9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sarah Bloesch, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Lilith Acadia, National Taiwan University
"Only Your Labels Split Me": Epistemic Privilege, Boundaries, and Pretexts of 'Religion'

Ana Ester Pádua Freire, Pontificia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais
Oral Sex with a Wild Tongue: Denouncing Gender Violence in Brazil

Calli Micale, Yale University
Prophetic Witness and Productivism: An Althaus-Reidian Critique of Current Directions in Disability Theology

Delores Mondragon, University of California, Santa Barbara
Rematriation: Embodied Knowledge Informing Indigenous Ceremony and Participation

Responding:

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Activist Theology Project

Business Meeting:

Michelle Wolff, Augustana College



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Sunday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A21-121

Liberation Theologies Unit

Theme: **Liberating Voices/Confronting Coloniality**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Panelists:

Teresa Delgado, Iona College

Sunder John Boopalan, Princeton Theological Seminary

Bruce Rogers-Vaughn, Vanderbilt University

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University

Becca Whitla, University of Saskatchewan

Ary Fernández Albán, Seminario Evangélico de Teología de Matanzas

Responding:

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

A21-122

Middle Eastern Christianity Unit

Theme: **Emergent Oriental Orthodox Experiences in Diasporic Spaces**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–211

Heleen Murre-van den Berg, Radboud University, Presiding

Jan Gehm, Radboud University

Experiencing the Saints of the Syriac Orthodox Church in the Diaspora: Translations of Syriac Hagiography in the German Diaspora for the Syriac Orthodox Youth

Matija Milicic, Radboud University

Negotiating Contemporary Communal Challenges in the Coptic Diaspora: A Study on the Magazine of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the Netherlands

Habtom Yohannes, Radboud University

Tewahdos Between Adaptation and Preservation Through Digitalization

Gaetan Du Roy, Radboud University, and Christopher Sheklian, Radboud University

The Changing Visual Cultures of Oriental Orthodox Christians in Europe

Responding:

Sarah Bakker Kellogg, San Francisco State University

A21-123

Mysticism Unit

Theme: **Mysticism, Religion, and the Psychedelic Renaissance**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–214B

Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University, Presiding

F. LeRon Shults, University of Agder

Close Entity Encounters of the Psychedelic Kind: Insights and Inspiration from the Evolutionary Psychology of Religion

Michael Amoroso, Occidental College

Exceptional Experience: On Entheogens, Whiteness, and Mysticism

Sam Shonkoff, Graduate Theological Union

Psychedelics and Neo-Hasidism: A Case Study

Joshua Bishop, Fordham University

The Zihuatanejo Project's Theology of Psychedelics: Timothy Leary, Catholicism, and Countercultural Community in the 1960s

Responding:

Joseph Christian Greer, Harvard University

Laurice Russell, State University of New York, Buffalo

AV21-124

VIRTUAL SESSION

Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **New Directions in Islamic Ethics: Gendered Morality and the Polished Mirror**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Oludamini Ogunnaike, University of Virginia, Presiding

Loumia Ferhat, American University of Lebanon

Ethics, Gender, and Imagination in the Polished Mirror and Gendered Morality

Nora Jacobsen Ben Hammed, Bard College

Gendered Morality in the Polished Mirror

Omid Safi, Duke University

Rumi and the Ethics of Radical Love

Responding:

Cyrus Zargar, University of Central Florida

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College

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VIRTUAL SESSION



Practical Theology Unit

Theme: **An Author in Conversation: Nicola Slee, *Fragments for Fractured Times: What Feminist Practical Theology Brings to the Table* (SCM Press, 2020)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Kirsten Donskov Felter, Centre For Pastoral Education and Research, Presiding

Panelists:

Nicola Slee, The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, UK
Courtney T. Goto, Boston University
Thomas Schlag, University of Zurich
Pamela Couture, University of Toronto
Jaco Dreyer, University of South Africa
Heather Walton, University of Glasgow

A21-126



Religion and Disability Studies Unit

Theme: **Self and World from Disabled Perspectives: Pedagogical, Historical, and Theological Considerations**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–225A

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, Presiding

Courtney Wilder, Midland University
Photovoice as Pedagogical Tool: Embodiments of Disability in Religion Research

David Scott, Iliff School of Theology
Radical Interdependence Is the Heart of Flourishing: Imagining a Life Worth Living in Light of Profound Intellectual Disability

Megan Leverage, Central Michigan University
Spiritual Hearing and Seeing: Helen Keller's Swedenborgian Practices of Love, Use and Wisdom

Rudolph Reyes, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
The Need for Neurodivergent Latinx Liberation

Business Meeting:

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College
David Scott, Iliff School of Theology

A21-127



Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Religion, Ecology, and Place**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–006A

Forrest Clinger, Ohio Northern University, Presiding

Christy Randazzo, Haddonfield Friends Meeting
A Quaker Theology of the City: Placing Quaker Testimony, Ecotheology, and "Place" in Conversation

Annie Rose O'Brien, University of North Carolina
Everywhere Under Our Feet: Rituals and Relationships of Race in Southern Soils

Renan Dos Santos, University of São Paulo
The Teetering of the Brazilian Evangelical Environmentalism: From the Advent to the Collapse of a Rocha Brazil

Business Meeting:

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego

A21-128

Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Religion and Politics in International Contexts**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–208

Ann Duncan, Goucher College, Presiding

Ehsan Sheikholharam, University of North Carolina
Aga Khan's Notion of Pluralism: Constructing Authority Through Worldly Politics

John Thibdeau, University of California, Santa Barbara
Authorizing Moroccan Islam: Sufism and Spiritual Diplomacy

Andrew Gaber, Connors State College
Autonomies and Visions of the Jewish State(s)

Yunus Dogan Telli, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Truth, Evidence, and Conspiracy in Anti-globalist Imagination

A21-129

Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **The Gospel According to Bono: A Critical Conversation Around Neoliberal Religion**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–006C

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Melani McAlister, George Washington University
Paul W. Harvey, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College
Timothy Rainey, St. Olaf College

Responding:

Chad Seales, University of Texas

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

AV21-130

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion in Southeast Asia Unit

Theme: **Magic and Materiality in Southeast Asian Religions**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

James Hoesterey, Emory University, Presiding

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Rethinking the Anting-Anting: Filipino Magical Objects

Susanne Kerekes, Williams College
The Trump Yantra: How a Magical Cloth Made in Thailand Changed U.S. Politics

Aditya Bhattacharjee, University of Pennsylvania
When Size Does Matter: Dreams, Visions and Hindu Icons in Buddhist Thailand

Responding:

Oona Paredes, University of California, Los Angeles

Business Meeting:

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

A21-131



Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit and the United States Holocaust Memorial and Museum

Theme: **Book Panel: Laura Levitt's *The Objects That Remain* (Penn State University Press, 2020)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–225D

Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

Oren Stier, Florida International University

Responding:

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

Business Meeting:

Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies

A21-132



Religion, Sport, and Play Unit

Theme: **Shadows, Sins and Profits: Complicating Sport and Play**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–304A

Jeffrey Scholes, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Presiding

Jason Smith, Tougaloo College

"Pasta in Excess of the Permissible Amount Allowed": Collegiate Athletics and the Shadow Side of Confession

Zachary Smith, University of Tennessee, Sam Winemiller,

Independent Scholar, and Natalie Welch, Linfield University
A Tale of Two Quarterbacks and the Magic of Comparison: Muscular Christianity as White Racial Frame

Kimberly Diaz, University of California, Riverside

Nation Beautiful: Muscular Christianity and the Quest for Perfection

Francis Klose, Rosemont College

To "Make a Way Out of No Way": Latin America, Major League Baseball, and When Cheating Liberates

Business Meeting:

Jeffrey Scholes, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union

A21-133



Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit

Theme: **When Religion and Health Meet Sex, Race, and Science: New Books in the Field**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–008A

Mark Lambert, University of Chicago, Presiding

Panelists:

Philippa Koch, Missouri State University

Melissa Wilde, University of Pennsylvania

Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona

Responding:

Sara Moslener, Central Michigan University

Business Meeting:

Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College

Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona

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AV21-134 VIRTUAL SESSION

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Science and Conspiracy Theories**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Peter Jordan, University of Oxford, Presiding

Melanie Dzigan, Fuller Theological Seminary
Bill Gates and the Case of the Microchipped Vaccines

Christopher Howell, Duke University
"Everyone is After Them": Intelligent Design, Expertise, and Mainstream Science Skepticism

Katja Valaskivi, University of Helsinki
Opposing Values, Shared Beliefs? The Spread of Conspiratorial Thinking in Finland during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Angela Xia, University of Pennsylvania
What Affect Theory Can Offer the Study of Science and Religion

A21-135



Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Graduate Student Session**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Travis AB

Kristian Petersen, Old Dominion University, Presiding

Esra Tunc, University of California, Santa Barbara
Calculating Justice: Islam, Capital, and Social Good in the United States

Misbah Hyder, University of California, Irvine
Expanding "Opposition": The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Religious Ethics During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Hinasahar Muneeruddin, University of North Carolina
Gender-Becoming and the Queering of Ritual Performance in U.S. Muslim Spaces

Samira Musleh, University of Minnesota
Marriage and the Market: Obligatory Gift, Islam, and the Compensability of Reproductive Labor in Postcolonial Capitalism

Jordan Denari Duffner, Georgetown University
New Avenues in Christian Theologizing on the Prophet Muhammad

Nura Liepsner, Princeton University
The Rediscovery of Sacred Histories: Conceptions of the Ahl Al-Bayt in the Biographical Dictionaries of Zaynab Fawwaz and Princess Qadriyya Kamil

Business Meeting:

Zaid Adhami, Williams College

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College

A21-136

Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit

Theme: **Women in the Wesleyan/Methodist Traditions**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham C

Lacey Warner, Duke University, Presiding

Claudia Jetter, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany
"Religion Does Not Despoil Woman of Her Refined Sensibilities:" Phoebe Palmer's 'Female Prophecy' and the Wrestle with Male Tradition

Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Wesley Theological Seminary
Early Women Missionaries and the Founding of the WFMS: Connections to WCTU and the Suffragettes

Alex Gunter Parrish, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
The Woman's Home Missionary Society and Women's Voting: 2 Eras of Activism

Responding:

Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Azusa Pacific University

AV21-137 VIRTUAL SESSION



Western Esotericism Unit

Theme: **The Other Religious Studies: (Western) Esotericism and Early Scholarly Discourses on Religion**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Egil Asprem, Stockholm University, Presiding

Paulina Gruffman, Stockholm University
G. R. S. Mead's Influence on the Category of Western Esotericism

Franz Winter, University of Graz
In Search of the 'Gnostic Bible': The Pistis Sophia as a Text on the Crossroads of the Academic Study of Religion and Esotericism

Noah Gardiner, University of South Carolina
The Magician and Dr. Maximus: Sufism and Occultism Through the Skein of Orientalism

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania
The Occult Study of Religion: Ida Craddock's "Danse Du Ventre" (Teitan Press, 1893) and Heavenly Bridegrooms as Comparative Religion

Business Meeting:

Egil Asprem, Stockholm University

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania



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Sunday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A21-138



Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Women and Leadership in Critical Times: Religious Education and Beyond**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–302C

K. Christine Pae, Denison University, Presiding

Panelists:

Susan Abraham, Pacific School of Religion

Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology

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

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College

Business Meeting:

K. Christine Pae, Denison University

Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology

A21-139



Religions and Families in North America Seminar

Theme: **Working Group on Families and Religion in North America**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar B

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Mandy McMichael, Baylor University

Beauty Bonds: Mothers and Daughters in Christian Beauty Culture

David Walsh, Gettysburg College

Feeding the Ancestors, Feeding Ourselves: Indigenous Dene Family, Food, and Religious Ecology

Business Meeting:

Samira Mehta, University of Colorado

AV21-140

VIRTUAL SESSION



Transnational Religious Expression: Between Asia and North America Seminar

Theme: **Power and Politics in Transnational Religious Expressions**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Justin Stein, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Presiding

Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara
Asian Religions in the United States and Transnational Movements for Indian Independence, Through Gadar and Gandhi

Catherine Hardie, Hong Kong Baptist University
Barely Beyond the Nation: Mainland Han Chinese Participation in the World of Exile-Based Tibetan Buddhism

Younghwa Kim, Emory University
Between and Between: Expected Interaction but Unexpected Intervention in the Reconstruction of the Korean Methodist Church

Jesse Lee, Florida State University
Blut Und Boden, Chi to Tsuchi: On Ethnological Agriculture, the American Alien Land Laws, and Competing Manifest Destinies

Minjung Noh, Drew University
Transnational Politics and Korean Evangelicalism: Towards a New Language

Responding:

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

M. Shobhana Xavier, Queen's University

A21-141

Exploratory Session: Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion: Topics, Categories, Questions

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham D

Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding

Panelists:

Nikky Singh, Colby College

Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose

Gereon Kopf, Luther College

Leah Kalmanson, University of North Texas

Fritz Detwiler, Adrian College

Jin Y Park, American University

Nathan R. B. Loewen, University of Alabama

J. Aaron Simmons, Furman University

Purushottama Bilimoria, Graduate Theological Union

Agnieszka Rostalska, Ghent University

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AV21-142 VIRTUAL SESSION

Exploratory Session: Poetics, Poiesis, and Buddhist Experiments with the Possible

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University, Presiding

Panelists:

Nancy Lin, University of California, Berkeley
Natalie Gummer, Beloit College
Thomas Mazanec, University of California, Santa Barbara
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University
Sonam Kachru, University of Virginia

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

AV21-148 VIRTUAL SESSION

Scriptural Reasoning Unit

Theme: **Plural Methods in Interreligious Engagement: A Roundtable**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Mark James, Hunter College, Presiding

Panelists:

Marianne Moyaert, Vrije University Amsterdam
Paul Hedges, Nanyang Technological University
Judith Gruber, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Eckhard Zemmrich, Humboldt University Berlin

Responding:

Nicholas Adams, University of Birmingham

A21-145 (=S21-148)



Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and SBL Violence and Representations of Violence Unit

Theme: **Religion, Violence, and Xenophobia**

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center–304C

Christine Luckritz Marquis, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

Alexander Perkins, Fordham University
Fearing Foreign Femininity: Roman Xenophobia in the Sexual Ethics of Clement of Alexandria

Marc-Andre Argentino, Concordia University, Montreal
Meme War: Xenophobia and Ideology in the QAnon Conspiracy Theory

Patrick Stefan, University of Denver
Ritual, Religion, and Wartime Violence

Edmond (Shlomo) Zuckier, Yale University
Sacrificing Gentiles? Alterity and Sacrifice in Ancient Judaism

Business Meeting:

Chase L. Way, Claremont Graduate University
Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian University

PV21-143 VIRTUAL SESSION

Karl Barth Society of North America

Theme: **Engaging Barth in Conversation, Volumes 1-3**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Keith Johnson, Wheaton College, Presiding

Members of the Barth Translators' seminar of the Center for Barth Studies will present papers engaging with the three volumes of the recently published Barth in Conversation series by Westminster/John Knox Press. The papers will include discussions of the translation process as well as the content of the conversations. The presentations will be followed by an open discussion.

John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Barth in Conversation: Fascism, Communism, and Evangelical Freedom

Matthias Gockel, University of Basel
Introduction to the Barth in Conversation Series

Paul Nimmo, University of Aberdeen
Karl Barth and the Baptism Controversy

Oliver Keenan, Blackfriars, Oxford
Theology and/as Conversation: Barth's 'Gespräch' as Dogmatic Pedagogy

Cambria Kaltwasser, Northwestern College
Theology as Friendship in the Barth Conversations



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

PV21-144

VIRTUAL SESSION

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies

Theme: **Music, Calligraphy, and the Performance of Sacred Texts**
9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Jonathan Homrighausen, Duke University, and Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary, Presiding

While many artists respond to sacred texts by translating the concepts, metaphors, and narratives of the written word into their particular medium, this panel focuses specifically on artistic forms that engage the words of the texts themselves: musical settings, calligraphic renderings, and dramatic interpretations. What is lost and what is added in these processes of translation? How do different artistic media engage the meanings of the words in relation to their oral sounds or visual written forms? Finally, what insights might be gleaned from bringing different artistic forms into conversation? Each of the four papers in this panel is delivered by a scholar of religious texts who has practical training in the artistic medium they consider. Two papers examine the process of translating texts into oral modes, specifically musical settings of the poetry of George Herbert and dramatic interpretation of Gospel narratives. The other two papers focus on calligraphic visual interpretations: one, of Psalms; the other, of the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins. All four papers highlight the interpretive choices made by performers and artists as they craft their translation. Despite the recent flowering of scholarship on religion and the arts and the reception history of biblical texts, there remains much to explore in the specific ways various artistic media perform or translate sacred texts. The difficulty of acquiring critical vocabulary in specific art-forms adds to this gap in scholarship. This panel will stimulate a rich discussion relevant to scholars and practitioners in religion and the arts, theology, and biblical reception.

Panelists:

Devon Abts, Wesley Theological Seminary
Megan Wines, Loyola University Chicago

Responding:

Jennifer Awes-Freeman, United Theological Seminary

PV21-149

VIRTUAL SESSION



African Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **Discussion of Joel Cabrita's *The People's Zion: Southern Africa, the United States and a Transatlantic Faith-Healing Movement* (Harvard University Press, 2018)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

This panel will discuss Professor Joel Cabrita's award-winning book, *The Peoples Zion: Southern Africa, the United States and a Transatlantic Faith-Healing Movement*, Harvard University Press, 2018. The book has received the American Society of Church History's Albert C. Outler Prize for 2019. In *The Peoples Zion*, Joel Cabrita tells the transatlantic story of Southern Africa's largest popular religious movement, Zionism. It began in Zion City, a utopian community established in 1900 just north of Chicago. The Zionist church, which promoted faith healing, drew tens of thousands of marginalized Americans from across racial and class divides. It also sent missionaries abroad, particularly to Southern Africa, where its uplifting spiritualism and pan-racialism resonated with urban working-class whites and blacks. Circulated throughout Southern Africa by Zion City's missionaries and literature, Zionism thrived among white and black workers drawn to Johannesburg by the discovery of gold. Cabrita shows how Zionists on either side of the Atlantic used the democratic resources of evangelical Christianity to stake out a place of belonging within rapidly-changing societies. The book is an intervention in discussions around transnational religion, the global spread of evangelicalism in the modern era, and the continued saliency of Christian universalism in a politically repressive climate.

Panelists:

Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University
Lauren Jarvis, University of North Carolina
Retief Muller, Calvin University

Responding:

Joel Cabrita, Stanford University

A21-150

San Fernando Cathedral and Governor's Mansion Tour

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Meet in Lobby

The San Fernando Cathedral and Governor's mansion tour is a little over half a mile from the convention center and comfortable shoes should be worn. San Fernando Cathedral has a fascinating history and is indeed the oldest cathedral in the State of Texas. The guide will relate the history of this magnificent church and then we are off to the Governor's mansion just one block away. The gardens at the Spanish Governor's mansion are breathtaking. The tour guide will relate the story behind the historical building and the earliest history of the area under Spanish rule. Duration of the tour of San Fernando Cathedral and the Governor's mansion is approximately one hour. \$25

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AV21-147 VIRTUAL SESSION



Plenary Panel: Race, Religion and Reparations

11:15 AM–12:15 PM

Convention Center–Stars at Night 1

Marla Frederick, Emory University, Presiding



Kirsten Mullen



William Darity



Keri Day

2020 was a year of great tragedy in which the twin crises of the coronavirus pandemic and racial injustice – evidenced by highly public cases of police brutality, anti-black violence, and disproportionate rates of Covid-related deaths – brought into sharp focus deep-seated racial and economic inequality. In an effort to address historical wrongs, discussions of reparations were reignited across the country, including at several universities, as they examined their school's involvement in American slavery. On what moral and ethical grounds does an argument for reparations stand? What concrete, data-driven means of remediation are possible? And, how might we learn from the response of some universities and seminaries in addressing calls for reparations on their campuses? On this panel we will talk with the authors of the ground breaking text, 'From Here to Equality': Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century along with a seminary professor who has worked to address the issue of reparations on her campus.

Panelists:

Kirsten Mullen, Folklorist and Founder/ Director Artefactual

William Darity, Duke University

Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary

Sunday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

A21-201 VIRTUAL SESSION

Academic Relations Committee

Theme: **Retiring from . . . or Retiring To? Life and Work in Retirement**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

Panelists:

Martha L Finch, Missouri State University

Mark Jordan, Harvard University

Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas

Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary

AV21-202 VIRTUAL SESSION



Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: **Another Plan A: Religious Studies Education and Careers Beyond the Academy**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

Panelists:

Joshua Bartholomew, Harvard University

Vanessa Zoltan, Chaplain, Podcaster, Writer

A21-151

Sunday Riverwalk Riverboat/Walking Tour

12:00 PM–1:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Meet in Lobby

The Riverwalk private riverboat tour is a guided tour on a San Antonio Riverboat. The tour on the Riverboat travels on the river loop around the city of San Antonio on the San Antonio River and the duration is approximately 35 minutes. After the riverboat tour, we will disembark and walk to an area on the Riverwalk where giftshops and sidewalk cafes can be found for a nice luncheon on the Riverwalk. \$37

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Sunday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

A21-203



Graduate Student Committee

Theme: **Confronting Poverty and Inequality as Scholars (and Students) of Religion**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–207B

Shauness Jacobs, Boston University, and Chris Miller, University of Waterloo, Presiding

Heeyoung Jung, Claremont School of Theology
A New Paradigm for Everyone's Need, Not for Everyone's Greed: Arguing for the Connection Between Poverty and Hunger, Focusing on Poor Women and Children

Amina McIntyre, Vanderbilt University
Acts of Revision: Rethinking Narratives and Approaches to Pastoral Care During the Pandemic

Lindsey Jackson, Concordia University
Digital Ethnographies: A Meaningful Shift During a Global Pandemic

Manvinder Gill, University of Toronto
Exploring Second-Generation Sikh-Canadians' Relationship with Alcohol

Xochiquetzal Luna Morales, Wilfrid Laurier University
Exposing Inequalities: How Do Catholic FBOs in Mexico and Russia Respond to the Pandemic, and Why Do We Need to Hear from Them in the News?

Lane Davis, Southern Methodist University
The Poor Are Always with Us: The Apathy of Religion in Modern American Progressivism

AV21-204

VIRTUAL SESSION



Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **AAR Journalism Awards**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Nathan Walker, 1791 Delegates, Presiding

This session recognizes this year's AAR Journalism Award recipients.



Jaweed Kaleem

Jaweed Kaleem, a national correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*, placed first. His artful narratives of five Americans revealed a poetic mosaic about the nature of religion in the age of Trump. Kaleem's winning entry included a feature of one of Auschwitz's last remaining survivors and a story about a rural Idaho Mormon family that spent a lifetime preparing for disasters. One juror observed that "Kaleem's depiction of an emerging clergyman illustrated the gritty reality of lived religion in an era of zoom worship". His investigation of a Catholic parish priest to immigrants who worked for Smithfield was an exposé of the intersection of religion, citizenship, food, Covid, and politics. The winning entry also included Kaleem's portrayal of a Christian Reform Church pastor's emotional struggle to leave his church and his ministry over Trump.



Jeff Sharlet

Jeff Sharlet, contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*, placed second. Sharlet took an in-depth approach to the politics of white Christian nationalism. In his analysis of biblical capitalism, Sharlet critiqued the "fusion" between "biblical capitalism of apocalyptic tendencies." He probed the relationship between President Trump's campaign rallies and the "gospel of numerology, tweetology, and white supremacy" while sounding the alarm of how the conspiracy of Qanon "is seeping into every corner of America's mind." In his investigation of the presidency in light of the power of local school board members, one juror noted that Sharlet "exposed a resurrected brand of "patriotic education" and, in other commentaries, confronted the rise of religious-based hate in America."



Adelle Banks

Adelle Banks, production editor and national reporter for the *Religion News Service*, placed third. She explored the growing pains and cultural barriers that come with building multiracial churches. Banks reported on the theology and science of religious gatherings during the pandemic and the visceral desire and danger of singing together. Banks' articles on voter mobilization within the Black Church and Stacy Abram's religious upbringing show the complex ways race and religion influenced 2020 politics. The jury acknowledged that Banks' story about reparation efforts in light of the 1923 massacre in the majority-Black enclave of Rosewood, Florida, "informs the national conversation about the public's illiteracy about American history, race, and religion."

Panelists:

Jaweed Kaleem, *Los Angeles Times*

Jeffrey Sharlet, Dartmouth College

Adelle Banks, *Religion News Service*

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AV21-205

VIRTUAL SESSION



Publications Committee

Theme: **The Transforming Publishing Landscape: What Scholars Need to Know**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Gregg Taylor, ATLA, Presiding

Panelists:

Loes Schouten, Brill

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University

Peter Berkery, The Association of University Presses

AV21-206

VIRTUAL SESSION

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Creative Responses to Catastrophe and Loss**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University, Presiding

Joel Swanson, University of Chicago

The Passion of Baudelaire: History Suspended Across the Abyss, from Walter Benjamin to Benjamin Fondane

Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago, Monika

Czekanowska, University of Warsaw, and Amitai Mendelsohn, The Israel Museum

Akedah as an Actual Sacrifice: Midrash Tanchuma, Marc Chagall and Abel Pann

Craig Tichelkamp, Stonehill College

Could Lady Poverty Read? The Construction of Littera and Literacy Among the Early Franciscans

Liam Miller, Charles Sturt University

To Refuse to Be Found Among the Dying: Angels in America and Sin in a Plague

AV21-207

VIRTUAL SESSION



Black Theology Unit

Theme: **What Must We Say to These Things? Anti-Blackness in the Age of COVID-19**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University, Presiding

Panelists:

J. Kameron Carter, Indiana University

Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones, Boston College

Josiah U. Young, Wesley Theological Seminary

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Jawanza Eric Clark, Manhattan College

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

A21-208

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit

Theme: **Bonhoeffer on the Crux of Formation**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–205

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Cole Jodon, Houston Graduate School of Theology

Bonhoeffer Before Crisis: The 1931 Catechism

Karola Radler, Stellenbosch University

The “Heretical Idea” and Excommunication – Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Theology Repudiating Carl Schmitt’s Ideology

Ryan Huber, Fuller Seminary

The Catholic Influence on the Formation of the “Bonhoeffer Circle”

AV21-209

VIRTUAL SESSION



Buddhism Unit

Theme: **Manifestos for Buddhist Studies**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Richard Nance, Indiana University, Presiding

Panelists:

Rongdao Lai, McGill University

Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

Natalie Gummer, Beloit College

Sonam Kachru, University of Virginia

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University

Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, Ohio State University

Responding:

Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado

Business Meeting:

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

Bryan Lowe, Princeton University



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A21-210

Catholic Studies Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit

Theme: **Indigenized Catholicism in North America**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–213

David Walsh, Gettysburg College, Presiding

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College

Christianity Embedded into the Landscape: Ambient Catholicism in an Indigenous Community Divided by the US–Mexico International Border

Rebecca Berru Davis, St. Catherine University

Inculturation: Catholic Expression and Native Reception at Two Franciscan Missions in Southeastern Montana

Andrea McComb Sanchez, University of Arizona

Pueblo Feast Days as Indigenized Catholicism

Abel Gomez, Syracuse University

Surviving the California Missions: Ohlone Narratives of Colonialism, Survival, and Belonging

Jason Sprague, University of Michigan, Dearborn

Ziigandaasowin: Indigenous Ojibwa Catholic Baptism Practices

AV21-211

VIRTUAL SESSION

Chinese Religions Unit and Contemplative Studies Unit and Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **The Contemplative Foundations of Classical Daoism**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University, Presiding

Panelists:

Andrew S. Meyer, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

Sarah Mattice, University of North Florida

Michael Nylan, University of California, Berkeley

Kevin Huang, City University of Hong Kong

Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University

Responding:

Harold D. Roth, Brown University

A21-212

Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **Human Brokenness and Human Flourishing in Eberhard Jüngel**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–006B

John Hoyum, University of Aberdeen, Presiding

Panelists:

David Bruner, Center for Spiritual Living

Deborah Casewell, University of Bonn

David Chao, Princeton Theological Seminary

Piotr Malysz, Beeson Divinity School

R. David Nelson, North American Lutheran Seminary

Christoph Schwoebel, University of St. Andrews

A21-213



Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **The Spiritual Genius of the Guru and the Rabbi**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–301A

Roberta Sabbath, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Presiding

Panelists:

Karen Pechilis, Drew University

Shira Schwartz, Syracuse University

Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute, Zefon Yehuda, Israel

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College

Responding:

Shaul Magid, Dartmouth College

Business Meeting:

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas

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A21-214



Confucian Traditions Unit

Theme: **New Studies in Confucian Thought: Ritual, Canonization, and Politics**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–225D

Michael Ing, Indiana University, Presiding

Baldwin Wong, Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
Confucianism and Neutrality: Why a Legitimate Confucian State Should Be Neutral

Shumo Wang, Harvard University
Hu Juren's Path to Canonization

Naiyi Hsu, Indiana University
The Moral Significance of the Ritualized Body in Early Confucian Thought: An Aesthetic Interpretation

Responding:

Bin Song, Washington College

Business Meeting:

Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University

Michael Ing, Indiana University

A21-215

Contemporary Islam Unit and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Muhammad's Body: Baraka and the Prophetic Assemblage—a Conversation**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–005

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Panelists:

Ash (Aisha) Geissinger, Carleton University

Rose Deighton, Emory University

Arafat Razzaque, University of Toronto

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra

Responding:

Michael Muhammad Knight, University of Central Florida

A21-216



Ethics Unit

Theme: **Religious Ethics: Meaning and Method**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-Travis CD

Bharat Ranganathan, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Panelists:

Niki Clements, Rice University

Rebecca Epstein-Levi, Vanderbilt University

Faraz Sheikh, College of William and Mary

Simeon Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University

Sara Jo Swiatek, University of Chicago

Responding:

William Schweiker, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:

Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary

Nichole Flores, University of Virginia

A21-217



Gay Men and Religion Unit

Theme: **Gay Men and Queer Theory: Reflections on the Shape of the Field**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–008A

Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University, Presiding

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary
Reflections on the History and Shape of the Field

Micah Cronin, Princeton Theological Seminary

"We Won": Gay Triumphalism in the Anglican Communion

Samuel Ernest, Yale University

Gay Ambivalence

Business Meeting:

Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University

Michael Pettinger, New York University



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

A21-218

Hindu Philosophy Unit and Jain Studies Unit and Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Jain Philosophy: Perspectives on Non-One-Sidedness**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham C

Michael Allen, University of Virginia, Presiding

Ana Bajzelj, University of California, Riverside

Being in Time: The Tattvārthasūtra and Its Commentaries on Non-One-Sidedness and Temporality

Anil Mundra, University of Chicago

Contradiction and Common Sense in Haribhadrasūri's Victory-Flag of Non-One-Sidedness

Marie-Helene Gorisse, Ghent University

Is Rāvaṇa the Universal Emperor? Questions of Reference in Prabhācandra's Semantic Viewpoint

Lynna Dhanani, University of California Davis

The Anekāntatā of Anekāntavāda: Dialectic of Non-One-Sidedness in Hemacandra's Philosophical Hymns

Responding:

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University

AV21-219

VIRTUAL SESSION



Hinduism Unit

Theme: **New Books in Hindu Studies**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Emilia Bachrach, Oberlin College and Conservatory, Presiding

Panelists:

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary

Shankar Nair, University of Virginia

Leah Comeau, University of the Sciences

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco

Business Meeting:

Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma

Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University

A21-220

History of Christianity Unit

Theme: **Weaponization of Language**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–305

Roy Fisher, University of California at Berkeley, Presiding

Erika Stalcup, Boston University

"Begging to Speak Plain": Plain Speech in Response to the Weaponization of Language

Wes Crawford, Abilene Christian University

A Dissonant Chord: Black Metal and Organized Racially Motivated Violence

Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Duke University

Accounting for Reconciliation: A Racial Capitalist Etymology

Joseph Kimmel, Harvard University

Weaponizing the Name of Jesus: Onomastic Malevolence in Early Christian Curses

AV21-221

VIRTUAL SESSION

Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit

Theme: **Long Lives and Dynamic Bodies: Asian Religions and Medicines Compared**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University, Presiding

H.S. Sum Cheuk Shing, University of Chicago

Becoming Invisible for Healing and Protection: Comparing Buddhist and Daoist Approaches

Ruth Westoby, SOAS University of London

Kuṇḍalinī in Haṭhayoga: An Ontological Turn to the Goddess

Joseph Leonardo Vignone, Harvard University

The Scholar's Rasāyana: Ayurvedic Enhancement in Medieval Islamic Ethics

Responding:

William McGrath, Manhattan College

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AV21-223 VIRTUAL SESSION

Islamic Mysticism Unit and Qur'an Unit

Theme: **Sufism, the Qur'an, and the Natural Environment**
12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding

Panelists:

Nariman Aavani, Harvard University
Ilma Qureshi, University of Virginia
Kythe Heller, Harvard University
Munjed Murad, Harvard University
Muhammad Faruque, Fordham University
Arjun Nair, University of Southern California

AV21-224 VIRTUAL SESSION

Japanese Religions Unit

Theme: **Barbarians, Dragons and Frightful Women: Demonization, Conversion and the Grotesque in Premodern Japanese Religions**
12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University, Presiding

Emily B. Simpson, Dartmouth College
Demonizing the Depraved: Portrayals of the Foreign and the Feminine in Late Medieval Hachiman Engi
Marta Sanvido, University of California, Berkeley
Dragons, Women's Bodies, and Kōan: The Construction of Ritual Formations in Early Modern Sōtō Zen Secret Sources
Cynthia J. Bogel, Kyushu University
The Demonic, Converted, Hybrid, and Foreign: 'Cosmoscapes' beneath the Buddha and the Construction of a Chinese-Style Imperial State
Simona Lazzerini, Stanford University
Ugliness as a Mark of Protection: Demonic Icons of Hārītī in Nichiren Buddhism

Business Meeting:

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College
Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University

AV21-225 VIRTUAL SESSION

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **The Problem of Expert Evidence in Religion and Law**
12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Méadhbh McIvor, Oxford University, Presiding

Panelists:

Spencer Dew, Ohio State University
Dana Lloyd, Villanova University
Garrett Felber, University of Mississippi
Steven Weitzman, University of Pennsylvania
Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University
Elizabeth Dale, University of Florida

Business Meeting:

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University

AV21-226 VIRTUAL SESSION

Liberation Theologies Unit

Theme: **Coloniality, Poverty, Liberations**
12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding

Francisco Garcia, Vanderbilt University
"La Unión Hace La Fuerza": A Call for a Class, Labor, and Social Movement Lens in U.S. Latin@/X Liberation Theologies
Rochhuahthanga Jongte, Princeton Theological Seminary
Poverty, Resistance, and Interpellation: Reading an Oppressed People's Struggle for Liberation from a Decolonial-Liberationist Perspective
Emilce Cuda, Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales, Argentina
The Appropriation of the Common
Carlos Manrique, Universidad de los Andes
The Epistemic Force of Lived Religion, De-colonial Critique, and Liberation Theology Otherwise
Janna Hunter-Bowman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
The Future of Work and Care of the Common Home
Antonio Sison, Catholic Theological Union
Unmasking "Anthropological Poverty": Logos and Eikon in Engelbert Mveng's Liberation Theology

Business Meeting:

Iskander Abbasi, University of Johannesburg



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A21-227

Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

Theme: **The Ancient Christian Fathers in Modern America: A Conversation with Elizabeth Clark**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar F

Annette G. Aubert, Westminster Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Maria Doerfler, Yale University

Robin Darling Young, Catholic University of America

Gary Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary

Leigh E. Schmidt, Washington University, Saint Louis

AV21-228

VIRTUAL SESSION



North American Religions Unit

Theme: **Women, Religion, and U.S. Carceral History**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University, Presiding

Natalie Medley, Indiana Women's Prison History Project
Chains of Kindness: The Carceral Mission of the Indianapolis Sisters of the Good Shepherd, 1873–1900

Michelle Daniel (Jones), New York University
Magdalene Laundries: The First Prisons for Women in the United States

Katherine Moran, Saint Louis University
Making Magdalens: The San Francisco Magdalen Asylum and the Incarceration of Women and Girls

Leah Sarat, Arizona State University
Profits, Prophecy, and Personhood: Evangelical Protestantism and Notions of the Self in the U.S. Immigrant Detention Regime

Responding:

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Business Meeting:

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

A21-229



Open and Relational Theologies Unit

Theme: **Affects in Relation: Flesh, Feelings, and Formation**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham D

Bethany Sollereeder, University of Oxford, Presiding

Dorothy Dean, Hastings College

Apophatic Flesh: Theological Affects of Human Non-exceptionalism

Janna Gonwa, Yale University

Becoming a Home for the Spirit(s): A Dynamic Systems Reading of Spiritual Formation

Karin Kallas-Pöder, University of Helsinki

Emotions, Experience, and Perceptions in the Context of Predestination

Responding:

Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College

Business Meeting:

Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology

AV21-230

VIRTUAL SESSION

Practical Theology Unit

Theme: **Caution, Flammable: Ideological Differences and Divisions with a Religion–Politics**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Marc Lavalley, Barry University, Presiding

Bonnie Lin, Princeton Theological Seminary
Resisting Pride, Sloth, and Falsehood: Educational Strategies for Polarized Contexts

Ruby Quantson Davis, Independent Scholar
The Church and Wicked Problems

Kaia D. S. Ronsdal, University of Oslo, and Cecilia Nahnfeldt, Church of Sweden
The Ugly Side of Hospitality. Conceptions of Dialogical Hospitality

Responding:

Hee-Kyu Heidi Park, Ewha Womans University

Cedric Johnson, Kinetic Center NY

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VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion and Cities Unit and Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit

Theme: **Book Panel Session: Ethnography, Performance, and Religious and Cultural Identity in the Twenty-First Century**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Daisy Vargas, University of Arizona, Presiding

Panelists:

Elaine Pena, George Washington University

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University

Responding:

Harold Morales, Morgan State University

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside

Business Meeting:

Jessica Delgado, Ohio State University

Richard Pitt, University of California, San Diego
Converts, Clients, and Comrades: Church Planters' (New) Roles as Social Entrepreneurs

Valentina Cantori, University of Southern California
Everyday Coloniality: Becoming Muslim in the U.S.

Linda Bredvik, Heidelberg University
Interreligious Dialogues Before and During COVID-19: A Sociolinguistic Perspective

Business Meeting:

Nichole Phillips, Emory University

Sara Williams, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

A21-232

Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Tradition!: Representations of Old World Jews Between Nostalgia and Modernity**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–216

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding

Charles Gillespie, Sacred Heart University
"And How Do We Keep Our Balance?": Porous Nostalgia and Performative Belonging in Fiddler on the Roof's Traditions

Jessica Carr, Lafayette College
Clashing "Modernities" in Scenes of Encounter from Tsarist Russia to the Post-Soviet United States

Laura Yares, Michigan State University, and Sharon Avni, City University of New York
Shtisel – Let's Talk About It.

Responding:

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester

A21-233



Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Reconceptualizing Ritual and Religious Practices**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

Sara Williams, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Anna Piela, Northwestern University, and Joanna Krotofil, Jagiellonian University
"Discovering the Value of (Relative) Solitude": The Impact of the Pandemic on Gendered Religious Practices in Islam

AV21-234

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **Waterworks: Tirthas Upended**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Jay Ramesh, Columbia University, Presiding

Andy Rotman, Smith College
Marketing a City: Banaras, the Ganga, and Riverfront as Front

Jack Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University
The Battle of Keshi Ghat

Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College
The Missing Goddess: Toxic Sacred Waters and Urban Development

Responding:

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University

A21-235

Religion, Sport, and Play Unit

Theme: **Shadows, Sins and Profits: Complicating Sport and Play Part II**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–304A

Jeffrey Scholes, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Presiding

Ronald Bernier, Wentworth Institute of Technology
In the Shadow of the Finish Line: Religion and the Boston Marathon

Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University, and Ciara Barnal, Arizona State University
Skateboarding, Violence, and Spirituality

Cody Musselman, Yale University
The 'Primitive' Pursuit of Perfection: CrossFit and the Paleo Diet



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

A21-236



Ritual Studies Unit

Theme: **What Gender Politics Can Rituals Make?**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding

Tanice Foltz, Indiana University Northwest
The Clothesline Project as Ritual: Promoting Spiritual Healing

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University
The Embodied Ritual Practice of Women's Concealed Carry of Firearms

Business Meeting:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études

A21-237



Secularism and Secularity Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Book Panel on Michelle C. Sanchez, *Calvin and the Resignification of the World* (Cambridge University Press, 2019)**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–208

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

Panelists:

Constance Furey, Indiana University

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology

Responding:

Michelle Sanchez, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Linn Tonstad, Yale University

Rakesh Peter-Dass, Hope College

A21-238

Sociology of Religion Unit

Theme: **Measuring Global Religion: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis AB

Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University, Presiding

Helen Boursier, College of Saint Scholastica
Discursive Buffers and Stall Tactics: Unpacking the Responses Clergy Use to Deflect Their Church's Silence Regarding the Humanitarian Crisis at the U.S.–Mexico Border

Di Di, Santa Clara University
Incorporating Sacredness: Religion in Tech Workplace in China and the US

David Hannan, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and Gina Zurlo, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Modeling Religious Change in India from Quantitative, Qualitative, and Historical Perspectives

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen, and Marta Kołodziejska, The Polish Academy of Sciences
Religious Media Settlers: The Communicative Figuration of Religious Minorities in Times of Deep Mediaization

Gina Zurlo, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Where Are the Women in World Christianity? Findings from the 2021 Gender and Congregational Life Survey and the Limitations of Online Research

A21-239



Teaching Against Islamophobia Seminar

Theme: **Teaching Against Islamophobia: Strategies and Approaches**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham B

Sajida Jalalzai, Trinity University, Presiding

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University
From "Foundations of Asian Religions," to "Orientalism and Islamophobia"

Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Heather Miller Rubens, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, and Zeyneb Sayilgan, Virginia Theological Seminary
Teaching Against Islamophobia in Baltimore: Asymmetries of Power in Interreligious Dialogue

Krista Riley, Vanier College, and Leila Bdeir, Vanier College
Well-Intentioned but Unequipped: Challenges of Responding to Islamophobia for Quebec C'gép Teachers

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World Christianity Unit

Theme: **Thinking About World Christianity: Power, Politics, and Violence**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

Hillary Kaell, McGill University

American Theodicy: Human Nature and Natural Disaster

Candace Lukasik, Washington University, St. Louis

Asymmetrical Encounters: Transnational Copts and U.S. Persecution Politics

Jason Bruner, Arizona State University

Problematising Quantification in World Christian Narratives

David Kirkpatrick, James Madison University

'Ward-Heelers from the Underworld': Violence, Bigotry, and Growth at the Intersection of U.S. and Latin American Evangelicalism

Responding:

Melani McAlister, George Washington University

AV21-241 VIRTUAL SESSION

Women's Caucus

Theme: **Biographies of Women in the Parliament of the World's Religions: Addressing Issues of Equity**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Michelle Eastwood, University of Divinity, Melbourne

Anique Radiant Heart: The Invisibility of the Crone

Ulrike Auga, Humboldt University, Berlin

Annemarie Schönberg: Visionary of a Just World Society – for Gender Parity and Against Poverty and Exclusion

Mary Hamlen, Harvard University

Audrey E. Kitagawa, Interfaith Activist and Spiritual Leader

Emily Silverman, Graduate Theological Union

Biography of Rae Abelia: The Weaver of Prophecies

Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union

Dr. Dolly Dastoor: Celebrated Dementia Researcher, Committed Zoroastrian, and Inter-religious Leader

Kimberly Carter, California Institute of Integral Studies

Dr. Mara Lynn Keller

Jonathon Eder, Mary Baker Eddy Library

Jennifer Howe Peace—Innovator and Trailblazer in Interfaith Education

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

Radical Inclusion: The Life's Work of Pamela Ayo Yetunde So Far

Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD

Teresia Mbari Hinga: An African Woman's Contributions to Religious Dialogue and Knowledge Equity.

Ann Lazarsfeld-Jensen, Charles Sturt University
The Second Silence: The Audience for Women's Writing

Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University

Iyekiyapiwin Darlene St. Clair: The Sacred Story of an Eco-feminist Challenging Knowledge Inequity

Responding:

Ulrike Auga, Humboldt University of Berlin

Mahjabeen Dhala, Graduate Theological Union

P21-203

Manchester Wesley Research Centre and Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Theme: **Social Engagement in the Holiness and Pentecostal Traditions**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Riverwalk–Alamo E

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

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

Priscilla Pope-Levison, Southern Methodist University

Fallen Women, Fallen Society: The Social Engagement of Holiness and Pentecostal Rescue Homes

Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University

“The Spirit Bade Us Go”: Toward a Pentecostal Social Doctrine on Migration

Dale M. Coulter, Lee University

Sanctified Music: Identity and the Development of Blues, Jazz, and Gospel Among the Sanctified Churches

Rebecca Carter-Chand, Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandell

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies

Transnational Perspectives on The Salvation Army's Response to War and State Conflict During the Twentieth Century

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Sunday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

P21-242



Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **Friendship, the Social, and the Violent Sacred**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–301C

Brian Robinette, Boston College, Presiding

This session examines, through the lens of mimetic theory, the connection between friendship, the social, and the violent sacred.

Russell Johnson, University of Chicago

Like and Unlike: Mimesis, Social Identity Theory, and the Barriers to Online Dialogue

Chris Haw, University of Scranton

The Capitol Riot as a Case in Mimetic Magnetism and the Challenge of Agonistic Love

John Soboslai, Montclair State University

The Martyr as Friend: Inverting the Scapegoat's Sacrifice

Business Meeting:

Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University

A21-243 (=P21-221)



Chinese Christianities Unit and Ethnic Chinese Biblical Colloquium

Theme: *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible in China* (Oxford University Press, 2021), Roundtable Session

1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center–303

K. K. Yeo, Garrett-Evangelical Theology Seminary, and Kevin Chau, University of the Free State, Presiding

Panelists:

Gang Song, University of Hong Kong

Joseph Tse-Hei Lee, Pace University

Yanrong Chen, University of San Francisco

Clover Xuesong Zhou, Art Journalist and Art Critic, Los Angeles, CA

Responding:

Dale T. Irvin, Georgetown University

P21-204

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Board of Directors Meeting

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Conference 2

A21-244

Walking Tour of the Alamo

2:30 PM–3:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-Meet in Lobby

The tour guide will relate the topics regarding the Battle of the Alamo and the tour lasts approximately one hour. The tour will end in the Alamo Gift shop which has an extensive inventory of inexpensive Alamo related gifts and memorabilia. \$25

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A21-301



Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion Session

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–207B

Evan Berry, Arizona State University, Presiding



Miguel De La Torre

This session celebrates the work of Miguel De La Torre, this year's recipient of the Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award.

Panelists:

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute

Responding:

Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

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A21-302



Publications Committee

Theme: **Getting Published in the AAR/OUP Book Series and the Journal of the American Academy of Religion**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–211

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis
- Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College and Conservatory
- Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich
- John Nemecek, University of Virginia
- Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
- Theo Calderara, Oxford University Press

A21-303



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Fully Professor, Fully Student: On Starting an Academic Position Before the Dissertation Is Completed**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–225C

Panelists:

- Sarah Bixler, Princeton Theological Seminary

A21-304

Bioethics and Religion Unit

Theme: **Bioethics and Religious Pluralism: Public Discourse and Inclusive Health Policies**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–006A

Terri Laws, University of Michigan, Dearborn, Presiding

- Eric Hilker, University of Virginia
Bioethics and Mental Health: Challenges to a Biological Paradigm amid a Mental Health Pandemic
- Caroline Anglim, University of Chicago
Re-learning the Place of Religious Pluralism in Public Discourse About Bioethics
- Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
The Moral Legacy of Religious Influences on Sexual Health Education
- Hajung Lee, University of Puget Sound
Understanding and Integrating Taegyo as an Inclusive Healthcare Practice for Immigrants

A21-305



Buddhism Unit and Class, Religion, and Theology Unit

Theme: **Class, Privilege, and Inequality in Contemporary Buddhism**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–006B

Alicia Turner, York University, Presiding

- Justin R. Ritzinger, University of Miami
Beyond the Mountains Lie the Valleys: Buddhism and Class in Contemporary Taiwan
- Sara Swenson, Syracuse University
Class Dynamics of Buddhist Charity in Contemporary Vietnam
- Rohit Singh, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Disrupting Buddhist Social Hierarchies: Ritual, Class Formations, and Counter Hegemonic Discourses in Ladakh
- Mary Kate Long, Cornell University
Properties of Buddhist Belonging in Contemporary Myanmar
- Jens Reinke, Leipzig University
Spreading the 'Dharma of Prosperity': Buddhism, Class, and Ethnic Chinese Migration to South Africa

AV21-306

VIRTUAL SESSION

Buddhist Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Mind-Body Philosophy in Buddhism**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Karen O'Brien-Kop, University of Roehampton, Presiding

- Kali Cape, University of Virginia
Mind, Body and Sex in Tibetan Dzogchen
 - Matthew King, University of California, Riverside
The Mind Beyond the Atom: Lozang Gyatso on the Logical Problems of Brain Science and Materialist Biomedicine
 - Naomi Worth, University of Virginia
The Special Case of Longchenpa's Tantric Philosophy and the Mind-Body Relationship
 - Kin Cheung, Moravian University
Miracle as Natural: A Contemporary Chinese American Religious Healer
- Responding:
- Hugh Nicholson, Loyola University, Chicago



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

AV21-307

VIRTUAL SESSION

Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **Eschatology, Transcendence, and Political Theologies of Participation**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Nicholas Adams, University of Birmingham, Presiding

Victoria Lorrimer, Trinity College, Queensland
Engineering Salvation: Human Technological Enhancement and Creaturely Flourishing in Eschatological Perspective

Travis Ables, Anglican Theological Review
Storming the Citadel: Luther, Müntzer, and the Revolutionary Politics of Participation in Christ

Knut Alfsvåg, VID Specialized University
Truth as Participation in Transcendence in Plato, Luther and Przywara

AV21-308

VIRTUAL SESSION

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit

Theme: **Theories of Violence, Panel #1: Theory and Method Applied**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian University, Presiding

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University
An Arendtian Account of Violence

Marcia Pally, New York University
Just How Violent Are We? Trinity, Covenant, Evolutionary Biology

Chad Haines, Arizona State University
Liberalism, Hatred, and the (Im)Possibility of Muslim Belonging in America

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, University of Pardubice
Moral Injury, Religion, and Violence

Kathleen McPhillips, University of Newcastle, Australia
'Not Quite Human': Stigma and the Production of Spoiled Identities in Institutional Sexual Violence

A21-309



Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit

Theme: **Work, Value, and Sacrifice**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–005

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

Carlos Andres Ramirez Arenas, Syracuse University
Sacrifice in Capitalism

Adam Tietje, Duke University
Unholy War: The Soldierly Sacrifices of Frontline and Essential Workers

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University
Why Is Sloth Bad but Leisure Good? Christian Norms and Capitalism's Affective Dynamism

Tsering Say, Harvard University
Your Body Is Their Offering: Essentiality as Martyrdom in the COVID-19 Pandemic

Business Meeting:

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Kristin Scheible, Reed College

AV21-310

VIRTUAL SESSION



Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **(Re-)Presenting Efficacy and Agency in Chinese Religions**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Jonathan Pettit, University of Hawai'i, Presiding

Mercedes Valmisa, Gettysburg College
Adapting: Acting with Efficacy in a World of Interrelations and Co-dependencies

Michael Naparstek, University of Tennessee
An Ecology of Efficacy: 'Ling' and the Power of 'Presence' in Daoist Ritual

Xu Ma, Lafayette College
Text and Temple: The Domestication of Religious Rituals in Two Ming Books

Responding:

Gil Raz, Dartmouth College

Business Meeting:

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Jonathan Pettit, University of Hawai'i

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A21-311

Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit and Ecclesiological Investigations Unit

Theme: **Current Debates on Women's Ordination to the Diaconate**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–216

Brian A. Butcher, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto, Presiding

Elyse Raby, Boston College
"In Persona Mariae"? The Diaconate and Women's Ministry in Querida Amazonia

Carrie Frederick Frost, University of Virginia
The Status of the Reinstitution of Deaconesses in the Orthodox Church Today: Consecrated in Africa, Considered Elsewhere

Responding:

Phyllis Zagano, Hofstra University

AV21-312

VIRTUAL SESSION

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **The Violences of Teaching Theory**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Larisa Reznik, Pomona College, Presiding

Panelists:

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University
Ada Jaarsma, Mount Royal University
Yannik Thiem, Columbia University
Namrata Mitra, Iona College

AV21-313

VIRTUAL SESSION



Hinduism Unit and North American Hinduism Unit

Theme: **Querying, Queering, Queer Hinduisms**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Rupa Pillai, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University
"Unnatural Connexion(s)": Sexualizing the Racialization of Hindus in the 19th Century

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University
Grounded Religiosities: Queer Women Navigating Hindu Identity and Social Justice

Santhosh Chandrashekar, University of Denver
Impossible Inclusions: The Incoherent Sexual Politics of Hindutva

Jessica Vantine Birkenholtz, Pennsylvania State University
Queering Nepal's Gai Jatra: The Place of Pride in a Hindu Festival and of Hinduism in a Pride Parade

Business Meeting:

Shana Sippy, Centre College

AV21-314

VIRTUAL SESSION



Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit

Theme: **The Next Generation of Spiritual Care: Post-COVID and Beyond**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Aaron Klink, Duke University, Presiding

Leigh Miller, Maitripa College
Buddhist Chaplaincy and "Difference": A View Post-2020

Michael Byrne, St Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, Dublin, and Daniel Nuzum, Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, Ireland

Pastoral Closeness in Physical Distancing: Providing Healthcare Chaplaincy in COVID-19

Daniel Nuzum, Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, Ireland, Beba Tata, Mayo Clinic, Karen Murphy, Weston HospiceCare, Leila Karimi, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Australia, and Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University
Staff Care by Chaplains During COVID-19

Niels den Toom, Protestant Theological University, Groningen, The Netherlands

The Chaplain as Researcher-Practitioner: How Participation in Research Promotes Professionalism

Responding:

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Columbia Theological Seminary

AV21-315

VIRTUAL SESSION



International Development and Religion Unit

Theme: **Decolonisation, Development and Faith 1: Epistemological Challenges**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

Emma Bridger, University of Birmingham
Beyond the SDGs: Lumad Spirituality and a Call for Multilateral Knowledge Flows

Amjad Mohamed-Saleem, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
Decolonising Faith and Development from an Islamic Perspective

Bethany Sollereder, University of Oxford
Theology in a Brave New Climate

Business Meeting:

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A21-316

Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit

Theme: **The Politicization of Interfaith**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–212

Feryal Salem, American Islamic College, Presiding

Kathleen Foody, North Carolina State University
Interfaith Dialogue, Diplomacy, and the Continuing Myth of Religious Violence

David Warren, Washington University in St. Louis
Interreligious Dialogue and Transnational Authoritarianism: The UAE's Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies

Barbara Meyer, Tel Aviv University
The Theological and the Political in 21st Century Interfaith Declarations

Marianne Moyaert, Vrije University Amsterdam
Towards a Critical Interfaith Pedagogy

A21-317

Korean Religions Unit

Theme: **The Experience of Women in Religious Leadership in Korea**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

Robert E. Buswell, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Eun-su Cho, Seoul National University
Contemporary Korean Buddhist Nuns' Challenge toward Institutional Gender Discriminations

Young Ra Rhee, Harvard University
Gender, Language, and Agency in Clergywomen's Leadership in Korean/Korean-American Presbyterian Churches

Franklin Rausch, Lander University
On the Margins of Margins: Sister Anna Kim Okhüi and the Meaning of Catholic History

A21-318

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Ecowomanism, Ecofeminism, and Ecofeminismo: Contemplating Our Collective Futures**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–302C

Terra Schwerin Rowe, University of North Texas, Presiding

Joi Orr, Emory University
100 Seconds to Midnight: Imagining Ecowomanist Utopias at the End of the World

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
A Decological Way to Relate: Assembling Tools Against Colonial Modes of Being

Jane Caputi, Florida Atlantic University
Defienda a Nuestra Madre Tierra: The Essential (Not Essentialist) Invocation of Mother Earth by Berta Cáceres and Other Artists-Activists-Intellectuals

AV21-319

VIRTUAL SESSION



Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit

Theme: **The Ubiquities of Christ, COVID and Computer: Global Conversations on Digital Worship**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Presiding

Panelists:

Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero, United Lutheran Seminary
Chad Rimmer, The Lutheran World Federation
Sivin Kit, The Lutheran World Federation

Responding:

Deanna A. Thompson, St. Olaf College

Business Meeting:

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin
Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology

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AV21-320

VIRTUAL SESSION



Middle Eastern Christianity Unit

Theme: **Middle Eastern Christianity and Pluralism: Eastern Orthodox Foundations**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding

Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University
Locating an Intramural Conflict: John Chrysostom's Engagements with the Merciful Christians of Antioch

Aaron Eldridge, University of California, Berkeley
The Barzakh of the Heart: Monastic Scenes of Islamic and Christian Imbrication in Lebanon

Responding:

Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word

Business Meeting:

Deanna Womack, Emory University

Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word

A21-321

Music and Religion Unit

Theme: **Perspectives on Music and Mysticism**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis CD

Benjamin Griffin, Oblate School of Theology, Presiding

Molly Boot, University of Oxford
Fleshing the Celestial: Music, Communion and Sacramentality from Hildegard to Helfta

Ralph Craig, Stanford University
Some Will Hear: Tina Turner as Lay Buddhist Teacher

Nicholas Collins, Rice University
The White String: Musical Exegesis, Autobiographical Memory and Pratyabhijna (Self-Recognition)

A21-322

North American Religions Unit and Religion, Memory, History Unit

Theme: **Sacred Scars: Religion, Survival, Memory, and Meaning**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–301A

Matthew Cressler, College of Charleston, Presiding

Panelists:

Melissa Borja, University of Michigan

Christopher Cantwell, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Brian Clites, Case Western Reserve University

Sarah Dees, Iowa State University

Samira Mehta, University of Colorado

A21-323

Political Theology Unit

Theme: **Religion and Secularism: Decolonizing Theories, Methods, and Sources**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

David True, Wilson College, Presiding

Delores Mondragon, University of California, Santa Barbara
A Story of How Indigenous Ways of Knowing Through Rematriation Is Possible and Necessary

Shamara Alhassan, Arizona State University
Moving to a Realm Beyond Reason: Rastafari Woman's Livivity as Code for Cognitive Justice

Rafael Vizcaino, Rutgers University
Sylvia Wynter's Un/Writing of Secularity

An Yountae, California State University, Northridge
The Anti-sacred: A Neocolonial Regulation of Theory

Shatha Almutawa, Willamette University
The Study of Religion Before Colonialism

A21-324



Quaker Studies Unit

Theme: **Goatwalking: A Quaker Pastoral Theology (Brill, 2021) (New Book Panel Discussion)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar F

C. Wess Daniels, Guilford College, Presiding

Panelists:

Lee Hayward Butler, Phillips Theological Seminary

Katharine Lassiter, Chicago Theological Seminary

Callid Keefe-Perry, Boston University

Responding:

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A21-325



Religion and Human Rights Unit

Theme: **Human Rights and Christian Communities, Past and Present**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–225D

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

Paul Ladouceur, University of Toronto
A Theology of Human Rights in an Orthodox Perspective

D. Brendan Johnson, Duke University
Poverty, Medicine, and Tradition: The Right to Health from Patristic Roots to the U.N. and Contemporary Theological Activism

Miray Philips, University of Minnesota
Religious Freedom or Human Rights? Polarizing Advocacy on Middle East Christians in US Foreign Policy

Business Meeting:

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University

A21-326

Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **25 Years of Material Christianity**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–213

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding

Panelists:

Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri
Eden Consenstein, Princeton University
Eziaku Nwokocha, Princeton University

Responding:

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

AV21-327

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion in Europe Unit

Theme: **Shifting Religious Identities in Europe**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Tyson Herberger, Inland Norway University, Presiding

Hannah Tzuberi, Freie Universität Berlin
Bringing 'Religion as Such' to the City: House of One, Sacred History and Pluralist Rebranding

Ragnhild Iversen, University of South-Eastern Norway
Convivial Meals and Concealed Religion. Ethno-Religious Identity Dynamics in a Norwegian Kindergarten.

Barbara Martin, University of Basel
Reinventing Religious Tradition: The Late Soviet Religious Revival Within the Russian Orthodox Intelligentsia

Responding:

Karsten Lehmann, University College for Teacher Education of the Churches, Vienna/Krems

Business Meeting:

Jonathan Teubner, Australian Catholic University
Carol Ferrara, Boston University

A21-328

Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit

Theme: **The Place of the Premodern in Religious Studies**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–205

Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

Panelists:

Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University in St. Louis
Noah Gardiner, University of South Carolina
Matthew Melvin-Koushki, University of South Carolina
Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo
Lora Walsh, University of Arkansas

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Religion, Media, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Media, Trauma, and Storytelling: Narratives of Revelation, Resistance, and Remembrance**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis AB

Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University, Presiding

Brook Wilensky-Lanford, University of North Carolina

"Heaven Is an Industry": The Accessible Afterlife of the Gates Ajar

Seth Gaiters, Ohio State University

Beyond Hashtags: Religio-Racial Politics and Black Digital Networks

Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College

Propping up Trauma: Material Mediation in Post-apocalyptic Storytelling

Courtney Wilder, Midland University

Revelation and Repercussion: When L'Arche Meets #MeToo

A21-331



Scriptural Reasoning Unit

Theme: **Reading Plague: Disease and Distancing the Abrahamic Traditions**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham B

Mark James, Hunter College, Presiding

Panelists:

Daniel Weiss, University of Cambridge

Susannah Ticciati, King's College London

Faiza Masood, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Ashleigh Elser, Hampden-Sydney College

Mark James, Hunter College

AV21-332

VIRTUAL SESSION

Sikh Studies Unit

Theme: **Decolonization and Anti-racism in Sikh Discourse and Activism**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Harleen Kaur, University of California, Los Angeles, and

Prabdeep Singh Kehal, Brown

Intellectual Wounded Attachments: Discursive Repair or Colonial Civilizing?

Tejpal Bainiwal, University of California, Riverside

Model Minority Privilege and Brown Silence: Sikh Americans and the Black Lives Matter Movement

A21-333

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Workshop on Modern Judaism**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham D

Jennifer Caplan, Towson University, Presiding

Daniel Hotary, Hebrew Union College

Identity Through Comparison: Masorti Judaism in Israel

Steven Kaplin, Indiana University

Neo-Hasidism and the Potentialities of History

Ellie Ash, Boston University

Passover in a Pandemic: Videoconferencing and Grassroots Relationships to Rabbinic Authority

Responding:

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

AV21-334

VIRTUAL SESSION



Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: **Podcasting Is Pedagogy**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Andie Alexander, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont

Megan Goodwin, Northeastern University

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University

David McConeghy, Salem State University

Simran Jeet Singh, New York University

M. Shobhana Xavier, Queen's University

Gregory Soden, Mizzou Academy

A21-335



Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Theology and Catastrophe**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–305

Brandy Daniels, University of Portland, Presiding

Panelists:

Thomas Lynch, University of Chichester

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College

Responding:

Joseph Winters, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Anthony Paul Smith, La Salle University

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College



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Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

AV21-336 VIRTUAL SESSION

Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Marika Rose, *A Theology of Failure: Žižek Against Christian Innocence* (Fordham University Press, 2019)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Angela Carpenter, Hope College, Presiding

Panelists:

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University
Rajbir Judge, Columbia University

Responding:

Marika Rose, University of Winchester

A21-337

Vatican II Studies Unit

Theme: **Rediscovering Synodality in a World Church**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham C

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University, Presiding

Brian Flanagan, Marymount University
Celebrating Synods: The Liturgical Foundation of Synodality
Amirah Orozco, Boston College
The National Encuentros for Hispanic Ministry as Processes of Synodality

Responding:

Kristin Colberg, College of Saint Benedict, Saint John's University

AV21-338 VIRTUAL SESSION

Buddhist Pedagogy Seminar

Theme: **Approaches to Knowledge and Somatic Aspects in the Buddhist Studies Classroom**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

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

Beverly Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
A Threshold Approach to Teaching Buddhist Studies

Brian Nichols, Mount Royal University
Bodily Contraction Arises with Dukkha: Embodied Learning or Biohacking?

Namdrol Miranda Adams, Maitripa College
Do No Harm and Make the Invisible, Visible: Teaching Race and Racism from a Buddhist Perspective

Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University
Integrating Resiliency into a Buddhist Meditation Course During the COVID Era

Kati Fitzgerald, Ohio State University
The Sacred and the Profane: Buddhism, Hip-Hop and Discourses of Modernity

Responding:

Ben Van Overmeire, Duke Kunshan University

Business Meeting:

Trung Huynh, University of Houston
Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University

A21-339



Hagiology Seminar

Theme: **Constructing (and Deconstructing) the Holy**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Mission A

Todd French, Rollins College, Presiding

William Sherman, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
A Saint Dismembered: Creating the Social by Decreating the Saint in Sufi Hagiography

Hallie Nell Swanson, University of Pennsylvania
Constructing Lahore's Sacred Space Through the "Modern" Tazkirah: A Reading of Three 1960s Sources

Nathan Fleeson, University of Georgia
Fantasy Literature: A Hagiography for the Modern World

Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University
Saint Germain: Hagiology and Innovation in Esotericism

Lisa Powell, St. Ambrose University
Sass, Saints, and Martyrs: Black Resistance to Empire

Business Meeting:

Todd French, Rollins College
R. Brian Siebeking, Gonzaga University

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A21-340



Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar

Theme: **Dialogue with the Author: Session on Lynn Neal's Book, *Religion in Vogue: Christianity and Fashion in America* (NYU Press, 2019)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–006C

Andre Key, Claflin University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jeanine Viau, University of Central Florida

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University

Responding:

Lynn S. Neal, Wake Forest University

A21-341

Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar

Theme: **Constructs of Racial, Gender, Sexual, and Religious Identity at the Intersection of Historical and Contemporary Migration**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–221A

Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University, Presiding

Ernesto Fiocchetto, Florida International University
The U.S. Sanctuary Movement: Strategies on Behalf of LGBTQ+ Central American Refugees

Mae Elise Cannon, University of California, Davis
Caught in the Crossfire: The Marginalization and Inequality of Assyrian Christians on the Iraqi Kurdistan Border

Anne Blankenship, North Dakota State University
Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant Racial Constructions During the 1924 Immigration Debates

Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University
Revisiting 'Hospitality': Identity, Interculturality, and Offended Entitlement

Helen Boursier, College of Saint Scholastica
Embracing a Spirituality of Finitude: Lessons from Displaced Migrants Seeking Asylum

Alexandra Salvatierra, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Intersections Between Migration, Health and Faith

A21-342

Women's Caucus

Theme: **How to Be a Good Session Chair**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–221B

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Panelists:

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

A21-343



Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Book Reviews: *Deep Knowledge* (Penn State University Press, 2020) and *Translating Wisdom* (University of California Press, 2020)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–304A

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding

Panelists:

Ryan Brizendine, Yale University

Lynna Dhanani, University of California, Davis

Munjed Murad, Harvard University

Funlayo Wood-Menzies, Ase Ire Communiversity

Ayodeji Ogunnaike, Bowdoin College

Responding:

Shankar Nair, University of Virginia

Oludamini Ogunnaike, University of Virginia

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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P21-301

International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies

Theme: **The Eastern Buddhist Society: Past and Future**

3:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio–El Mirador ABC East

A panel in Commemoration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Founding of the Eastern Buddhist Society

The Eastern Buddhist Society was founded in 1921 by Suzuki Daisetsu, Beatrice Lane Suzuki, Akanuma Chizen, Yamabe Shugaku, and Sasaki Gessho, its primary purpose being the publication of the journal *The Eastern Buddhist* in order “to make the whole world better acquainted with [the] teachings of [Mahayana Buddhism] and see if there are not things in them which may beneficially be utilized for the amelioration of life.” Reading the editorials included in the first issues of the journal now, a hundred years after the founding of the society, we cannot help be struck at the extent to which the academy itself and the needs and expectations of the scholars working within it have changed. Join us for a panel discussing the history and future of the Eastern Buddhist.

For more information and complete paper abstracts, visit <https://www.iasbs.org/2021/06/aar2021/>

Naoko Hioki, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture
The Suzukis' Visions of an “Unsectarian Journal”

Michael Conway, Otani University
Power Dynamics and Legitimation in the Founding of the Eastern Buddhist Society

Mark Unno, University of Oregon
The Future Past: The Eastern Buddhist Through a Diachronic Lens

John S. LoBreglio, Oxford Brookes University
Thinking With Modern Philosophy: Possible Buddhist Approaches

P21-343

Manchester Wesley Research Centre

Theme: **The Shaping of Early Methodist Identity and Holiness Ecclesiology**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Conference 16–17

Geordan Hammond, Nazarene Theological College, and David Bundy, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding

This session highlights the research of scholars associated with the Manchester Wesley Research Centre. The first presentation will focus on John Wesley's utilization of Catholic devotional materials and the relationship of this to the shaping of a catholic spirit as a mark of Methodism. The reformulation of Charles Wesley's place in early Methodism during a time of turbulence is the subject of the second presentation. The final presentation will explore the ecclesiological contributions of Holiness Movement churches to the traditional marks of the church.

Kelly Yates, Manchester Wesley Research Centre
A Catholic Spirit? John Wesley's Use of Catholic Devotional Resources

Patrick Eby, Indiana Wesleyan University
Charles Wesley at Bristol: Marriage and the Shape of Ministry (1749–1756)

Josh Sweeden, Nazarene Theological Seminary
Marks of a Holiness Ecclesiology

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

A21-401

Teaching and Learning Committee

Theme: **A Conversation with Miguel De La Torre**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

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Jessica Tinklenberg, The Claremont Colleges, Presiding
















Miguel De La Torre

Dr. Miguel De La Torre, professor of social ethics and Latinx studies at Iliff School of Theology, is the winner of the 2020 Excellence in Teaching award from the American Academy of Religion. He earned his PhD at Temple University. His teaching inspires students to engage with issues of social justice in a wide variety of teaching settings, including experiential learning and community immersion, and encourages students to build reflective practices that lead to social change. In this special topics forum, Dr. De La Torre will discuss his approach to teaching for social justice and equity, as well as answer questions from participants.

Panelists:

Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

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A21-402

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Getting the Most Out of Your Research Languages**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–225C

Josiah Baker, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

AV21-403 VIRTUAL SESSION

Anthropology of Religion Unit, Body and Religion Unit, and Religion, Memory, History Unit

Theme: **Religion Under Pandemics**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

Kira Ganga Kieffer, Boston University
Mercury Moms and Mask-Less Mobs: Vaccine Skepticism as Embodied Religious Practice

Danielle Clausnitzer, Georgetown University
Reclaiming the Roots: Ritual Responses to Oppression and Isolation by Hoodoo Practitioners

Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
Social Disruption and Mennonite Mental Health Witness: The Impacts of World War II, Neo-Liberalism, the Opioid Crisis, and COVID-19

Responding:

Kijan Bloomfield, Rhodes College

AV21-404 VIRTUAL SESSION



Bioethics and Religion Unit

Theme: **What Is Bioethics and Religion?**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hajung Lee, University of Puget Sound, Presiding

Panelists:

Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University
Amy Michelle DeBaets, Hackensack University Medical Center
Terri Laws, University of Michigan, Dearborn

Business Meeting:

Hajung Lee, University of Puget Sound

A21-405

Buddhism Unit and Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit

Theme: **Readings of *Bodhicaryāvatāra* VI. 9-10**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham D

Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University, Presiding

Panelists:

Emily McRae, University of New Mexico

Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

Amod Lele, Boston University

Constance Kassor, Lawrence University

Amber Carpenter, Yale-NUS College

Charles Goodman, The Historic Tabernacle Baptist Church of Augusta, GA

Vesna Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara

Barbra R. Clayton, Mount Allison University

AV21-406 VIRTUAL SESSION

Chinese Christianities Unit

Theme: **Chinese Christianities and Chinese Communism**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Stephanie Wong, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Ting Guo, University of Toronto

"So We Will Both Burn in Hell": Soong Ching-Ling's Journey from Christianity to Socialism

Jesse Sun, Duke University

A New Order: Theological and Ideological Reconstruction in the Last Days of Yenching School of Religion

Zhixi Wang, Shantou University

Making China More Just: Wu Yaozong and the Making of a Communist Fellow Traveler

Responding:

Thomas H. Reilly, Pepperdine University



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Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

AV21-407

VIRTUAL SESSION



Class, Religion and Theology Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Theme: **Class and Labor: Biblical, Theological, and Critical-Theoretical Perspectives**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Robert Seesengood, Albright College, Presiding

Panelists:

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College
Karen Bray, Wesleyan College
Steed Davidson, McCormick Theological Seminary
Marlene Ferreras, La Sierra University

Responding:

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University
Jin Young Choi, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Business Meeting:

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

AV21-408

VIRTUAL SESSION



Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit

Theme: **Theories of Violence, Panel #2: Bridging Theories and Methods**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian University, Presiding

Panelists:

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Margo Kitts, Hawai'i Pacific University
Arash Naraghi, Moravian University

Business Meeting:

Chase L. Way, Claremont Graduate University
Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian University

AV21-409

VIRTUAL SESSION

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Poison and Poisoners in Religion**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Kimberley Patton, Harvard University, Presiding

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College
Comparisons of the Casting and Shame of Cancer: "Dug" Poison and Poisoners Among the Tibetans of Gyalthang
Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University
Poison, Pesticides, and Witch's Spells: Poisoning in Rachel Carson's Silent Spring

Responding:

Justin McDaniel, University of Pennsylvania

AV21-410

VIRTUAL SESSION



Contemporary Islam Unit

Theme: **Ethnography of Islamic Identity, Spirituality, and Digital Communities**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Kimberly Wortmann, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Alexis Rolando Chavez, University of Chicago
Ethnographies of Muslims in France's Suburbs: Revisiting the Figures of the Immigrant Worker and the Arab/African Boy
Samira Musleh, University of Minnesota
Labor-ing Decolonially: Islam, Class, and Patriarchy in the Discourse on Mahr in Bangladeshi Feminist Blogosphere

John Thibdeau, University of California, Santa Barbara
Visions and Virtues: The Minhaj Al-Tarbiyya of the Tariqa Karkariyya

Donohon Abdugafurova, Emory University
Women Preachers' Moral Guidance in Uzbekistan: Social Media as an Outreach

Responding:

Youssef Carter, University of North Carolina

Business Meeting:

Kayla Renee Wheeler, Xavier University
Noah Salomon, Carleton College
Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College

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A21-411

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit

Theme: **Ontologies of the Secular, Incommensurability, and Translation**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–006C

Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College, Presiding

Heather Mellquist Lehto, University of Toronto
Holy Infrastructure: Ontologies of the Secular in South Korea

Carlos Manrique, Universidad de los Andes
Insubordinate Catholicism and the Political Ontology of Religious and Racial Difference

Henry Clements, Yale University, and Philip Balboni, University of California, Berkeley
Modern Translations: Reflections on Postcolonialism, New Ontology, and the Secular

Yunus Dogan Telli, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Untranslatability, the Secular, and the Question of Religious Language

AV21-412

VIRTUAL SESSION



Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **How to Teach Daoism?**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Presiding

Panelists:

Michael Naparstek, University of Tennessee

Tobias Zuern, Washington University in St. Louis

Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University

AV21-413

VIRTUAL SESSION

Hindu Philosophy Unit

Theme: **New Approaches to Advaita Vedānta**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Elaine Fisher, Stanford University, Presiding

Tyler Williams, University of Chicago
"The Shāstras Are Well Water": Re-writing Shāstric Conventions for Advaita and Yoga

Jason Schwartz, University of California, Santa Barbara
An Elephant Let Loose in the City of the Gandharvas: The Vernacularization of Scholastic Philosophy in Early Medieval Maharashtra

Tarinee Awasthi, Cornell University
More Advaitin than the Advaita Vedāntin: Bhāskararāya's References to the Yogavāsiṣṭha

AV21-414

VIRTUAL SESSION



Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit

Theme: **Building the Field Together: Networking Spiritual Care**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University, Presiding

Panelists:

Shelly Rambo, Boston University

Sarah Jobe, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Michael Skaggs, Brandeis University

A21-415

International Development and Religion Unit

Theme: **Decolonisation, Development and Faith 2: Theological Approaches**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–303

John Rees, University of Notre Dame, Australia, Presiding

Stephen Di Trollo Coakley, Princeton Theological Seminary
Decoloniality, El Buen Vivir Y La Liberación: Development in the Work of Gustavo Gutierrez and Anibal Quijano

Nina Kurlberg, University of Edinburgh
Embrace in the Margins: The Role of Theology in Inspiring Organizational Change

Joshua Bishop, Fordham University
Ivan Illich, the Catholic Church, and Development in the 1960s

AV21-416

VIRTUAL SESSION



Mahabharata and Classical Hinduism Seminar

Theme: **Multifarious Mahābhārata Methods**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Arti Dhand, University of Toronto, Presiding

Simon Winant, Ghent University
Redemption or Death: Jain Reinterpretations of the Slaying of Kīcaka

Andrzej Babkiewicz, University of Warsaw
Sacred, Mundane and Religious Geography of the Mahābhārata

Sthaneswar Timalina, San Diego State University
The Doctrine of Vyakti or Emergence in the Mahābhārata

Business Meeting:

Arti Dhand, University of Toronto

Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University



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A21-417



Men, Masculinities, and Religions Unit

Theme: **Blood, Metal, and Texts of Terror: Biopolitics, Myth, and the (Un)Making of Masculinities**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–301A

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

Emma Bridger, University of Birmingham, Rhine Koloti Phillip
Tsobotsi, University of the Western Cape, and Jo Sadgrove,
University of Leeds
#ChurchMustFall

Max Thornton, Drew University
*Blood Libel: Antisemitism, Transphobia, and the Possibility of the
Transsexual Jew*

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University
*The Barbed Cock of the Walk: Barbed Wire, Animal Sex, and the Blood
and Guts of Rural Masculinity*

Business Meeting:

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra
Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College

A21-418

Middle Eastern Christianity Unit

Theme: **Middle Eastern Christianity and Pluralism: Syriac and Coptic Engagements**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–008A

Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word, Presiding

Weston Bland, University of Pennsylvania
*Coptic Death Media, the Politics of Respect, and the Defense of
Communal Pluralism: Rethinking the 1950s*

Eric DeVilliers, University of Notre Dame
*Was Christian Division a Liability or an Advantage? Reconsidering
Yahya Ibn 'Adi's Polemics*

Responding:

Deanna Womack, Emory University

A21-419



Music and Religion Unit

Theme: **Music and Social Movements for Change**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–005

Lisa M. Allen, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

Catherine E. Williams, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Lift Every Voice and Sing: A Musico-Homiletical Study

Marilyn Batchelor, Claremont Graduate University
*The Uncovering of Black Pain Through Marvin Gaye's "What's Going
On"*

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University
Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University

AV21-420

VIRTUAL SESSION

North American Hinduism Unit

Theme: **Yoga and Whiteness: Cultural Appropriation, Colonial Echoes, and Negotiating Cultural Supremacy**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Dheepa Sundaram, University of Denver, Presiding

Panelists:

Shreena Gandhi, Michigan State University
Neil Dalal, University of Alberta
Rumya Putcha, University of Georgia
Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University

AV21-421

VIRTUAL SESSION

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit

Theme: **Pentecostals in the Media**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills, and
Leah Payne, George Fox University, Presiding

Panelists:

Sam Kestenbaum, Independent Religion Reporter

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VIRTUAL SESSION



Philosophy of Religion Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit

Theme: *Gender Troubles, Thirties* (Routledge, 1990)

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Anthony Petro, Boston University, Presiding

Panelists:

Adrian Emmanuel Hernandez-Acosta, Harvard University

Yannik Thiem, Columbia University

Biko Gray, Syracuse University

Siobhan Kelly, Harvard University

Mayanthi Fernando, University of California, Santa Cruz

Responding:

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University

A21-423



Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit

Theme: *Nature and Platonism*

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–305

Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto, Presiding

Russell Powell, College of the Holy Cross

Iris Murdoch's Radical Ordinary: Neoplatonism, Ordinary Language, and Ecojustice

Brendan Case, Harvard University

Sermons in Stone: Berkeley's Late Panpsychism and the Metaphysics of Animal Life

James Smoker, University of St Andrews

The Mysterious Somewhat of Coral and Hawks: Uncanny Nature from Samuel Taylor Coleridge to Helen Macdonald

Ryan Darr, Princeton University

Valuing the Non-human World: Christian Platonism and Environmental Ethics

Business Meeting:

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University

AV21-424

VIRTUAL SESSION



Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit

Theme: *New Variations on "Classic" Pragmatist Themes*

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding

Nathan Garcia, Oblate School of Theology

Categorizing Howard Gardner's Intelligences: Intelligences as Secondness in the Thought of Charles S. Peirce

Mary Nickel, Princeton University

Critical Piety: Our Need to Recover an Ancient Virtue

Kolby Knight, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Past and Future Soul of the Nation: Intellectual Enclosure and the Mass-Production of Religious Knowledge at the 1904 St. Louis World Fair

Sayed Hassan Hussaini Akhlaq, Coppin State University

The Shared Concepts of Mulla Sadra and James on Mystical and Religious Experiences

Business Meeting:

Joseph Winters, Duke University

A21-425



Reformed Theology and History Unit

Theme: *Engaging Volume 2 of Katherine Sonderegger's Systematic Theology* (Fortress Press, 2020)

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–302C

Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

Panelists:

Philip G. Ziegler, University of Aberdeen

Kirsten Heacock Sanders, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary

Matthew Wilcoxon, Church of the Resurrection

Responding:

Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary

AV21-426

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion and Cities Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: *Urban Spaces and Sacred Motion*

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Joy Palacios, University of Calgary, Presiding

Ken Chitwood, Freie Universitat Berlin

Berlin Zu Fuss: Anthropologizing the City's Spirituality with Its 'Digital Flâneurs'

Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University

Divinizing the City: The Transformation of Marwari Mercantile Gatherings into Devotional Space

Matthew Mitchell, Allegheny College

Downtown Dharma: Traveling Religious Festivals and the Transformation of Urban Space in Nineteenth-Century Japan

Irteza Binte-Farid, University of Pennsylvania

Islamic-Space Making Through Prayer in a Philadelphia Public School

Gideon Elazar, Ariel University, Bar Ilan University, and Miriam

Billig, Ariel University

Walking Through the Tomb of the Patriarchs: Sacred Mobility in the Contested City of Hebron



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A21-427

Religion and Disability Studies Unit and Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Religious Reflection on Gender and Disability: Questions of Motherhood**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–225A

David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Clare Radford, University of Manchester

'Difficulty and Beauty In Between': Unruly Representations in Anti-poverty Theologies

Devan Stahl, Baylor University

Maternal Impression and the Power of Women to Bear Disabled Children

Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College and Conservatory
Precarity and Pregnant Bodies

Responding:

Darla Schumm, Hollins University

A21-428



Religion and Science Fiction Unit

Theme: **Confronting Anxious Possibilities in Science Fiction Worlds**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis AB

Emanuelle Burton, University of Illinois, Chicago, Presiding

Ashley King, Northwestern University

Climate Change as Colonial Afterlife in Nalo Hopkinson's "Waving at Trains" (Boston Review, 2017)

Jeff S. Wilson, University of Texas

On the Field of Dharma, the Field of Hypertime: The Mahābhārata and Its Ontological Dominant

Torin Alexander, Winston-Salem State University

Terror and Triumph: An Africana Religious Exploration of "Lovecraft Country"

Business Meeting:

Emanuelle Burton, University of Illinois, Chicago

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University

A21-429



Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit

Theme: **The Affect of Crisis**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–006A

Tam K. Parker, University of the South, Presiding

Andrew Ronnevik, Baylor University

A Crisis of Shame? Dalit Theology and Affective Economies in India

Aaron Brown, University of California, Riverside

As It's Told: Mythical Self-Making, Black Affective Inner Worlds, and Resistance Within Narrative

Lacey Jones, Yale University

Our Brand Is Crisis: Hoping Against Hope in the "Future Library"

Business Meeting:

Maia Kotrosits, Denison University

Tam K. Parker, University of the South

A21-430

Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit

Theme: **Mass Affect**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

Rebecca Moody, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Presiding

Jeremy Hanes, University of California, Santa Barbara, and

William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara

Mass Affect: Disposition, Possession, and Character in Twitch Plays Pokmon

Responding:

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary

Aldea Mulhern, Fresno State University

William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara

Jeremy Hanes, University of California, Santa Barbara

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AV21-431 VIRTUAL SESSION ★

Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar Theme: **Theory and Method in the Study of Religion, Attire, and Adornment**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding

Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University
Outward Adornment: Theorizing Religion and Dress

Caroline Tully, University of Melbourne
Power (Un)Dressing: Revealing the Goddess in Contemporary Occult Religion

Marie Pagliarini, Saint Mary's College
Religion and Materiality: Spiritual Tattooing as Religious Attire/Adornment

Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara
Robes, Turbans, and Jewels: Theorizing Religion and Dress Through Early Twentieth-Century Swamis and Yogis in the United States

Business Meeting:

Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University
Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma

A21-432 ★

Ricoeur Unit

Theme: **Ricoeur: Politics, Narrative and Vulnerability**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–007B

W. David Hall, Centre College, Presiding

Lucie Robathan, McGill University
At the Limits of Narrative: Ricoeur, Anderson, and Narrative (Un)intelligibility

Sandra Dixon, University of Denver
Haidt's The Righteous Mind (Vintage Books, 2012) and Welch's A Feminist Ethic of Risk (Fortress Press, 1990): Read Through Ricoeur's Ideas About Interpretation and Political Language

Business Meeting:

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University

AV21-433 VIRTUAL SESSION ★

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Science and Religion in Non-Western Perspective**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
A Comedy of Errors: Religion and Science as Public Spectacle

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico
Buddhist Modernism's Integration with Science

Business Meeting:

Josh Reeves, Samford University
Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico

AV21-434 VIRTUAL SESSION ★

Sikh Studies Unit

Theme: **Mobilizing Sikhi**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Manvinder Gill, University of Toronto
Re-imagining Colonial Barriers in Exploring the Relationship Between Sikhi and Alcohol

Randeep Hothi, University of Michigan
Transporting Sikhism – Truck Drivers and Devotion Across American Roadways

Business Meeting:

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University
Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University

A21-435

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Feminist Virtue Ethics and Jewish Thought: Possibilities and Challenges**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–304A

Mara Benjamin, Mt. Holyoke College, Presiding

Shira Billet, Yale University
Antigone and the 'Woman of Valor': Hermann Cohen's Feminization of the Virtue of Courage

Rebecca Epstein-Levi, Vanderbilt University
Citation as Jewish Feminist Discipline

Sarah Zager, Yale University
Moral Conflict as a Resource for Jewish Feminist Virtue Ethics

Responding:

Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University



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A21-436



Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Tillich and Religious Practices**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis CD

Michele Watkins, University of San Diego, Presiding

Nathaniel Holmes, Florida Memorial University
Antiracism as a Spiritual Practice: A Tillichian Framework

Ban Htang, Union Theological Seminary
Being-Itself: Toward the Shared Quality of Spiritual Agency and Practice

Katharina Opalka, Evangelische Theologie; Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
Silent Contemplation as a Respite from the Continual Struggle of "In Spite of": On Semantic Representations of Hope in Tillich

Business Meeting:

Michele Watkins, University of San Diego

A21-437

Buddhist Pedagogy Seminar

Theme: **Clarifying Karma and Monastic Education Today**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham B

Manuel Lopez, New College of Florida, Presiding

Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College
Buddha and Karma Quotes Assignment

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
Gender Dynamics in Tibetan Buddhist Monastic Education

Andrew Taylor, University of Virginia
Gilding the Golden Age: The Proselytizing Functions of the Tibetan Monastic Curriculum in China

Nisheeta Jagtiani, Northwestern University
The Making of Buddhist Leaders in India Today: Combining Buddhist and Secular Education in Monastic Training

Dorji Gyeltshen, Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law
The Monastic Curriculum, the Vows, and the Training Center: The Transformation of Female Monastic Education in Contemporary Bhutan

Responding:

Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia

AV21-438

VIRTUAL SESSION



Contextualizing the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis Seminar

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Dyan Elliott's *The Corrupter of Boys: Sodomy, Scandal, and the Medieval Clergy* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020)**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Megan McCabe, Gonzaga University, and Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

Panelists:

Dyan Elliott, Northwestern University

Susan Reynolds, Emory University

Mark Jordan, Harvard University

A21-439

Hagiology Seminar

Theme: **Hagiology as (Comparative) Method**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Mission A

R. Brian Siebeking, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Stephanie Yep, Appalachian State University
Interrogating the Term 'Emotive' in Hagiographical Studies: The Case of Biographies of Muhammad

Ali Noori, University of Pennsylvania
Appraising Praise: Making Sense of Manāqib Literature

Mareike Koertner, Trinity College
Hagiography as an Analytical Tool to Studying Discourses Beyond Disciplinary Divisions in Islamic Studies

Elizabeth Angowski, Earlham College
In Dialogue with Buddhist Lives: Hagiography and the Comprehensiveness of Namtar in Tibetan Literature

Kathryn Heidelberger, Boston University
Playing with Polemics: The Virgin Mary's Presence in Muslim Polemics as Occasion for Comparative Hagiology

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A21-440



Navaratri Seminar

Theme: **Teaching Navarātri and Durgāpūjā: New Strategies and Materials for the Classroom**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–221A

Raj Balkaran, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Presiding

Panelists:

Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University
Xenia Zeiler, University of Helsinki
Hillary Rodrigues, University of Lethbridge
Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona

Business Meeting:

Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University
Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona

A21-441



Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar

Theme: **Questioning Borders: Constructive Responses to the Current Challenges of Global Migration from Interfaith Perspectives**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–224

Loye Ashton, Aoyama Gakuin University, Presiding

Panelists:

Loye Ashton, Aoyama Gakuin University
Kirsteen Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary
Michael Canaris, Loyola University, Chicago

Business Meeting:

Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University

A21-442

Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar

Theme: **Multireligious Perspectives on Friendship**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University, Presiding

Jason Welle, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies
Amici Tutti?: Pope Francis and the Rhetoric of Interreligious Friendship

Margaret Gower, Saint Mary's College
Friendship, Ekstasis, and Ecstatic Politics

Dorothy Dean, Berea College
Ineffable Accompaniment: An Apophatic Theology of Friendship and the Human Animal

Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute, Zefon
Yehuda, Israel

World Religious Leaders on Friendship – Building a Thick Description

AV21-443

VIRTUAL SESSION



Women's Caucus

Theme: **Book Launch of Women in Religion Series, Volume 1 and Volume 2 (ATLA Open Press, 2020 and Forthcoming)**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project, Presiding

Responding:

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College

PV21-405

VIRTUAL SESSION

Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought

Theme: *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy Lecture*

6:30 PM–8:30 PM

This is a virtual lecture that is available for viewing within the reserved space. For those attending the lecture in person, audio-visual arrangements are provided.

Sunday, 7:00 PM and Later

P21-506

Société Internationale d'Études sur Alfred Loisy

Theme: **Panel on David G. Schultenover, Jesuit Superior General Luis Martn Garcia and His Memorias. Showing Up (Brill 2021)**

7:00 PM–9:30 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio–La Princesa

Panelists:

Stephen Schloesser, Boston College
Oliver Rafferty, Boston College
William L. Portier, University of Dayton

Responding:

David Schultenover, Marquette University



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday, 7:00 PM and Later

A21-501



Film: *Spiritual Audacity: The Abraham Joshua Heschel Story*

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Convention Center–213

Martin Doblmeier, Journey Films, Presiding

Abraham Joshua Heschel, a Polish-born rabbi who escaped to the United States from Nazi Germany and became one of the most influential public theologians and civil rights activists of the twentieth century, is the subject of the latest documentary by Martin Doblmeier and Journey Films: *Spiritual Audacity: The Abraham Joshua Heschel Story*. Available now on DVD, it will air on public television stations beginning in May, 2021, for Jewish America Heritage Month. A scholar of the Hebrew prophets, Heschel, like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Amos, dared to speak truth to power. For over three decades, his writing, preaching, and activism were inspired by the prophet's vision of a God who seeks to partner with humanity. Heschel understood that when Amos talked about, Let justice roll down like water, that was not just for Israel, that was for nations all around the world, says Cornel West, one of the theologians, activists, and historians interviewed for the film. Abraham Heschel is not simply a figure from history but someone with wisdom and conviction that seems more relevant than ever, says Doblmeier. Our society is deeply divided in justice on one side, anger and vitriol on the other. Heschel understood well the price of indifference and he refused to stand on the sidelines. But the path to change that he shared with Martin Luther King, Jr was to awaken the conscience of the American people through discourse and non-violence.

A21-502



Film: *Encountering the Goddess in the Indian Himalaya*

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Convention Center–208

Glen Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding

Set in the cultural frontier zone of the Hindu Himalaya, *Avatara* (from Sanskrit, "descent") is an observational documentary that explores the lived religion of goddess worship (shaktism) in the inner recesses of the hills. For her farmer and shepherd followers, the goddess's presence is all too real; quick to anger and ever-thirsty for sacrifices, she haunts them in their dreams and rituals, demanding complete submission as both child like-friend and motherly-punisher. In this enchanted world of magical creativity, the encounters with the goddess are revealed to be transient, intuitive events that hold the key to creation and, for those lucky enough to see her, a short lived salvation.

Panelists:

Elena Mucciarelli, University of Groningen

Responding:

Arik Moran, University of Haifa, Israel

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

A22-101



Program Unit Chairs' Breakfast

7:15 AM–8:30 AM

Convention Center–Hemisfair 2

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, and Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Program Unit Chairs are invited to a breakfast featuring information on upcoming program initiatives and celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

Monday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A22-102

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Meeting

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–224

Nicole Kirk, Meadville Lombard Theological School, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

AV22-103

VIRTUAL SESSION

Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **Immigration and the Public Understanding of Religion**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Responding:

Barbara Sostaita, University of North Carolina

Daisy L. Machado, Union Theological Seminary

Jessica Goudeau, Sewanee School of Letters

Christina Leza, Colorado College

AV22-104

VIRTUAL SESSION



Publications Committee

Theme: **Steps to Publishing Your Book: From Pitch to Production**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Anthony Cerulli, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Panelists:

Fred Appel, Princeton University Press

Elaine Maisner, University of North Carolina Press

Philip Dunshea, Peter Lang Publishing

Amy Caldwell, Beacon Press

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AV22-105 VIRTUAL SESSION

Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee and Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee

Theme: **New Insights for a New Era from Queer and Disability Rights Colleagues**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, and Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding

Panelists:

Bee Scherer, Intersectional Centre for Inclusion and Social Justice
Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University
Monica Coleman, University of Delaware
Zaynab Shahar, Chicago Theological Seminary

A22-106



African Religions Unit

Theme: **Women, Religion, and Agency in Africa**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–221A

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University
Confronting Sanctioned Incivility in Africa: The Role of Religion

Jessie Fubara-Manuel, University of Edinburgh
Disability and Wholeness: Exploring the Experiences of Women with Disabilities in Uyo, Nigeria

Ruth Amwe, Princeton Theological Seminary
Women, Religion and Public Discourse: Rebuking the Center from the Margins

Business Meeting:

David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania
Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds

A22-107



Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit, Religion and Popular Culture Unit, and Religion and Science Fiction Unit

Theme: **Religion and Literature in Ted Chiang's Work**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–302C

Jennifer Caplan, Towson University, Presiding

Michael Motia, University of Massachusetts, Boston
"Old-Fashioned" Incomparability and Devotional Care

Karen Trimble Alliaume, Lewis University
Hell Is the Presence of Theodicy? Ted Chiang's Implicit Theology

Timothy Maness, Boston University
The Time of Our Lives: Eternity, Temporality, and Ted Chiang's "Story of Your Life" (Tor Books, 1998)

Responding:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

AV22-108 VIRTUAL SESSION



Body and Religion Unit

Theme: **Transformative Embodiment: Race, Pain, and Adornment**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Presiding

Leonard McKinnis, University of Illinois
All God's Children Got a Robe: Sunday's Best and the Black Body as a Site of Constructing Racial Identity

Spencer Nabors, Northwestern University
Black Bodies and Embodied Ecstasy

Elizabeth McKenney, Union Theological Seminary
The Meaning of Pain: The Role of Interpretive Lens in Discerning Moral Insight from Embodied Experience

Business Meeting:

Megan Adamson Sijapati, Gettysburg College
Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville

A22-109

Buddhism Unit, Chinese Religions Unit, and Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **Repelling, Averting, and Eluding Calamities: The Logic of "Apotropaic Solutions" in Chinese Religions**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–301C

Eric Huntington, Rice University, Presiding

Jeffrey Kotyk, The University of British Columbia
Petitioning the Planets and Negotiating Astrological Fate in Tang China

Nan Ouyang, National University of Singapore
Solving the Problem of the Wild: Apotropaic Rituals Against Tiger Attacks in Late Imperial China

Yi Ding, Stanford University
Symbols Installed and Protection Embodied: The Parasol-Mounting (Zhisun 置傘) Liturgy as a Apotropaic Solution at Dunhuang

Responding:

Michelle C. Wang, Georgetown University



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Monday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A22-110

Buddhist Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Buddhist Philosophy Unit Omnibus Panel**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Travis CD

Karin Meyers, Mangalam Research Center, Presiding

Timothy Loftus, Temple University
Ambedkar's Dharma: A Religion of Principles

Jeremy Manheim, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Objectless Compassion and the Limits of Emotion: Three Rival Tibetan Accounts of Anālam-bana–Karunā

Chihying Wu, University of California, Berkeley
The Dual Cognitive Aspect of Manas: A Study on Manas as the Contributory Factor and the Similar and Immediately Antecedent Factor in Cognition in Yogācāra Buddhism

Responding:

Constance Kassor, Lawrence University

AV22-111

VIRTUAL SESSION

Christian Systematic Theology Unit and Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit

Theme: **The Question of Universal Salvation**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Daniela C. Augustine, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, Presiding

Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University
Did Augustine's Opponents in the Treatise on Faith and Works Accept the Apokatastasis?

Roberto De La Noval, University of Notre Dame
Is Christianity a Religion of Fear?: Hart, Berdyaev, and Balthasar and the Problem of Hell

George Demacopoulos, Fordham University
The Good Friday Lamentations and the Possibility of Universal Salvation

Erica Ridderman, Duke University
The Universalism of Pavel Florensky: A Gehennic Splitting of the Self

Responding:

David Hart, University of Notre Dame

AV22-112

VIRTUAL SESSION

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Troubling Topics, Sacred Texts**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Roberta Sabbath, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Presiding

Sophia Avants, California State University, Long Beach
A Whisper That Stings: Hebrew and Greek Conceptions of Sin's Effects

Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College
Golden Rule: Asymmetrical or Symmetrical?

David Penchansky, University of St. Thomas
Surat–Al–Kahf Q 18:60–82: The Cave Sura Moses and the Stranger

Abdulla Galadari, Khalifa University
The Qur'anic Claim of Dying in the Way of God in the Torah, Gospel, and Qur'an

Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word
The Tree of the Jews: Muslims, Jews, and the Arboreal Landscape in Eastern Late Antiquity

Tammy Heise, University of Wyoming
White Christian Women and the Politics of White Supremacy

AV22-113

VIRTUAL SESSION

Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit

Theme: **Magic and Museums: Scholars and Practitioners**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Panelists:

Marisa Franz, New York University

Caroline Tully, University of Melbourne

Helen Cornish, Goldsmiths, University of London

Viktor Wynd, Viktor Wynd Museum

Steven Intermill, Buckland Museum of Witchcraft and Magick

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A22-114

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit

Theme: **Hoarding Religion: Collection, Curation, Archive, Museum**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–213

Sarah Dees, Iowa State University, Presiding

Emma Nolan-Thomas, University of Michigan
"Things Which Have Been Tried:" Collections of "Useful Information" from Islamic Networks to National Archives

Pamela Stevens, Graduate Theological Union
Religion in the Artistic Eye of the Collector: The Sacred World Art Collection at the Graduate Theological Union

Verena Meyer, Columbia University
Technologies of Change: Making Modern Museums in Islamic Indonesia

Soren Hessler, Boston University
The Consortium and the Institutional Archive: Preserving Memory at a Historically Black Seminary

Responding:

Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University

AV22-115

VIRTUAL SESSION

Ethics Unit and Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Big Data**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Matthew Johnson, University of Oxford, and Rachel Robertson, University of Cambridge
How Big Data Shapes Our Digital Lives: A Virtue Theoretical and Hamartiological Approach

Charles Gillespie, Sacred Heart University
Mining Anonymous Behavioral Data: Jennings, Balthasar, and Copeland on the "Research Ethics" of Surveillance Capitalism

Matthew Robinson, University of Bonn
Twitter Data Analysis and the Transcultural Semantics of Religion

A22-116



Evangelical Studies Unit

Theme: **Evangelical Identities in Proximity to the State and the Poor**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Travis AB

Peter Choi, Newbigin House, and Gabriela Viesca, George Fox University, Presiding

Cari Myers, Pepperdine University
"Don't Do What I Did:" A Qualitative Study Exposing Narratives of Financial Success in U.S. Churches of Christ

Gabriel Raeburn, University of Pennsylvania
Broadcasting Against the State: Evangelicals and Religious Alternatives to the Welfare State in the Reagan Years

Michael Laminack, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
Karl Barth and Q-Anon: Evangelical Theology and Anti-fascist Praxis

Morgan Crago, Boston University
Shifting Discourse on the Church's Relationship to the Poor in North American Protestant Perspectives on Latin American Pentecostalism

Business Meeting:

Jason Sexton, University of California, Los Angeles

AV22-117

VIRTUAL SESSION

Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **Renouncing the World While Staying at Home: A Critical Engagement with Gr̥hastha: The Householder in Ancient Indian Religious Culture**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida, Presiding

Panelists:

John Nemecek, University of Virginia

Claire Maes, University of Tübingen

Sonam Kachru, University of Virginia

Sarah Pierce Taylor, University of Chicago

Jack Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University

Responding:

Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Monday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A22-118



Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit

Theme: **Interreligious Studies: Interactive Workshop**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–214A

Funlayo Wood-Menzies, Ase Ire Communitiversity, Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University, Feryal Salem, American Islamic College, Russell CD Arnold, Regis University, and Jacqueline A. Bussie, Concordia College, Moorhead, Presiding

Sachi Edwards, Soka University, Tokyo, Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University, Simran Kaur-Colbert, Miami University of Ohio, and Asha Shipman, Yale University

Attending to Dharmic Traditions in Discourse About Religious Diversity and Inter-religious Dialogue

Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary

Chaplaincy Training Curricula and Interreligious Studies Pedagogies: Exploring the Intersection

Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary

Dangerous Religious Ideas: The Deep Roots of Self-Critical Faith in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Sherry Fohr, Converse College

Jains and Interfaith Work in the US (2019–2020)

Wolfram Weisse, University of Hamburg, and Anne Hege Grung, University of Oslo

Pluralisation of Theologies at European Universities: Responses to the Book

Cherice Bock, George Fox University

Reckoning with Racism: Oregon's Faith Communities, the Portland Uprising, and Land Genealogies

Jonathan David Lawrence, Canisius College

Simulation Games as a Tool for Interfaith Teaching Engagement

Jem Jebbia, Stanford University

Teaching Interreligious Studies Using Historical Primary Sources

Amy Fallas, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Gospel of Wealth: Charity and the Making of Sectarianism in Modern Egypt

Hannah Visser, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Towards a Shared Framework in Interfaith Learning: Categorizing Interfaith Learning Objectives

Tara Flanagan, Maria College

Using Interreligious Narratives in Clinical Pastoral Education to Reflect on Grief and Patient Experience

William Stell, Princeton University

When Interracial Worship Was Interreligious Politics: A View from the Chicago Defender's 1922 Go-to-a-White-Church Sunday

Business Meeting:

Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary

Feryal Salem, American Islamic College

AV22-119

VIRTUAL SESSION



Islamic Mysticism Unit

Theme: **Esoteric Intersections: Avicennan Philosophy, Ismaili Shi'ism, and Theoretical Sufism**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Rebecca Makas, Villanova University, Presiding

Parisa Zahiremami, University of Toronto (Mississauga)

Between Sunni Mysticism and Ismā'īlī Shi'ism: Sanā'ī's Poetry as a Window into Intellectual History

Syed Zaidi, Emory University

Hermetic Mysticism in the Works of the Brethren of Purity (Ikhwān al-Ṣafā')

Raihan Ahmed, University of Virginia

Reading Mysticism, Doing Philosophy? Mahā'imī and Ibn Turka on Ibn al-'Arabī's Fuṣūṣ

Mohammad Amin Mansouri, University of Toronto

Sayyid Haydar Āmulī's Theosophy and Ismā'īlī Negative Theology

Responding:

Rosabel Ansari, State University of New York, Stony Brook

Business Meeting:

Cyrus Zargar, University of Central Florida

M. Shobhana Xavier, Queen's University

AV22-120

VIRTUAL SESSION

Japanese Religions Unit

Theme: **Religion in Service to the Japanese State**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Heather Blair, Indiana University, Presiding

Lindsey DeWitt, Ghent University

Religion, Women's Exclusion, and National Self-Image(s) in Modern Japan

Adam Lyons, Université de Montréal

Religions and the Ideal of Public Service in Contemporary Japan

Abigail MacBain, Columbia University

Tōdaiji Temple as State Protector and Familial Temple

Responding:

Mikael Bauer, McGill University

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A22-121



Law, Religion, and Culture Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and *Journal of Law and Religion*

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Michael McNally's *Defend the Sacred: Native American Religious Freedom Beyond the First Amendment* (Princeton UP, 2020)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–006B

Dana Lloyd, Villanova University, Presiding

Panelists:

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado
 Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Central Florida
 Jace Weaver, University of Georgia
 Tiffany Hale, Barnard College, Columbia University
 Charles McCrary, Arizona State University
 Beverly Jacobs, University of Windsor

Responding:

Michael McNally, Carleton College

A22-122

North American Religions Unit

Theme: **The Pathological and Religion in North America**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–006C

Anthony Petro, Boston University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois
 Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University
 Lynne Gerber, Independent Scholar
 Jennifer Graber, University of Texas
 Brett Hendrickson, Lafayette College
 Philippa Koch, Missouri State University
 Donovan Schaefer, University of Pennsylvania
 Daniel Vaca, Brown University
 Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
 Kristine Wright, Princeton University
 Emily Clark, Gonzaga University

AV22-123

VIRTUAL SESSION



Practical Theology Unit and the Association for Practical Theology

Theme: **Learnings from the Pandemic: Implications of Adapting and Inventing Ecclesial Practices for COVID-19**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sabrina Mueller, Zurich University, and Katherine Turpin, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, and Jonas Kurlberg, Durham University
Embodying Church Online During COVID-19: Lessons from Asian and European Churches

John P. Falcone, Union Theological Seminary, and Molly Boot, University of Oxford
Lectio Visceralis Online: Interactive, Embodied, Zoom-Based Christian Ritual

Laura Schmidt Roberts, Fresno Pacific University
Pandemic Liturgy: Implications for Mennonite Communal Identity and Ecclesiology

Tim Snyder, Wesley Seminary
Resilience as an Ecclesial Practice: Towards a Model for Assessing Congregational Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Business Meeting:

Marc Lavalley, Barry University
 Sabrina Mueller, Zurich University

AV22-124 (=SV22-140)

VIRTUAL SESSION

Queer Studies in Religion Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit and SBL LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics Unit and SBL Paul and Politics Unit and SBL Pedagogy, Racism, and Biblical Studies Unit

Theme: **Title TBD (Session on the Work of Hortense Spillers)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Joseph A. Marchal, Ball State University, Presiding

Monica Rey, Boston University
Deuteronomy 21:10–14 as a Pornotropic Text

Amaryah Shaye Armstrong, Virginia Tech
Spillers, Sacrifice, and Sacrament: A Black Feminist Approach to the Racial Symbolics of Christian Order

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross
Reading Biblical Literature and US Culture with the Help of Hortense Spillers

Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University
The Third Consciousness: Africana Religious History and the Work of Hortense Spillers

Responding:

Hortense Spillers, Vanderbilt University



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Monday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

A22-125

Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Interfaith Engagement with Climate Change in the Public Square**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Texas A

Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College, Presiding

Jocabed Solano, United World Mission
En Defensa de la Vida y Su Armonía / In Defense of Life and Its Harmony

Christopher Fici, Union Theological Seminary
From Idolatry to Intimacy: The Art of the Yoga of Devotion for Regenerative Ecology

I. Malik Saafir, GreenFaith
Made in the Image of God: The Construction of an African American Eco-Theology for the Environmental Justice Movement

Saarah Latif, NIA Masjid and Community Center
Practice Islam: Taking Care of the Environment and Practicing Justice

Abby Mohaupt, Drew University / GreenFaith
Where Your Treasure Is: Protestant Divestment from Fossil Fuels as Global Solidarity with the Frontline of Climate Change

Responding:

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University

AV22-126

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion and Sexuality Unit

Theme: **Women's Celibacy Compared: Rejecting, Revising, and Reaffirming Heterosexual Marriage**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Kerry Sonia, Colby College, Presiding

Rebekah Trollinger, Earlham College
"He Had Not Power to Touch Me": The Powerful Celibacy of Shaker Visionary Rebecca Cox Jackson

Travis Stevens, Santa Clara University
Defending Chastity: Hungarian Princesses and Self Mutilation

Elizabeth Angowski, Earlham College
The "Mother of All Buddhas," Gendered Moral Agency, and the Anti-marriage Plot

Gaurika Mehta, Columbia University
The Celibate Sacrificed Wife as Divine Mother: Performance of Sexuality and Ritual in a Sati Hagiography

Responding:

Rachel Smith, Villanova University

Business Meeting:

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida

Sarojini Nadar, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

A22-127



Religion and the Social Sciences Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit

Theme: **Pandemic Congregations**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–007B

Scott Thumma, Hartford Seminary, Presiding

Brandon Vaidyanathan, Catholic University of America
Changes in Religiosity and Mental Health in Congregations During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Patricia Tevington, Hartford Institute for Religion Research
COVID-19 and the Challenges Facing the Congregational Social Safety Net

Andrew Gardner, Hartford Institute for Religion Research
Pandemic Past, Pandemic Present: Comparing Congregational Responses to the Spanish Flu and Coronavirus

Allison Norton, Hartford Seminary
Understanding Pandemic-Driven Changes in Worship: Insights from U.S. Congregations

AV22-128

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit and Teaching Religion Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit

Theme: **To Demystify, to Decolonize: A Roundtable on Decolonial Process and Pedagogies in Religious Studies**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Magda Mohamed, Boston University, Presiding

Panelists:

Samah Choudhury, Ithaca College

Israel Dominguez, University of North Carolina

Iskander Abbasi, University of Johannesburg

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AV22-129

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit

Theme: **Radicalism and Violence for Jewish Survival: Author Meets Critics to Discuss Shaul Magid's *Meir Kabane: The Public Life and Political Thought of an American Jewish Radical***

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Emily Filler, Washington and Lee University, Presiding

Panelists:

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College
Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University
Yaniv Feller, Wesleyan University
Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

Responding:

Shaul Magid, Dartmouth College

Business Meeting:

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University
Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

A22-130



Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Theme: **Catherine Keller's *Facing Apocalypse: Climate, Democracy, and Other Last Chances* (Orbis, 2021)**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–205

Robert Seesengood, Albright College, Presiding

Panelists:

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
Brigitte Kahl, Union Theological Seminary
Mayra Rivera, Harvard University
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Business Meeting:

Robert Seesengood, Albright College
Filipe Maia, Boston University

A22-131

Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Marxism in Muslim Contexts**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham C

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College, Presiding

Francesca Chubb-Confer, University of Chicago
At the Threshold of Prophecy: Marx and Muslim Potential for Muhammad Iqbal

Rebecca Faulkner, Princeton University
Economic Justice in the Empire

Timothy Gutmann, University of Chicago
On the Muslim Question: Marxism, Third Worldism, and Chinese Muslim Belonging

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College
Revolutionary Moments: Realism and Resistance in the Films of Ousmane Senebene

Responding:

Nauman Naqvi, Habib University

A22-132

Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Global Activism, Progressive Leadership, and Virtual Community**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–212

Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College, Presiding

Htoi San Lu, Vanderbilt University
An Analysis of the Possible/Impossible Subjectivity of Kachin Oppressed Women

Kelsey Hanson Woodruff, Harvard University
An Evangelical Feminist Counterpublic: Rachel Held Evans's Religious Leadership and the Media That Enabled It

Erica Ramirez, Auburn Seminary
Buying the Farm: Goop as Religious Prophecy

Beth Ann Williams, Florida State University
Virtuous Motherhood and Valuable Hard Work: Christian Women Navigate Social Precarity in 1970s Tanzania



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A22-133



Contextualizing the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis Seminar

Theme: **Intersectionality and Clergy Sexual Abuse: Race, Class, and Colonization**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–301A

Brian Clites, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
Addressing the Catholicism of Sex Abuse in Native America: Toward a Decolonial Methodology for Studying the Crisis

Sonja Thomas, Colby College
The Double Maze of Injustice: Religious Orders, Rural Dioceses, and Sexual Abuse on Reservations in Montana

Erin Kidd, Saint John's University
The Epistemic Context of the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Thinking the Sex in Catholic Sexual Abuse

Responding:

Jack Downey, University of Rochester

Business Meeting:

Brian Clites, Case Western Reserve University

Megan McCabe, Gonzaga University

AV22-134

VIRTUAL SESSION

Exploratory Session: Foucault's Confessions in the Study of Religion

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

David Maldonado Rivera, Kenyon College, Presiding

Panelists:

Niki Clements, Rice University

Biko Gray, Syracuse University

Maureen Kelly, University of Chicago

Daniel Wyche, University of Chicago

Responding:

Brandy Daniels, University of Portland

AV22-135

VIRTUAL SESSION

Exploratory Session: Sacred Drugs: Past, Present, and Futures

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:

Joseph Christian Greer, Harvard University

Suraj Sharma, Georgia State University

Laurie A. Cozad, Merrimack College

Charles Stang, Harvard University

Abdul Rahman Mustafa, University of Paderborn

AV22-136

VIRTUAL SESSION

Applied Religious Studies Committee Meeting

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

A22-139

New Religious Movements Unit

Theme: **Identifying, Naming and Treating Harm in New Religious Movements**

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Convention Center–Hemisfair 1

Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jeff Levin, Baylor University

Susan Palmer, McGill University

Jessica Pratezina, University of Victoria

Erin Prophet, University of Florida

P22-137



Hagiography Society

Theme: **Teaching the Saints Through Comparative Pedagogy**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Marriott Rivercenter–Grand A

Barbara Zimbalist, University of Texas, El Paso, Presiding

This roundtable will bring together six speakers with different comparative pedagogies to ask how comparative innovation and experimentation rewards critical consideration of methodology and religious tradition.

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The first speaker will discuss using methods from contemplative literature pedagogy to teach medieval mystical and devotional literature, proposing that such methods enable students to step outside of their presuppositions about various religious traditions and enter into a dialogic and exploratory relationship with the texts. The second speaker puts African Studies research in conversation with religious studies, and proposes that disciplinary comparison and cross-pollination become more helpful in this case than comparative religion. The third speaker will describe their attempts to adapt a new theory of Religious Genius to the university classroom through two case studies drawn from Hinduism and Judaism. The fourth speaker seeks to develop a trans-cultural brain map of sainthood that shows how Psychology might inform the comparative teaching of saints. The fifth speaker will focus on the utility of saints to provoke new kinds of questions in literature that would not ordinarily be considered “hagiographical” or necessarily even religious. The final participant will discuss the advantages and difficulties of teaching medieval Christian saints at a federally classified Hispanic Serving Institution, and will critically evaluate the concept of culturally relevant teaching.

Panelists:

Jessica Barr, University of Massachusetts
 Nikolas Hoel, Northeastern Illinois University
 Ross Kane, Virginia Theological Seminary
 Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute, Zefon Yehuda, Israel
 Aaron Hollander, Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute
 Daniel Mocer, Graduate Theological Union

A22-137

Program Committee Meeting

11:15 AM–12:15 PM
 Grand Hyatt–Lonestar B
 Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

A22-138

Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee

Theme: **Connecting Conversations**

11:15 AM–12:15 PM
 Convention Center–209

Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding

The Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee (PWD) will host a gathering time for conversation for scholars and students with disabilities, as well as anyone interested in disability issues in the Academy. The gathering will offer opportunities for mentoring and informal connections with colleagues.

A22-140



Plenary Panel: Religion, Poverty and Social Inequality Globally

11:15 AM–12:15 PM

Convention Center–Stars at Night 1

Marla Frederick, Emory University, Presiding



Jacob K. Olupona



Rupa Viswanath



Jung Mo Sung

From India to West Africa to Latin America the ravishes of the pandemic have amplified and accelerated the growing inequality that divides well-resourced nations from those yet struggling for adequate resources. In this session scholars of religion who focus on these areas of the world will help us think about the ways in which religion in these regions works to both abate and exacerbate the postcolonial realities of entrenched patterns of Western extraction and global poverty.

Panelists:

Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University
 Rupa Viswanath, University of Göttingen
 Jung Mo Sung, Methodist University, Sao Paulo

Monday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

AV22-202

VIRTUAL SESSION

Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **Developing Religious Literacy in College and University Classrooms**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Michael Graziano, University of Northern Iowa
 Annie Lockhart-Gilroy, Phillips Theological Seminary
 Alisa Perkins, Western Michigan University
 Joel Bernard Kemp, Emory University



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Monday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

AV22-203 VIRTUAL SESSION

Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee Meeting

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding

AV22-204 VIRTUAL SESSION

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

Theme: **COVID-19, Precariousness, Interconnectedness, Justice**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Panelists:

- C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union
- Arun W. Jones, Emory University
- Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University
- Santiago Pinon, Texas Christian University
- Angela Parker, Mercer University

A22-205

African Religions Unit, Bioethics Unit, Religion in Southeast Asia Unit, and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit

Theme: **Faith in a Time of COVID-19: Religion and Public Health Measures**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–304A

Lance D. Laird, Boston University, Presiding

John Blevins, Emory University
COVID-19 in the Politics of Life and Death

Johanneke Kroesbergen-Kamps, University of Pretoria
Religious Coping Styles and Public Health Measures in Zambian Sermons Addressing COVID-19

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
The Social Life of the COVID-19 Vaccine as Embodied Faith in Indonesia

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University
Trauma Texas-Style: International Students Facing Both a Pandemic and Natural Disaster

AV22-206 VIRTUAL SESSION

Animals and Religion Unit

Theme: **Tiny Animals, Animacy, and Pandemics: Reflections on the Boundaries of Selfhood and Life in Buddhism, Christianity, and Rabbinic Judaism**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Katharine Mershon, Western Carolina University, Presiding

Aminah Al-Attas Bradford, North Carolina State University
Groundwork for Holobiont Theology Amidst Pandemic

Lina Verchery, Harvard University
Perspectival Dexterity and the Boundaries of the Body: What Bugs in Buddhism Reveal About the Self

Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University
Pigs, Pandemics and Power: Zoonosis in Jewish Sources

Responding:

Geoffrey Barstow, Oregon State University

Business Meeting:

- Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
- Christopher Carter, University of San Diego
- Eric Meyer, Carroll College

A22-207

Anthropology of Religion Unit and Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and Law, Religion, and Culture Unit and New Religious Movements Unit and Western Esotericism Unit

Theme: **Religion, Secularity, and the Satanic Temple: A Roundtable with Scholars and Community Members**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–302C

Megan Goodwin, Northeastern University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Lucien Greaves, The Satanic Temple
- Joseph Laycock, Texas State University
- Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University
- Jay Wexler, Boston University
- William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Jesper Aagaard Petersen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religions
- Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA

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A22-208



Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Islamic Arts and Literature**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–304C

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Allison Kanner-Botan, University of Chicago
Desire and Askēsis: Sexuality, Animality, and the Figure of Majnūn in Medieval Islam

Mohamed Wajdi Ben Hammed, Columbia University
On Dabr and the Temporal Atom in Abū L- 'Alā' Al-Mā 'arrī's Writings

Murtaza Shakir, Columbia University
Versatility with Universality: Exploring Themes of Universality in the Foliated and Floriated Kūfī Script in Fāṭimī Architecture

Responding:

Candace Mixon, Occidental College

Business Meeting:

Gloria Maité Hernández, West Chester University

A22-209

Black Theology Unit and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit

Theme: **Moved by the Spirit: Religion and the Movement for Black Lives**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–225D

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University, Presiding

Panelists:

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

Teresa Smallwood, Vanderbilt University

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary

A22-210



Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit

Theme: **Bonhoeffer, Race, Resistance, and Politics: Recent Publications**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–212

Matthew Puffer, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Panelists:

Ross Halbach, Multnomah University

Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

Joshua Mauldin, Center of Theological Inquiry

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg University

W. David Hall, Centre College

Business Meeting:

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross

A22-211

Buddhism Unit and Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit

Theme: **Buddhists Count: Premodern Buddhist Commentators Reckon with Their Traditions**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham C

Alexander Hsu, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Erdene Baatar Erdene-Ochir, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Khyab Mtha" as a Pedagogy of Counting: Navigating the "Methods to Establish the Pervasion Boundaries of the Seventy Topics" in Nineteenth-Century Mongolian Buddhism

Thomas Newhall, University of California, Los Angeles
5, 6, 7, 8, Group the Rules to Keep Them Straight: Categorizing the Buddhist Precepts in Daoxuan's (596–667) Vinaya Commentaries

Tao Jin, Illinois Wesleyan University
How Did the Chinese Buddhist Exegetes Mark Out the Three-Dimensional Structures of Their Commentaries? Zhenjian 真鑑 and His Ganzhi 干支 Method

Bruce Winkelman, University of Chicago
Japanese Buddhist History by the Numbers: Ten or More Ways to Count History According to Kokan Shiren's (1278–1346) Genkō Shakusho

Rae Dachille, University of Arizona
Vajra Math: Enumeration as a Tool for Enlightenment in This Lifetime and This Body

Responding:

Eric Greene, Yale University

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A22-212



Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Hindu Philosophy Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **Productive Influences Between Hindu and Buddhist Thought**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–303

Leah Kalmanson, University of North Texas, Presiding

Nilanjan Das, University College London

A Reappraisal of Uddyotakara and Buddhists on Universals

John Taber, University of New Mexico

Apoha for Beginners: Dignāga and Kumārila

Jed Forman, University of California, Santa Barbara

Effable or Ineffable? Ratnakīrti's Differing Rebuttals to Mīmāṃsaka and Naiyāyikas

Alex Watson, Ashoka University

Is Recognition Capable of Refuting Momentariness? Jayanta's Critique

Amit Chaturvedi, University of Hong Kong

Tracing the Evolution of Buddhist and Nyāya Views on Non-conceptual Perception

Business Meeting:

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Karin Meyers, Mangalam Research Center

A22-213



Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **Healing, Hospitality, Transformation, and Flourishing**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–301C

Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Jacob Torbeck, Loyola University Chicago

A Saving Vision: The Transformative Power of Attention

Elizabeth Agnew Cochran, Duquesne University

Health, Autism, and Human Flourishing

Hannah Black, University of Cambridge

The Soteriological Image of Healing in Gregory of Nyssa's Oratio Catechetica

David Beadle, Wycliffe College

The Supremacy of Hypostasis over Participation in Maximus the Confessor

Mark McNroy, University of St. Thomas

To Be like God Is to "Give Assistance Freely, Impartially, and Universally": A Patristic-Constructive Model of Theosis as Hospitality to the Neighbor

Business Meeting:

Oliver Crisp, University of St Andrews

Natalia Marandiuc, Southern Methodist University

A22-214



Comparative Religious Ethics Unit

Theme: **Social Justice, Resistance, and Religious Ethics in the Time of COVID-19**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–221A

Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Misbah Hyder, University of California, Irvine

Expanding "Opposition": Interpreting the Ethics of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Religious Practices

Brianne Donaldson, Rice University

Medical Service, Ecological Advocacy, and International Fundraising as Transcultural Belonging Among North American Jain Responses to COVID-19

Amod Lele, Boston University

Sāntideva's Opposition to Anger: A Defence for the Current Context

Jason Mahn, Augustana College

Sickness, Sacrifice and Salvations in Postliberal Comparative Theology

Business Meeting:

Jung Lee, Northeastern University

A22-215



Comparative Theology Unit and Open and Relational Theologies Unit

Theme: **Comparative Nondualisms: Deep Relationality in an Unequal World**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

Axel Marc Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Jennifer Wade, Gwynedd Mercy University

Comparative Nondual Ethics for the Reduction of Inequality in the Public Sphere














Charles Atkins, Université de Montréal

Nondual Prison Chaplaincy: A Conversation Between Nondualism and Anakainosis-Desmios

Yujia Zhai, Boston College

Nondualism and Christian-Jewish Relations: Toward a Nondualistic Covenantal Theology

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Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida
The Being of God Ripples Through the Ages: Nondualistic Readings of Bhāgavata Purāṇa 1.2.11

Bin Song, Washington College
Wealth, Justice and Spiritual Nondualism in Wang Yangming's Ru (Confucian) Practice

Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union
Worshipping the Name, Visualizing Bodhisattvas: Athonite and Tibetan Devotional Practices and the Challenge of Nondualism

Responding:

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston

AV22-216 VIRTUAL SESSION

Contemporary Islam Unit

Theme: **Toward a Queer Islam**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Brittany Landorf, Emory University, Presiding

Mujahid Osman, Emory University
"I Can Be Myself— and That Feels Really Powerful as a Pakistani Muslim": Islam, Queerness, and the Politics of the Closet

Garrett Kiriakos-Fugate, Boston University
Queer Relationships, Queer Rituals: Progressive Scholars and Communities Rethinking Theology and Islamic Law on Marriage and Ritual Prayer

Magda Mohamed, Boston University
Queering the Hijab: Faithful Failure and Playful Piety of Queer Muslims

Fatima Seedat, University of Cape Town
Sitting in Difference: Queering the Study of Islam

Responding:

Scott A. Kugle, Emory University

A22-217

Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **Practice and the Cosmic Imagination in Daoism**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–205

Tobias Zuern, Washington University in St. Louis, Presiding

Liyong Xu, Arizona State University
Cosmic Images and the Self: The Zhuangzi and Shangqing Practice

Robert Campany, Vanderbilt University
Dreaming and Daoist Self-Cultivation: Four Models

Christopher Yang, Brown University
Roaming the Mind and Visualizing the Cosmos in the Zhuangzi

Gil Raz, Dartmouth College
The Five Talismans of the Numinous Treasure: The Making of a Classic

Responding:

Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University

A22-218

Ecclesiological Investigations Unit

Theme: **The Future of Church in a Broken World**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–211

Scott MacDougall, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Presiding

Leah Schade, Lexington Theological Seminary, and Ekaterina Lukianova, The Kettering Foundation
Democratic Deliberation as a Religious Practice

Benjamin Hohman, Boston College
No Unity Without Creaturely Community: On the Need for an Integral Theology of Grace

Vincent J. Miller, University of Dayton
Synodality as Struggle for Just Communion in Both Church and World

Britta Meiers Carlson, Boston University
The Ecclesiological Implications of Economic Inequality and Church Decline: A Discourse Analysis of the Ecclesial–Social Imaginary

AV22-219 VIRTUAL SESSION

Japanese Religions Unit

Theme: **Empty Offertory Boxes – Poverty and Precarity Within Contemporary Japanese Religions**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Pow Camacho-Lemus, University of California, Los Angeles
Compounding Precarity: Assessing Poverty and Economic Impact for Buddhist Temples in Northeastern Japan After the Triple Disaster

Timothy Smith, University of North Carolina
Inconvenient "Circumstances": Empty Churches, Part-Time Priests, and the Potential and Precarity of Tenrikyō Today

Dana Mirsalis, Harvard University
Precarious Priesthood: What the 'Part-Time' Priest Tells Us About Contemporary Shinto

Erica Baffelli, University of Manchester
Volunteering and Precarity: A Case Study from a Buddhist Organization in Japan During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Responding:

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University





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A22-220

Mysticism Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit

Theme: **Unruly Desires: Queering Mysticism**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–216

C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Benjamin Mayo, Rice University

Love Against All Laws: The Sexual Mysticism of Genesis P-Orridge and Austin Osman Spare

Ailie Posillico, Villanova University

On God's Ground: Desire, Identity Formation, and 'Perverved Groups' in Henry Suso's The Life of the Servant (Lutterworth Press, 2014)

Manon Hedenborg White, Södertörn University

The Erotics of Undoing: The Goddess Babalon and the Possibility of a Queer Heterosexuality

Wesley Barker, Mercer University

The Unruly Desire of "That Glorious Slit": Queer Lips and the "Trans-Matter-Reality" of Touch

Responding:

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University

A22-221



Native Traditions in the Americas Unit

Theme: **Epidemics, Renewal, and Healing Plants in Native Traditions in the Americas**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–213

Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado, Presiding

Cecilia Titizano, Graduate Theological Union

Andean Cosmic Restoration: A Response to the Pandemic

Jason Sprague, University of Michigan, Dearborn

Odawa Religious Responses to Epidemics: Indigenous Catholicism and Tenskwatawa's Movement

Nanea Renteria, Columbia University

Psychedelic Mainstreaming and the Future of Sacred Plants: An Invitation for Scholars of Indigenous Religions

Responding:

Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University

Business Meeting:

Andrea McComb Sanchez, University of Arizona

A22-222



Nineteenth Century Theology Unit and Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **Academic Rivalry in the Modern Age: Thinking with Girard and Beyond**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis CD

Zachary Purvis, University of Gottingen, Presiding

Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University

Brothers or Enemies? Revisiting Academic Rivalry in the Möhler/Baur Debate

Bryan Wagoner, Davis and Elkins College

Franz Overbeck and Carl Albert Bernoulli Through the Lens of Girardian Mimetic Rivalry

Responding:

Johannes Zachhuber, University of Oxford

Business Meeting:

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California

Zachary Purvis, University of Gottingen

A22-224

Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit and World Christianity Unit

Theme: **Pentecostalism in World Christianity**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–305

Erica Ramirez, Auburn Seminary, Presiding

Timothy Wadkins, Canisius College

Misión Integral and Routinization in a Salvadoran Pentecostal Megachurch: The Case of Misión Cristiana Elim Internacional

Alex Mayfield, Boston University

Printing Pentecost in Hong Kong: Winners and Losers in the Transnational Pentecostal Print Culture, 1907–1942

Chad Bauman, Butler University

Prosperity in a Time of Pandemic: Defying the Virus at an Indian Megachurch

Responding:

Janice McLean-Farrell, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

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Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: **How Are Religious and Spiritual Leaders Faring? Part 1**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–214B

Storm Swain, United Lutheran Seminary, Presiding

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary
#PandemicPastoring: How Ministers Are Navigating Twin Pandemics

Anisah Bagasra, Kennesaw State University
Faith Leaders Perceptions of COVID-19 and Health Behaviors

Mary Clark Moschella, Yale University
Narrative Wisdom in a Time of Dual Pandemics

Business Meeting:

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary
Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University

AV22-226

VIRTUAL SESSION



Qur'an Unit

Theme: **Interpretation of the Qur'an**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University
"It Is Not Known If Something Like It Has Been Composed on Its Subject": How Modern Arab Editors Helped Create Ibn Taymiyya's "Introduction to the Principles of Qur'anic Interpretation" (Muqaddima Fi Usul Al-Tafsir)

Johanna Pink, University of Freiburg
From Orientalism to Socialism to Da'wa: Max Henning's Qur'an Translation and the History of the Qur'an in Germany

Aun Hasan Ali, University of Colorado
The Primacy of the Quran: Pushing the Boundaries of Critique

Nadir Ansari, University of Toronto
The Rise and Fall of the Modernist Hermeneutics of the Qur'an: A Study of the Urdu Exegesis of Ahmad al-Din Amritsari (D. 1936, India)

Syed Zaidi, Emory University
The Use of the Qur'an in the Brethren of Purity's (Ikhwan Al-Safā') Conception of God

Business Meeting:

Lauren Osborne, Whitman College
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University

A22-227



Reformed Theology and History Unit

Theme: **The Politics of Providence**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

David Chao, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Tyler Davis, Baylor University
Disaster Providentialism: Imperial Hermeneutics and Theological Imaginations of Opposition

E.W. Rector, University of Toronto
Enslaved to Man, Enslaved by Sin: R.L. Dabney and the Failure of Special Providence in the American South

Luke Zerra, Princeton Theological Seminary
Participation in Providence Through Law: Natural Law and Discursive Politics in Richard Hooker

Responding:

Michelle Sanchez, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh
Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University

A22-228



Religion and Economy Unit

Theme: **Capitalism, Dis-ease, and the Long Shadow of COVID-19**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–006B

George Gonzalez, City University of New York, Presiding

Panelists:

Adam Kotsko, North Central College

Rebecca Bartel, San Diego State University

Brett Krutzsch, New York University

Laura McTighe, Florida State University

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside

Filipe Maia, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Daniel Vaca, Brown University

Elayne Oliphant, New York University



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A22-229

Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Theologies and Politics of the American Right**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–301A

Scott Culpepper, Dordt University, Presiding

Austin Clements, Stanford University
“No Faithful Church Member Can Be a Communist”: Interwar Mormonism and the Modern American Right

James T. Bretzke, John Carroll University
Parvus Error in Principiis: Deconstructing Episcopal Arguments and Actions in the 2020 Election and Aftermath

Mark Fugitt, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Satan’s Shot: How Christian Fundamentalists Spent Decades Building an Anti-vaccine Movement

Roger Robins, University of Tokyo
The Political Turn in 20th Century Pentecostalism: Deliverance Evangelists, Prophets, and Businessmen

AV22-230

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit

Theme: **The Felt Materiality of Books**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Maia Kotrosits, Denison University, Presiding

Michael Baysa, Princeton University
Anxious Texts: Printing Heterodoxy in Eighteenth-Century Colonial America

Lydia Bremer-McCollum, Harvard University
Archiving Eugenic Desires: Hypatia and the Hawara Papyrus

Marisa Franz, New York University
Inbetweenness and Intimacy in Classification: Magical Materials in Museum Cataloguing

Abby Kulisz, Indiana University
Vanishing Books, Disappearing People: Books of Friendship and Hatred in Christian-Muslim Disputations

AV22-231

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion, Memory, History Unit

Theme: **Religion, Memory, and “Home”**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Rubina Salikuddin, Bryn Mawr College, Presiding

Scott Alves Barton, New York University
Angel Repast for Martyrs and Heroes: Food Acts and Textiles Following Black Funerary Practice

Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University
Indian Merchants’ Reconstructed Memories of a Home Deity

Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland
The “First White Child”: A Study in the Imagined Homes of Family History

Responding:

Rachel Lindsey, Saint Louis University

Business Meeting:

Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University

Christopher Cantwell, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

AV22-232

VIRTUAL SESSION

Ritual Studies Unit

Theme: **Varieties of Ritual Invention: Online, on Stage, in Dance, and Corporate Space**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Martin Pehal, Charles University, Presiding

Cia Sautter, North Dakota National Guard
Inventing New (Jewish) Ritual Theatre: Sacrificing Separateness

Wael Hegazy, University of California, Santa Barbara
Online Rituals in the American Muslim Context

Joy Palacios, University of Calgary
Performative Space: In Between the Sacred and the Profane

Lina Aschenbrenner, University of Salzburg
The Extraordinary Ritual Effect of the Ordinary Movement Practice Gaga

Responding:

Andrew Strathern, University of Pittsburgh

Pamela J. Stewart, University of Pittsburgh

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AV22-233 VIRTUAL SESSION

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **On the Mindfulness of Nature**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Panelists:

- Simon Kittle, University of Leeds
- Tripp Fuller, University of Edinburgh
- Norman Wirzba, Duke University
- Fiona Ellis, University of Roehampton
- David Clough, University of Chester
- Matthew Elia, Duke University
- Godehard Bruentrup, Hochschule fuer Philosophie, Munich, Germany

AV22-234 VIRTUAL SESSION

Sociology of Religion Unit

Theme: **Innovating Research with Digital Methods**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary, Presiding

Panelists:

- L. Nelson Leonard, University of Texas
- Erika Gault, University of Arizona
- James Bielo, Miami University
- Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life, Austin, TX

AV22-235 VIRTUAL SESSION

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Apocalypse Without Messiah: Critical and Constructive Interventions in Jewish Thought and Ecology**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Larisa Reznik, Pomona College, Presiding

- Robert Erlewine, Indiana Wesleyan University
Beyond the Nature/Culture and Pagan/Judaism Divide: Samuel Hirsch, Hermann Cohen, and Jewish Thought in the Age of the Anthropocene
- Mara Benjamin, Mt. Holyoke College
Destabilizing Contemporary Jewish Theological Discourse: Animisms, Environmental Humanities, and the Transcendent God
- Dustin Atlas, University of Dayton
Should Jewish Philosophers Talk to Plants? Buber's Critical Anthropocentrism

Responding:

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

Business Meeting:

- Shari Rabin, Oberlin College and Conservatory
- Andrea Dara Cooper, University of North Carolina

A22-236



Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: **Religion and Public Life: Perspectives from the Centers**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-Bonham B

Anne Blankenship, North Dakota State University, Presiding

Panelists:

- R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, St. Louis
- Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University
- Philip K. Goff, Indiana University – Purdue University, Indianapolis
- Willemien Otten, University of Chicago
- Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

- Molly Bassett, Georgia State University
- Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego

A22-237

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit

Theme: **Dreams in Tibetan Buddhism**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–006C

Andrew Quintman, Wesleyan University, Presiding

- Palden Gyal, Columbia University
Bringing Light to the Dark Borderlands: Dreams as Missionary Technologies
- Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley
Dream Yoga and the Transformation of Unconscious Fixations in Early Dzogchen
- Dominique Townsend, Bard College
Dreamers and Workers: The Fifth Dalai Lama's Dream and Early Modern Tibetan Labor Relations
- Michael Sheehy, University of Virginia
Dreaming Oneself Awake: Contemplative and Performative Dynamics in Shangpa Dream Yoga Manuals
- Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia
Dreamscape, Divination, Delusion: Making Sense of the Multiple Forms of Dream Literature in Tibet
- Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College
Lotuses Before They Bloom: Yolmo Tenzin Norbu's Dream Cycle (Mnal Lam Gyi Skor)

Responding:

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University



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Monday, 12:30 PM–2:30 PM

A22-238



Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit

Theme: **Wesleyan/Methodist Theology, Social Change, and the Fight for Justice**

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center–007B

Jung Choi, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Presiding

Ashley Dreff, High Point University
Methodist Women and the Equal Rights Amendment

Michael Christensen, Pointloma Nazarene University
Practical Theological Contributions of James M. Lawson, Jr. to Faith-Based Community Organizing, Economic Development, and Social Justice Work Within the United Methodist Church and the Civil Rights Movement in America

Brent Peterson, Northwest Nazarene University, and Steve Shaw, Northwest Nazarene University
The Nonviolent Social Justice of a Eucharistic Ecclesiology of Martyrdom: A Celebration of Rev. James Lawson, Jr.

Responding:

Joy J. Moore, Luther Seminary

Business Meeting:

Cindy K. Wesley, University of Northern Colorado
Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University

AV22-239

VIRTUAL SESSION



Women's Caucus Business Meeting

12:30 PM–2:30 PM

Business Meeting:

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

A22-241

Monday Riverwalk Riverboat/Walking Tour

12:30 PM–1:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Meet in Lobby

The Riverwalk private riverboat tour is a guided tour on a San Antonio Riverboat. The tour on the Riverboat travels on the river loop around the city of San Antonio on the San Antonio River and the duration is approximately 35 minutes. After the riverboat tour, we will disembark and walk to an area on the Riverwalk where giftshops and sidewalk cafes can be found for a nice lunch on the Riverwalk. \$37

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AV22-240 (=SV22-228) VIRTUAL SESSION

Queer Studies in Religion Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit and SBL LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics Unit and SBL Paul and Politics Unit and SBL Pedagogy, Racism, and Biblical Studies Unit

Theme: **Title TBD (Session on the Work of Hortense Spillers)**
Part 2

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Katherine Shaner, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Ashon Crawley, University of Virginia
Relinquishing Flesh, Regarding Flesh

Sarah Jobe, Duke University
Hortense Spillers and the Reclamation of Biblical "Flesh"

Haley Gabrielle, Emory University
"The Son of the Slave Woman Was Born According to the Flesh": Reading the Flesh in Hortense Spillers and Paul

Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones, Boston College
Call Me Madonna: Concerning Mama's Babies and Theology

Responding:

Hortense Spillers, Vanderbilt University

A22-242

San Antonio Historic Houses of Worship

1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Convention Center–Main Entrance

David Bains, Samford University, and Daniel Sack, Washington, DC, Presiding

First settled by Europeans in 1718, San Antonio is named for Saint Anthony of Padua. It became one of the largest cities in Texas after the Civil War. This tour will explore some of the houses of worship this rich heritage has bequeathed it. Probable stops will include San Fernando Cathedral (dating from 1738 with a major expansion in 1868), the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower, begun shortly after the canonization of the St. Têrèse de Lisux ("the Little Flower") in 1925, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church founded in the Government Hill neighborhood in 1883 adjacent to Fort Sam Houston. We also hope to include a visit to Jewish or Hindu community. Transportation provided. \$30

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Monday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A22-301



Publications Committee

Theme: **Women and Publishing**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

Panelists:

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

A22-302

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **O Dissertation, Where Is Thy Sting?: How Writing Groups Transform Dissertation Writing**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–225C

Panelists:

Rachel Toombs, Baylor University

Amanda Brobst-Renaud, Valparaiso University

Rebecca Poe Hays, Baylor University

Lacy Crocker Papadakis, Baylor University

A22-303



Teaching and Learning Committee

Theme: **Satanic Pedagogies**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–207B

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Panelists:

Damon Berry, St. Lawrence University

Joseph Laycock, Texas State University

Jesper Aagaard Petersen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

A22-304

VIRTUAL SESSION

Afro-American Religious History Unit

Theme: **Reshaping the Borders of the Black Church: 100 Years After Carter G. Woodson's *The History of the Negro Church* (University of North Carolina Press, 1921)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Nicole Turner, Virginia Commonwealth University, Presiding

Daniel Bare, Texas A&M University, College Station
Baptist Identity and Interracial Engagement in the Jim Crow South: The American Baptist Theological Seminary

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University
Church Building in the Americas: The African Diaspora Toward Stronger Sociological Understandings

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University
Faithful Foundations for Political Freedom: Black Women's Political Organizing in the Southern U.S.

Warren Lattimore, Duke University
The Black Church and Environmental Justice: Reconceptualizing Historical Narratives

Responding:

Nicole Turner, Virginia Commonwealth University

A22-305

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit

Theme: **Asian American Christian Identities as Crisis**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–211

Daniel Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Ren Ito, University of Toronto
"Why Stay Here Until We Die?" A Theo-Political Ontology of Asianness in North America

Gabriel Catanus, Trinity International University
Filipino American Theology: Identity, Social Media, and Indigeneity

Henry Kuo, Greensboro College
Strategic Missionality in Manhattan's Chinatown: Endangering Reformed Theology



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Monday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A22-306

Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit

Theme: **Augustine and Christian Theologies of Jewish Protections**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–212

Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa, Presiding

Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University

On the Collapse of Augustine's Theology of Judaism and Its Rehabilitation

Ellen Charry, Princeton Theological Seminary

Augustine's Blinkered Israelology

James Dever, University of Notre Dame

Erich Auerbach's Augustinianism: A 'Theology' of Jewish Protections

Responding:

Paula Fredriksen, Boston University

A22-307

Catholic Studies Unit

Theme: **The Making and Unmaking of Catholic Cities and Towns**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–007B

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College, Presiding

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Indigenous Countermaps of Mexican Catholicism

Michael Pfeifer, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City
University of New York Graduate Center
La Placita and the Evolution of Catholic Religiosity in Los Angeles

Madeline Gambino, Princeton University
Unmaking the Catholic City: Race, Space, and Urban Change in Philadelphia

Lisa Beyeler-Yvarra, Yale University

Zones of Exclusion: The Spatial Formation of the Archdiocese of Chicago and New Orleans

Responding:

Felipe Hinojosa, Texas A&M University

AV22-308

VIRTUAL SESSION



Chinese Christianities Unit

Theme: **Challenging Chinese Christianities**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Shin-Fung Hung, Duke University

From Singing "Out-of-Tone" to Creating Contextualized Cantonese Hymns: Hong Kong in the Decentralization of Chinese Christianity

Dingjian Xie, University of Edinburgh

The Changing Face of Jing 經 as Seen from Christianity in Tang China (618–907)

Quan Li, Sun Yat-sen University

The Question of Communism and the Birth of Chinese Public Theology: A Postcolonial Perspective

Responding:

Man Hei Yip, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh

A22-309

Christian Spirituality Unit

Theme: **Joining Together: Racial Justice and the Lived Christian Experience**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Lonestar B

Jim Robinson, Fordham University

Eco-Spirituality and Eco-Justice: Embodying Inner and Outer Transformation at Agape Community

David De La Fuente, Fordham University

Pentecostal Spirituality and Racial Justice: Interpreting Azusa Street Pentecostalism Through Paul Ricoeur, and Willie James Jennings

Daniel Horan, Catholic Theological Union

'Sine Proprio' and Systemic Racism: Franciscan Spirituality in Response to White Supremacy

Justin Klassen, Bellarmine University

Spiritual Identity and National Myth: An Existential Reading of the White Christian Backlash Against Critical Race Theory

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AV22-310

VIRTUAL SESSION



Cognitive Science of Religion Unit

Theme: *Hearing Voices and Other Matters of the Mind: What Mental Abnormalities Can Teach Us About Religions* by George Graham and Robert McCauley (Oxford University Press, 2020) - Book Panel Discussion with the Authors

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Robert N. McCauley, Emory University
George Graham, Georgia State University
Tanya Luhrmann, Stanford University
Owen Flanagan, Duke University
Serife Tekin, University of Texas, San Antonio
Will Gervais, Brunel University

A22-311

Comparative Theology Unit and Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Religion in the Public Square and Its Impact on Global Climate Change**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–216

Christopher Fici, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Kie Man Bryan Mok, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Climate Justice, Holy Spirit, and Qi: A Comparative Study from a Chinese Christian Perspective

Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University
Interreligious Studies at the End of the World: An Ecological Approach

Ryan Pino, Harvard University
Laudato Si', Confucian Li, and the Etiquette of "Ecological Conversion"

Carleigh Beriont, Harvard University
Paddling Noah's Kayak: Contemporary Marshallese Theology and Climate Activism

A22-312



Hindu Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Udayana on Buddhist Idealism: A Philosophical Roundtable**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis AB

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University, Presiding

Panelists:

Nilanjan Das, University College London
Davey Tomlinson, Villanova University
Jed Forman, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:

Catherine Prueitt, University of British Columbia

Business Meeting:

Michael Allen, University of Virginia

A22-313



Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit

Theme: **Centralizing the Borderlines: Devotion, Geo-Poetics and Blood**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

Gudrun Buhnemann, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Jon Keune, Michigan State University
Folk, Popular, Regional, and the Mainstream? Placing Vitthal and Mazu in Hindu and Chinese Traditions

Ruth Westoby, SOAS University of London
Raising, Refining, Slaying: Menstrual Blood in Hathayoga and Nūdan

Rachel Pang, Davidson College
Shabkar's (1781–1851) Representation of the Qinghai Border Region Using Indian, Tibetan, and Chinese Models

Business Meeting:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University

Karen O'Brien-Kop, University of Roehampton

A22-314



Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Kierkegaard, Contagion, Class, and Corporeal Vulnerability Part 2**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–005

Donnell Williamson, Brown University, Presiding

Noel Adams, Marquette University
Dysphoria, Isolation, and Incommensurability: Kierkegaard's Admiration of Heroic Expression in Fear and Trembling

Dante Clementi, Boston College
Kierkegaard on the Relation Between Solitude and Loneliness

Justin Davis, Boise State University
Kierkegaard, Climacus, COVID, and Isolation

Business Meeting:

Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary

Jennifer Veninga, St. Edwards University



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Monday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A22-315

Political Theology Unit

Theme: **Pluralizing Political Theology**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–208

Inese Radzins, California State University, Stanislaus, Presiding

Panelists:

Kathy Chow, Yale University

Mac Loftin, Harvard University

Joseph Drexler-Dreis, Xavier University of Louisiana

Mark Aloysius, University of Oxford

Stephanie Frank, Columbia College, Chicago

Rushain Abbasi, Harvard University

Responding:

Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

A22-316

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Same Storm, Different Boats: Who Lives and Dies in a Pandemic?**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–301A

Danjuma Gibson, Calvin Theological Seminary, Presiding

Eunil David Cho, Brite Divinity School

From the Yellow Peril to the Model Minority and Back Again: Unraveling the Orientalist Representations of Asian Americans in the Age of COVID-19

Brooke Petersen, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Religious Trauma: Queer Stories in Estrangement and Return

Keith Menhinick, Emory University
You Are Not Your Trauma

AV22-317

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion and Economy Unit

Theme: **Money, Justice, and Islamic Ethics**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Iman AbdoulKarim, New York, NY, Presiding

Panelists:

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University

Esra Tunc, University of California, Santa Barbara

David Decosimo, Boston University

Responding:

Devin Singh, Dartmouth College

A22-318



Religion and Food Unit

Theme: **Religion, Food, and Change**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–205

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Emma Lietz Bilecky, Princeton Theological Seminary
Critical Cartography in Church Land Mapping: Visualizing Decolonial Food Environments with the Episcopal Church?

Wietske Merison, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Islamic Vegetarianism: A Traditional Answer to Modern Questions

Aldea Mulhern, Fresno State University, and Rachel Brown, University of Victoria

Muslim Foodways Beyond Halal and East/West Geographies: Globalizing Muslim Foodways in a Digitized Millieu

Business Meeting:

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University

Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College

A22-319



Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Religion, Politics, and COVID-19**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–006C

Katharine Batlan, University of Alberta, Augustana, Presiding

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University

A Tale of Two Burdens: COVID-19 and the Question of Religious Free Exercise

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Kathryn House, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Neither Tank Tops nor Masks: Defining Freedom in White Evangelical Christianity

Chiara Migliori, Freie Universitaet Berlin
The Western Populist Right in 2020: A Purported Clash Between Public Good and Individual Rights

A22-320



Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit

Theme: **Religion Education as a Multidisciplinary Project: Case Studies from Nigeria and Canada**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham C

Angela Bernardo, Sapienza University of Rome, Presiding

Patricia Idoko, University of Notre Dame
Pluralism, Integration/Inclusion and Religious Education Textbooks

Eric Farr, University of Toronto
Religious Education and the Secular Child: A Contribution from Secular Studies to the Study of Religion and Public Schooling

Business Meeting:

Erik Owens, Boston College

A22-321

Religion and Sexuality Unit

Theme: **Un/Compromised Subjects: Religion, Race, and Purity in the United States**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–006A

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, Presiding

Hannah Waits, Dartmouth College
Evangelical Missions and the AIDS Crisis in the Global South

Sara Moslener, Central Michigan University
Sexual Innocence and National Security

Kera Street, Harvard University
The Pinky Promise and African American Women's Engagement with Digital Media Platforms

Nicole Symmonds, Emory University
Womanist Ethics and Evangelical Anti-trafficking Work

Responding:

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

A22-322

Religion in Europe Unit

Theme: **Negotiating Religion in European Public Space**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–214B

Carol Ferrara, Boston University, Presiding

Vebjorn Horsford, Inland Norway University of Applied Science
Christianity and Populism in Russia: Building a Bulwark Against Western Decadence

Tuomas Äystö, University of Helsinki
The Appropriate Locations of Nordic Public Religion: The Case of Contemporary Finnish Parliamentary Language

Ehsan Sheikholharam, University of North Carolina
Urban Politics of Neoliberalism and the Aga Khan's Architectural Pluralism

A22-323



Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit and Western Esotericism Unit

Theme: **Religious Negotiations with Natural Philosophy: Astrology, Magic, and Aristotle**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–221A

Claire Fanger, Rice University, Presiding

Stanislav Panin, Rice University
Al-Kindi's Aristotelian Vocabulary and Its Significance for Early Modern Theories of Magic

Mai Lootah, Rice University
Astrology, Magic and Free Will in the Discourse of Abū Ya'qūb Al-Kindi: A Mu'tazilite Perspective

Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University
Metamorphosis of the Metaphysics Early Protestant Negotiations of Scripture and Natural Philosophy

Business Meeting:

Claire Fanger, Rice University

Martha Newman, University of Texas



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Monday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

AV22-324 VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion in South Asia Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Hate Mail/Male: Negotiating Online Terror as Scholars and Activists in South Asian Religious Contexts**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Dheepa Sundaram, University of Denver, Presiding

Panelists:

- Audrey Truschke, Rutgers University, Newark
- Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
- Vinayak Chaturvedi, University of California, Irvine
- Ather Zia, University of Northern Colorado
- Yashica Dutt, Journalist and Independent Scholar

AV22-325 VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics Panel: Martin Shuster's *How to Measure a World: A Philosophy of Judaism* (Indiana University Press, 2021)**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Ada Jaarsma, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Claire Katz, Texas A&M University
- Robert Erlewine, Indiana Wesleyan University
- Lissa Skitolsky, Dalhousie University

Responding:

- Martin Shuster, Goucher College

A22-326

Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit

Theme: **Revisiting, Revising, and Rethinking Iconic Places and Figures in Latinx and Latin American Histories**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–304C

Matthew Casey-Pariseault, Arizona State University, Presiding

Kristian Diaz, University of Denver
Celebrating Without the Disenfranchised: Problematizing Oscar Romero's Beatification in El Salvador

Rebecca David-Hensley, Denver University, Iliff School of Theology
Demonic Grounds or Living Water: The Crisis at the U.S.-Mexico Border

Bernard Gordillo Brockmann, Center for Iberian and Latin American Music, University of California, Riverside
Violent Silence: Spanish Colonial Mission Bells and the California Indians

Responding:

Jessica Delgado, Ohio State University

AV22-327 VIRTUAL SESSION



Religious Conversions Unit

Theme: **Modernity and Mobility: Conversion, Class, and Culture**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Cody Musselman, Yale University, Presiding

Chanhee Heo, Stanford University
Encountering the Holy Spirit: Implementing Cultural Models During the Great Revival of 1907 in Korea

Edith Szanto, University of Alabama
Leaving Islam for Greener Pastures?: Conversion and/as Class Mobility in Iraqi Kurdistan

Anne Dyer-Witthford, University of Waterloo
Varying Religious/Spiritual Resistance to Time-Compression of Finance Capitalism

Business Meeting:

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University

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Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Theme: **The Bible and Its Publics: Academic Guilds, the Politic of Construction, and the NRSV-Updated Edition**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–304A

Deanna A. Thompson, St. Olaf College, Presiding

Responding:

Mitzi Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary

Wilson Dickinson, Lexington Theological Seminary

Eric D. Barreto, Princeton Theological Seminary

Lynn Huber, Elon University

AV22-329

VIRTUAL SESSION

Tantric Studies Unit

Theme: **Tantra in Bengal and Assam: Śāktas, Bāuls, Sahajiyās and Yogis**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Jarrold Hyam, University of Sydney

Bāul Sādhana: Tantric Embodiment and Transformational Healing

Carola Lorea, National University of Singapore

From Oral Transmission to Digital Archive: New Primary Sources for the Study of Baul Traditions

Saran Suebsantiwongse, Cambridge University

Identifying Early Śāktas, Ascetics and Mystics at Kāmākhyā: A New Perspectives Through the Studies of Tantric Texts and Material Culture of Medieval India

Julian Strube, University of Münster

Tantra in Nineteenth-Century Bengal: Between Reform and Revival

E. Sundari Johansen Hurwitt, California Institute of Integral Studies

The Inconvenience of History: The Politics of Myth and the Construction of Public Tantric Identity

Responding:

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University

A22-330

Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Theology and Contemporary Issues**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham B

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University, Presiding

King-Ho Leung, University of St Andrews

On the Critiques of Anti-Blackness and Onto-Theology

Hannah Jones, University of Chicago

The Political Theology of COVID-19 as Trauma

Samuel Ernest, Yale University

Theology and the Desire for Otherwise Words

Skyler Keiter-Massefski, Yale University

Trans Theological Reflection Beyond Legibility (or, How to Dance with Ghosts)

A22-331

Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit

Theme: **Open Session: Traditions of Late Antiquity Unit**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–303

Sara Ronis, St. Mary's University, Texas, Presiding

James Walters, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library

Authorship and Authority in Textual Transmission: The Curious Case of the Persian Sage

Laura Locke Estes, Saint Louis University

Ephrem and the Construction of "Paganism" on the Roman-Persian Border

George Archer, Iowa State University

Liturgies in the Litanies and Christians in the Quran

Charles Haberl, Rutgers University

When Did Mandaeans Become a 'People of the Book'?

AV22-332

VIRTUAL SESSION



Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit

Theme: **Pedagogies of Joy: Women of Color and Strategies for Resistance, Resilience, and Change**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Lahrona Little, Emory University

Burning Incense to the Queen of Heaven: A Practical Theological Exploration of Womanist Spirituality and Resistance

Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary

Joy as Power and Resistance in Teaching and Learning for Theological Education

Almeda Wright, Yale University

Towards a Pedagogy of Black Joy

Responding:

Cona Marshall, University of Rochester



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Monday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A22-333

Artificial Intelligence and Religion Seminar

Theme: **The Ethics of/in Artificial Intelligence**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–213

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Joyce Konigsburg, DePaul University
Faster, Smarter Bias: Can Artificial Intelligence Be Trusted to Develop Social Policies?

Michael Paulus, Seattle Pacific University
Hope and Longing in Las Vegas: A Glorious Journey to the Heart of the AI Dream

Paul Scherz, The Catholic University of America
Naming, Numbering and Accompaniment: Ethical Problems in the Use of AI in Population Health

Dylan Doyle-Burke, University of Denver
Operationalizing the Question of 'Why?': What Spirituality Has to Do with Fairness, Bias and Transparency in Machine Learning Development

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
Technological Give-and-Take: Religions of AI in Indian Science and Engineering

A22-334

Constructive Muslim Thought and Engaged Scholarship Seminar

Theme: **Assessing the State of the Field: Constructive Muslim Thought and Engaged Scholarship**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–305

Celene Ibrahim, Groton School, Presiding

Panelists:

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco

Ebrahim Moosa, University of Notre Dame

Rasul Miller, University of California Irvine

Responding:

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University

A22-335

Origen and Origen Reception Seminar

Theme: **Origen of Alexandria: Reception of His Theology**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center–006B

Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University, Presiding

Samuel Johnson, University of Notre Dame
"Demonstration of Spirit and Power": G. E. Lessing on Origen's Contra Celsum

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University
How Origenian Was George Rust's Defense of Origen? A New Reading of the Letter of Resolution (1661)

David Grumett, University of Edinburgh
Origen, De Lubac, and the Incorporation of the Word in Scripture

Andrew Nichols, Ozark Christian College
Reassessing the Tradition of the Fathers in Evagrius Ponticus and John Cassian

Daniel Johnson, University of Leicester
The Reception of Origen in the Christology of Isaac Watts

AV22-336

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar

Theme: **Methodology, Pedagogy, and Friendship**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sarah Bixler, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union
Friends in This Classroom: Critical Feminist Pedagogy Fostering Multireligious Friendship

Laura Duhan-Kaplan, Vancouver School of Theology
Friendship and (Phenomenological) World-Traveling in the Inter-religious Studies Classroom

Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Vancouver School of Theology
Friendship and the Charting Anew of Our Collective Futures: A Proposed Methodological Approach

Business Meeting:

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University

Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Vancouver School of Theology

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AV22-337

VIRTUAL SESSION



Women's Caucus

Theme: **International Scholars' Research on Gender, Religion, Poverty and Inequality**

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Julia Berger, Montclair State University, Presiding

Cristina Lledo Gomez, BBI-The Australian Institute for Theological Education

Deleted and Reclaimed Borders: Embracing My Native Self in Talanoa and Babaylan Tradition

Lana Sirri, Maastricht University

Islamic Feminism: Discourses on Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Islam

Responding:

Ulrike Auga, Humboldt University of Berlin

C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union

A22-338



Jain Studies Unit

Theme: **Jains, History, Literature, and Controversy: The Impact of the Scholarship of Paul Dundas**

3:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Texas A

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University, Presiding

Panelists:

Nalini Balbir, New Sorbonne University

Ellen Gough, Emory University

Steven Vose, Florida International University

M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University

John E. Cort, Denison University

Responding:

Paul Dundas, University of Edinburgh

Business Meeting:

Steven Vose, Florida International University

M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University

AV22-339

VIRTUAL SESSION

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit Business Meeting

3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Gloria Maité Hernández, West Chester University, and George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Monday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

AV22-402

VIRTUAL SESSION

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Sikh Studies Unit

Theme: **Sikhs and Sikhism in North America**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, Presiding

Gurbeer Singh, University of California, Riverside

In Light of Social Media: The Shift from Blind Orthodoxy in North American and British Sikh Youth

Simranjit Khalsa, University of Memphis

Gendered Boundaries Among Sikhs in the US and England

Taunalyn Rutherford, Brigham Young University

Janamsakhi Literature and "Abundant Phenomena" in Sikh Memory, Identity, and Space

A22-403

Black Theology Unit and Ethics Unit and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Unit

Theme: **The Black Social Gospel Tradition and the "Spiritual Left"**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–207B

Melanie Jones, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

Joshua Beckett, Fuller Theological Seminary

Prophetic Christianity and Progressive Marxism, Radically Reintroduced: A Kingian–Gramscian Tactical Alliance Against Neoliberalism and Illiberalism

Larry Perry, University of Tennessee

The Black Spiritual Left and the Limits of the Present Black Social Gospel

David Justice, Saint Louis University

The Sword That Heals: King, the Black Radical Tradition, and the Destructive Power of the Beloved Community

Responding:

Michele Watkins, University of San Diego



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A22-404

Childhood Studies and Religion Unit

Theme: **Activism and Action: How Children Shape Religious Practice**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham C

Sally Stamper, Capital University, and Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University in St. Louis, Presiding

Robyn Boere, University of St Andrews

Becoming like Children in Relation to the Earth: Children's Voices in Ecological Activism

Brian C. R. Zugay, Texas Tech University

Model Giving: Children's Religious Philanthropy and the Church Building

Rachelle Saruya, University of Toronto

Ritual and Play in Nun-Making: Girlhood, Nunhood, and the Shaping of Today's Myanmar–Burmese Buddhist Nun

Sarah Hedgecock, Columbia University

The Bible Talks Back: Bible Apps and Relationality Among Young Evangelicals

A22-401

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **The Pedagogy of Podcasting with Weird Religion: A Podcast for People Who Know Religion Is Weird but Love It Anyway**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–225C

Panelists:

Leah Payne, George Fox University

Brian Doak, George Fox University

AV22-405

VIRTUAL SESSION

Chinese Religions Unit

Theme: **Imagining the Past, Remembering the Future: Buddhist Studies and Chinese Religions Through the Life and Work of Chünfang Yü**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Susan Andrews, Mount Allison University, Presiding

Panelists:

Kevin Buckelew, Northwestern University

Hsin Yi Lin, Fo Guang University

Susan Naquin, Princeton University

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Manchester

Responding:

Chun-Fang Yu, Columbia University

A22-406

Contemporary Islam Unit

Theme: **Searching for Liberation and Justice in Contemporary Islam**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

Hinasahar Muneeruddin, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Kam Copeland, University of Southern California

Black Islam, Orientalism, and the Conscious Community: Confronting Black Suffering in the Cultural Nationalist Vlogosphere

Ellen McLarney, Duke University

Islamic Liberation Theology in Argentina

Oludamini Ogunnaike, University of Virginia

Poetry, Prayer, and Protest: Two 'Ajami Qasidas in Response to Police Killings

Esra Tunc, University of California, Santa Barbara

Stock Funds and Debating Inequalities in American Muslim Contexts

Responding:

Harold Morales, Morgan State University

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A22-408

Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit and Quaker Studies Unit Theme: **Spiritual Light in the Orthodox and Quaker Spiritual Traditions**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–304A

David Harrington Watt, Haverford College, Presiding

Christy Randazzo, Haddonfield Friends Meeting
The Divine Light(s) of God's Presence: Theologies of Light in Quakerism and Gregory of Palamas

Ivana Noble, Charles University, Prague
The Doctrine on the Uncreated Deifying Light and Its Aid in the Search for the Inner Enlightenment of People Who Have Negative Attitude to Doctrines and Institutions

Cherice Bock, George Fox University
Toward a Quaker Ecotheology of Light

Responding:

Philip Dorroll, Wofford College

A22-409

Evangelical Studies Unit

Theme: **Christianity Corrupted: The Scandal of White Supremacy**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–302C

David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Randall Balmer, Dartmouth College

Elizabeth Jemison, Clemson University

Responding:

Jermaine Marshall, Interdenominational Theological Center

AV22-410

VIRTUAL SESSION

Hinduism Unit and North American Hinduism Unit

Theme: **Global Hinduism Beyond the Diaspora**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Shana Sippy, Centre College, Presiding

Aditya Bhattacharjee, University of Pennsylvania
Discovering Divine Diasporas: An Investigation of Thailand's Mammoth Ganeshas

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago
New Wine, New Wineskins: The Translocal Templescape of the "Hindu" Goddess in Pontiac, Michigan

James Ponniah Kulandai Raj, University of Madras
Nithyananda's Kailasha: A New Nation for Hindu Religious Citizenship That Defies Hinduism?

Diana Dimitrova, University of Montreal
The 'Multi-Hybrid Cultural Identities' of Radhasoami Members in Canada

Responding:

Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College

A22-411

History of Christianity Unit and Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Religion in Europe Unit

Theme: **500 Years After Luther's Excommunication**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–205

Constance Furey, Indiana University, Presiding

Marius van Hoogstraten, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Constitutive Non/Violence: The Anabaptist Ban on the Threshold of Life and Death

Tapio Leinonen, University of Helsinki
The Early Years After the Excommunication: Luther's Influence on Prussian Leadership

James Kroemer, Concordia University, Wisconsin
The Excommunication of Martin Luther: Pope Leo's Attempt to Salvage a Crusade Against the Turks

A22-412



Korean Religions Unit

Theme: **COVID-19 Outbreaks and Korean Religious Communities**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Presidio B

Debernieri Torrey, University of Utah, Presiding

Panelists:

Franklin Rausch, Lander University

Minjung Noh, Drew University

Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School

Holly Folk, Western Washington University

Jeongeun Park, St. Thomas More College

Business Meeting:

Hwansoo Kim, Yale University

Liora Sarfati, Tel Aviv University



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A22-413



Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit

Theme: **Latinx/Asian Religious Confluences**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–006C

Grace Vargas, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Robert Chao Romero, University of California, Los Angeles
Mestizaje, Mulatez, and La China Poblana: Toward a Perspective of Asian-Latinx Religious Studies

Kevin Escudero, Brown University
A Comparison of Asian and Latinx Churches' Use of Sanctuary Practices to Support Undocumented Immigrants

Hanna Kang, Graduate Theological Union
Asian Latinx: The Other in Our Midst

Business Meeting:

Ángel Gallardo, Southern Methodist University

Lauren Frances Guerra, Loyola Marymount University

A22-414 (=S22-401)



Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, SBL Religion and Philosophy in Late Antiquity Unit, and SBL Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Unit

Theme: **Christian Platonism: Reflections on the Occasion of the Publication of *Christian Platonism: A History* (Cambridge, 2021)** (eds. Alexander J.B. Hampton, John Peter Kenney)

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–304C

Willemien Otten, University of Chicago, Presiding

Panelists:

Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, University of Notre Dame

Andrew Davison, University of Cambridge

Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto

Anna Corrias, University of Toronto

Derek Michaud, University of Maine

A22-415

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Grim Convergences: Psychology and Religion at the Intersection of Loss, Trauma, and Violence**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–301C

Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

KwangYu Lee, Drew University
Collective Trauma, Cultural Complex, and Religion: A Case Study of the Korean Protestant Church

Christopher Oliver, Hood Theological Seminary
No Ways Tired: An Examination of the Relationship Between Burnout, Distress, Social Support, Spiritual Practices, and Leisure Practice Among Clergy in the Black Church

Kathleen Mroz, Emmanuel College
People Are Not Numbers: Weight Stigma, COVID-19, and Structural Sin

A22-416



Queer Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Queering Agencies with/in Race, Place, and Time**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–221A

Ashley Coleman Taylor, University of Texas
Atlanta Is a Sea of Bones: Memory, Sacred Space, and Black Queer Social Place

Megan Robertson, Desmond Tutu Centre for Religion and Social Justice, and Mujahid Osman, Emory University
Reading for Queer African Agencies: Re-examining Queer Religious Expressions in South Africa

Jeremy Schulz, Independent Scholar
'Sis Don't Get Spooked, the Boogie Man Won't Get You, Fem Queens to the Rescue': Trans Rap Is Trans Resistance

Rachel Carpenter, Syracuse University
Wild Thing: Queer Monstrosity in My Favorite Thing Is Monsters (Fantagraphics, 2017)

Business Meeting:

Elyse Ambrose, Meadville Lombard Theological School

Brandy Daniels, University of Portland

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A22-417



Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Religion, Poverty, and Impoverished Ecologies**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–303

Kimberly Carfore, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Colin Simonds, Queen's University at Kingston
Buddhist Total Liberation: Tibetan Resources for Addressing Animal and Human Suffering

Samira I. Ibrahim, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Ecological Ethics in the Light of Islamic Cosmological Perspectives

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin
Wild Panentheism: The Queer Flesh of Divinity in an Age of Extinctions

AV22-418

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion and Food Unit

Theme: **The Passover Seder and Imagined Connections**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding

Jessica Cooperman, Muhlenberg College
Setting an 'Authentic' Seder Table: Jewish Food and Christian Passover Seders

Samira Mehta, University of Colorado
The Food Can Be a Text: The Seder as a Site of Black-Jewish Engagement

Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College
Tomatoes on the Seder Plate: An Exploration of Contemporary Engagements with Food Justice on Passover

Responding:

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester

AV22-419

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion and Human Rights Unit and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit

Theme: **Mass Atrocities, Human Rights Violations, and the Possibilities of Repair**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

Gary A. Phillips, Wabash College
'We Need to Take Away Children': Suffering and the Transformative Power of Samuel Bak's Artwork After the Holocaust, and After Human Rights

Danielle Dempsey, University of California, Riverside
Between Church and Nation: Sacralizing Violence

Lily An Kim, McMaster University
Receiving Child Survivors of the Holocaust

AV22-420

VIRTUAL SESSION



Religion and Migration Unit

Theme: **Hospitality and Empathy in Understanding Refugee Crisis**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Eunil David Cho, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Jan Holton, Duke University
The Blessing and Challenge of Community Empathy in Refugee Resettlement

Ha Young Kang, Drew University
The Bogeymen: Ghostly Refugees and Biopolitical Exorcism

Zac Poppen, Brite Divinity School
Who Loves the Stranger?: The Volatile Landscape of Evangelicals, Immigration, and Hospitality

Business Meeting:

Nanette Spina, University of Georgia

A22-421

Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **Cancel Culture, Climate Denial, and Conspiracy Thinking: Theorizing Popular Evangelical Discourse**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–212

America Wolff, Florida State University, Presiding

Caroline Matas, Princeton University
"Cancel Culture" and American Evangelicalism: Theoretical Frames for New Media

Aaron Ricker, McGill University
Crisis, Conspiracy, and Community in Evangelical Climate Denial

Maxwell Kennel, McMaster University
Violence, Religion, and Conspiratorial Thinking

AV22-422

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion and Science Fiction Unit

Theme: **Using Science Fiction for Ethical Reflection on Race and Inequality**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Alfred Collins, Independent Scholar
"Dark City" and Surveillance Capitalism's Spiritual Quest

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University
Du Bois' 'The Comet' (Harcourt Brace, 1920) and Cataclysmic Hope

Victoria Lorrimar, Trinity College Queensland
Closing the Gap: Developmental Economics in Speculative Fiction



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AV22-423 VIRTUAL SESSION

Ricoeur Unit

Theme: **Paul Ricoeur and Political Theology**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding

Amy Daughton, University of Birmingham, UK
Populism and Myth – Reading Ricoeur for Political Theology

Joel Mayward, University of St Andrews
The Artwork Gives Rise to Thought: Toward a Ricoeurian Theological Aesthetics

Responding:

W. David Hall, Centre College

A22-424



Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit

Theme: **Rethinking Relations with Sacred Texts: Sacrifice, Conjure, and Wounded Words**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–211

Elizabeth Goldstein, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Nathan Hershberger, Duke University
The Word in Wounded Words: Scripture and the Limits of Language

Dessislava Vendova, Columbia University
Breaking the Bridge with the Gods: Early Buddhist Attitudes Towards Sacrifice Found in Jataka Stories

Nicholas Andersen, Brown University
Conjuring Ethiopia: Conjure and Ethiopianism in Black Religious Thought

Business Meeting:

Tyler Atkinson, Bethany College

Elizabeth Goldstein, Gonzaga University

AV22-425 VIRTUAL SESSION



Schleiermacher Unit

Theme: **Affect, Embodiment, and Theological Understanding**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Taraneh Wilkinson, University of Cincinnati, Presiding

Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon

Decolonizing the Christian Christ

Dakota Wade, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Schleiermacher's Affective Pneumatology and the Theological Challenge of Affect Disorders

Responding:

Thandeka Thandeka, Love Beyond Belief, Inc.

Business Meeting:

Kevin Vander Schel, Gonzaga University

A22-427

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Judaism in Place, from the Talmud to Medieval Europe**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–305

Naftali Cohn, Concordia University, Montreal, Presiding

Emilie Amar-Zifkin, Yale University

Christian Noise, Jewish Polemics, and the Dynamics of Sonic Supremacy

Shulamit Shinnar, Jewish Theological Seminary
The Embedded Body: Environmental Models of Illness in Rabbinic Literature

Daniel Golde, Jewish Theological Seminary
The Merit of a Roman Emperor: Antoninus and Rabbi in Bavli Avodah Zara

AV22-428 VIRTUAL SESSION



Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: **Teaching Tactics**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Beverly Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

A Teaching Tactic for the Commercialization and Consumption of Religion

Jon Keune, Michigan State University, and Laura Yares, Michigan State University

Creating International Experiences: Teaching Religion with Virtual Reality

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Jacob Barrett, University of Alabama
Critical Theory in World Religions: An Experiment in Course (Re) design

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
Five Things: Creating Connection and Engagement While Discouraging Polarization in a Graduate Seminar

Naomi Washington-Leapheart, Villanova University
Making Good Trouble at Home: Teaching a Theology That Agitates the University

Alfons Teipen, Furman University
Teaching Tactics with "A Proven Practice: "Sacred Objects: A Brief Exercise in Handling "The Sacred"

A22-429

Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Race and the Origins of Capitalism**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Travis AB

Anthony Paul Smith, La Salle University, Presiding

Joseph Drexler-Dreis, Xavier University of Louisiana
A Political Theology of Re-enchantment: Critiquing Freedom in Modernity with Silvia Federici and Houria Bouteldja

Andrew Kaplan, Emory University
The Apocalyptic Verstimmung of Ante-Anti-Black Trembling in Ontological Terror, or the Black Messianicity of Disinheriting Being

Adam Kotsko, North Central College
The Political Theology of Silvia Federici

A22-430



Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit

Theme: **The Uses and Misuses of the Late Antique East**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–007B

Abby Kulisz, Indiana University, Presiding

Reyhan Durmaz, University of Pennsylvania
Late Antiquity and Early Islam on Display

Jae Han, Brown University
Manichaeans Ancient and Modern

Erin Walsh, University of Chicago
The Seduction of Simple Narratives: The (Ab)Use of "Eastern Christianity" as a Category

Business Meeting:

Jason Mokhtarian, Cornell University
 Sara Ronis, St. Mary's University, Texas

A22-431

Western Esotericism Unit

Theme: **Conspiracies, Demons, and Black Magic: Esotericism and Paranoid Politics**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–005

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo
Black Magic, Black Humor, Serious Hate: Medieval Magic on the Alt-Right

Stanislav Panin, Rice University
Narratives About Satanic Conspiracy in the Twentieth Century Russian Literature

Alex Gunter Parrish, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Power, Politics, and Personality in the Novels of 'Real' Exorcist Bob Larson

A22-432



Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit

Theme: **Models of Resistance: Women of Color Challenging and Creating Religious Epistemologies**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham B

Deborah Rogers, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Presiding

Mahjabeen Dhala, Graduate Theological Union
"Handmaiden of Empire?" Re-thinking Women's Studies in Islam

Nash CL, University of Leeds
A Black Woman's Prophetic Rage: Theodicy, Epistemology and Academic Boundaries

Chanelle Robinson, Boston College
A Woman Unmoved: Public Resistance and Canadian Womanist Possibilities

Business Meeting:

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University
 Deborah Rogers, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School



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VIRTUAL SESSION



Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit

Theme: **Pedagogy for Yoga Studies: Three New Works on the Theory and Practice of Yoga**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Naomi Worth, University of Virginia, Presiding

Panelists:

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University
Karen O'Brien-Kop, University of Roehampton
Suzanne Newcombe, The Open University
Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University
Christa Kuberry, Yoga Alliance

Responding:

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado
Arun Brahmhatt, St. Lawrence University
Christopher Patrick Miller, Loyola Marymount University

Business Meeting:

Sravana Borkataky-Varma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University

A22-434



Origen and Origen Reception Seminar

Theme: **Origen of Alexandria: Theology and Exegesis**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–006B

Peter Martens, Saint Louis University, Presiding

John Solheid, University of St. Michael's College
Allegory on Trial in Origen's Homilies on Psalm 80

Emily Pothast, Graduate Theological Union
Like a Refiner's Fire: Apokatastasis and the Metallurgical Metaphor

Alexander Pierce, University of Notre Dame
Origen on the Power of God in History: Divine Transcendence, Cosmogonic Myth-Making, and the Christian Mystery

Business Meeting:

Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University

A22-435

Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar

Theme: **Theological, Spiritual, and Pedagogical Perspectives on Friendship**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–006A

Margaret Gower, Saint Mary's College, Presiding

Mugdha Yeolekar, California State University, Fullerton
Effects of Intentional Interreligious Friendship on Teaching and Scholarship

John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University
Four Fabulous Friends – the Buddha, the King, the Socialite, the Serial-Killer

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University
God, Prophecy, and Friendship in Islam: Theological Perspectives

Sarah Bixler, Princeton Theological Seminary
Networked Bonds: An Attachment-Informed Vision for Spiritual Friendship

A22-436



Teaching Against Islamophobia Seminar

Theme: **Listening as a Creative Act: Muslims in Brooklyn**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–216

Sonnet Takahisa, Brooklyn Historical Society, Presiding

Panelists:

Habiba Noor, Trinity University
Zaheer Ali, Columbia University

Business Meeting:

Megan Goodwin, Northeastern University
Sajida Jalalzai, Trinity University

A22-437

Reading Religion Annual Editorial Board Meeting

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–224

Kimberly Davis, American Academy of Religion, and Sarah Levine, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Panelists:

Andrew Aghapour, National Museum of American History
Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College
Jana Riess, Religion News Service

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Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Chicago Theological Seminary
Diane Winston, University of Southern California

P22-438

Hagiography Society

Theme: **Saints in the New World: Female Saints in Colonial Spanish-America**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bonham D

Barbara Zimbalist, University of Texas, El Paso, Presiding

This panel focuses on the construction, flourishing, and afterlives of female saints in the Spanish-American New World. This session seeks to broaden the horizon of how medieval scholars in the European tradition have traditionally understood and assessed female sanctity in the Western Catholic tradition. What changes in our understanding of holy women's exemplarity, for example, when we consider forces of colonialism, linguistic transfer, indigeneity, and debated diasporic/national identity as features of sanctity? How does consideration of these forces in the long afterlife of a saint in her cult, her devotion, her devotees, in the texts and documents produced surrounding her and in the more amorphous legacy and reputation of holiness she inspires change our view not only of the holy woman, but of the nature and function of sanctity itself? And, finally, how does the New World generate its own categories of religious and gendered identity that bear upon our understanding of the ways in which these forces intersect?

Nancy Warren, Texas A&M University
New World Medieval Afterlives: The Life and Cult of St. Rose of Lima

Oliva Espin, San Diego State University
Santas 'Criollas' Rosa De Lima, Mariana De Quito, and the Development of National Identity in Colonial Spanish-America

Responding:

Barbara Zimbalist, University of Texas, El Paso

P22-439

Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts

Theme: **Printing Iconic Texts**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio–Salon del Rey A

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College, Presiding

The Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts (SCRIPT) encourages new scholarship on iconic and performative texts. Our goal is to foster academic discourse about the social functions of books and texts that exceed their semantic meaning and interpretation, such as their display as cultural artifacts, their ritual use in religious and political ceremonies, their performance by recitation and theater, and their depiction in art.

Sonia Hazard, Florida State University
The Sovereignty of Poor Sarah: A Christian Revival in Print During the Removal Crisis in Cherokee Nation

Michael Baysa, Princeton University
Visualizing Heterodoxy: A Portrait of Charles Chauncy's Mystery Hid From Ages and Generations (Ayer Co, 1970)

Rachel Schwaller, University of Kansas
Devotional Worship in the Middle Discourse: How White Christian Nationalism Performs Scripture

Monday, 7:00 PM and Later

P22-501

Société Internationale d'Études sur Alfred Loisy

Theme: **Panel on Annelies Lannoy, Alfred Loisy and the Making of History of Religions (de Gruyter, 2020)**

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Conference 22

Panelists:

Arie Molendijk, University of Groningen
Jeffrey Morrow, Seton Hall University
Charles J. T. Talar, University of St. Thomas

Responding:

Annelies Lannoy, Ghent University

A22-501

Film: *The Pilgrimage to Magdalena*

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Convention Center–212

Spencer Dew, Ohio State University, and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University, Presiding

This 30-minute film documents the contemporary pilgrimage to Magdalena de Kino in modern-day Sonora, Mexico, honoring Father Eusebio Francisco Kino (1645–1711), who worked for 24 years in the Pimería Alta region, a region now divided by the US/Mexico border. This film explores the diversity of pilgrims—from the US, from Mexico, and from indigenous lands such as that of the Tohono O'odham—and the diversity of their practices and beliefs in relation to this important ritual. Produced by the Tubac, Arizona-based nonprofit Border Community Alliance, the film emphasizes what one participant calls “an eye-opening experience” of the pilgrimage and the fiesta at Magdalena—the sense of community “coming together as one” despite and through this diversity of identity, history, and nationality. The film echoes a broader engagement, at this San Antonio meeting of the AAR, in issues of borders, the legacy of colonization and mission work, and the possibilities of communities transcending borders.

Panelists:

Jerry Haas, Border Community Alliance
Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College





MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Monday, 7:00 PM and Later

A22-502

Program Unit Chairs' and Steering Committee Members' Reception

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Convention Center–221B

Program Unit Chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

AV23-101 VIRTUAL SESSION

Catholic Studies Unit

Theme: **Does Asian Catholicism Exist?**

8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Stephanie Wong, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Anh Tran, Santa Clara University

Catholic Education in Vietnam: Insights and Prospects

Michel Chambon, Hanover College

Catholic News Agencies Focusing on Asia

Simeiqi He, Drew University

Inquiring Asian Catholicism Through Chinese Catholic Women's Theological Voices

Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University

The Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC): Bearing Witness to the Gospel and the Reign of God in Asia

Shanthini Pillai, National University of Malaysia, and Angeline

Wei Wei Wong, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman

Translocal Tractions: Legacies of Faith Practices Among Malaysian Chinese Catholics of Hakka Origins

Responding:

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University

AV23-102 VIRTUAL SESSION

Chinese Religions Unit

Theme: **Diffused Chinese Religions and Local Cultures**

8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Guanxiong Qi, Florida State University

Buddhist Monasticism Reconsidered—on the Construction of Socio-Leisure Places in Buddhist Monasteries and Their Economic and Cultural Significances in the 17th Century Hangzhou

Xingyi Wang, Harvard University

Observing Buddhist Precepts by Divination: Practices According to Zhanchajing

Kai Shmushko, Tel Aviv University

Religious Responses to COVID-19—A Case Study of Face Masks as Buddhist Merit

Ting Guo, University of Toronto, and Justin Tse, Singapore Management University

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord? 'Canto-Theologies' as Diffused Religion in Hong Kong Localist Identity Formation

Responding:

Rongdao Lai, McGill University

AV23-103 VIRTUAL SESSION

North American Religions Unit

Theme: **Travel, Place, and the Boundaries of North American Religions**

8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding

Barbara Sostaita, University of North Carolina

Hemispheric Itineraries and Itinerant Bodies: The Caravan of Mothers of Missing Migrants as a Model for Studying and Performing Religion

Roger Baumann, Yale University, and Sara Williams, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Journeys to the Margins as Transnational Religious Travel: Intersections of Racial, Religious, and Political Identities in Constructing Sacred Geographies

Melissa Coles, University of Notre Dame

Navigating Sacred Space: First Nations Peoples and Catholic Missionaries at Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta, Canada

Responding:

Zareena Grewal, Yale University

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AV23-104 VIRTUAL SESSION

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: **How Are Religious and Spiritual Leaders Faring?** – 2

8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Leah Thomas, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Restitutio Divina: An Embodied Response to COVID-19

Raynard Smith, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
"Maybe God Is Trying to Tell You Something Right Now": Theological Perceptions of COVID-19 in Black Ecclesial Communities

Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
Virtual Care During COVID-19: How Are Mennonite Mental Health Providers Fairing?

A23-105

Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **Religion, Satire, and Culture Wars**

8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Convention Center-006B

Linda Ceriello, Kennesaw State University, Presiding

Seyed Hossein Hosseini Nassab, Emory University
Images of the Cleric in Iranian Islamic Comedy-Dramas: Lizard (Marmulak, 2004) and Scandal (Rosvayi, 2013)

Joshua Wright, Harvard University
Satire or Sacrilege?: "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All for You," Religious Dark Comedy, and the 1980s Culture Wars

Responding:

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery

A23-106



Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Religious Explanations of the Pandemic**

8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Convention Center-205

Heather Mellquist Lehto, University of Toronto, Presiding

Christopher Southgate, University of Exeter
Expectations of Divine Action in a Viral Pandemic: An Approach from Narrative Genre

Rebecca Catto, Kent State University
Science, Covid, and Religion: A Regional Study

Joshua Mauldin, Center of Theological Inquiry
Secular Theodicy and Natural Disasters

A23-107

Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Social Life of Islamic Symbols**

8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Grand Hyatt-Bowie B

Francesca Chubb-Confer, University of Chicago, Presiding

Andi Herawati, Indiana University
Divine and Human "Imagining": Khiyāl, Walāya and the Shadow-Theater (Wayang) in Indonesian Islam

Candace Mixon, Occidental College
Sura Al-Kawthar and the Abundance of Fatima Al-Zabira

Ruslan Yusupov, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Social Life of Islamic Dietary Restrictions: Halal/Qingzhen Controversy in the Multi-Ethnic China

AV23-108

VIRTUAL SESSION



Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **R.A. Judy's Sentient Flesh (Duke University Press, 2020)**

8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Michelle Wolff, Augustana College, Presiding

Edward Watson, Yale University
Doctrine and the Uncalculable: Judy, Number Theory, and the Conceptual Activities of Para-Semiotic Flesh

Paul Daniels, Fordham University
Let There Be Us: Para-Semiosis, Black Theological Livingness, and the Question of Aporetic Teleologies

Iman AbdoulKarim, New York, NY
The Black Woman Theological Enterprise and Reading Across Faith Traditions

Responding:

R.A. Judy, University of Pittsburgh



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

AV23-109 VIRTUAL SESSION

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

Theme: **Women's Theologies of the Multitude for the Multitudes: A Conversation Across Racial/Ethnic Communities**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Rita Brock, Volunteers of America, Presiding

Panelists:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Scranton
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology
Helen Jin Kim, Emory University

Responding:

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University
Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University

AV23-110 VIRTUAL SESSION



Buddhism Unit

Theme: **Poverty as Rhetorical Trope and Lived Reality in Historical Buddhisms**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–304C

Adeana McNicholl, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

David DiValerio, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Managing Destitution and Sustaining the Self in Long-Term Meditative Retreat

Bryan Lowe, Princeton University
Rags to Riches, Paper to Pots: Accessing the Religious Lives of the Poor in Ancient Japan

Sujung Kim, DePauw University
The Buddhist Way of Hitting the Jackpot: Poverty and Buddhist Talismans in Late Choson Korea

Christopher Jensen, Carleton University
Ways of Being Poor: Perspectives on Poverty in Sixth- and Seventh-Century Chinese Hagiography

Responding:

Yongshan He, University of Toronto

AV23-111 VIRTUAL SESSION



Cognitive Science of Religion Unit

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

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Jed Forman, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, and M. Willis Monroe, University of British Columbia
A Taxonomy of Global Religions: Preliminary Analysis from the Database of Religious History

Lari Launonen, University of Helsinki
Hell and the Cultural Evolution of Early Christianity

Dylan Belton, University of Notre Dame
Umwelt Biology and the Bio-Cultural Analysis of Religion

Matthew Johnson, University of Oxford, and Rachel Robertson, University of Cambridge
Why Is Joy a Divine Command?: On "Broaden and Build" Psychology, Embodied Cognition, and Spiritual Formation

Business Meeting:

Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University

AV23-112 VIRTUAL SESSION

Ethics Unit

Theme: **Religious Hope and Religious Ethics**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Henni Alava, Jyväskylä University, and Elina Hankela, University of Johannesburg
Beyond Optimism and Despair: Locating Societal Hope and Hopelessness in Sub-Saharan African Christianities

Willa Swenson-Lengyel, Villanova University
Climate Inaction and Hope

Elizabeth Phillips, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology
Danger, Memory, and Hope: Apocalyptic Texts and Christian Ethics

Caleb Hendrickson, University of Virginia
Expectation and Demand: Paul Tillich and the Dialectics of Hope

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AV23-113 VIRTUAL SESSION

Gay Men and Religion Unit

Theme: **Flipping the Christian Script: Gay Men, Religion and Irreligion**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Michael Pettinger, New York University, Presiding

Whitney Cox, Rowan University
Freedom from Religion, Freedom from Homophobia: American Gay Atheists in Houston, 1982–1995

Jamie Andreson, Pennsylvania State University
Queer Candomblé: Beyond Gender Flexibility in Ritual

Emilie Casey, Emory University
Ray Navarro and the Coalitional Politics of ACT UP

J Selke, University of California, Riverside
Sexual Cyber-Satanic Community: Father Graham's Anti-Christian, Pornographic Conversion Campaign, a Case Study

Benjamin Berger, York University
Elisions of Sovereignty: Indigenous Justice and Freedom of Religion in Canada

Bryan Ellrod, Emory University
Living with Ghosts: National Sovereignty and Negative Sovereignty in the United States' Southwestern Borderlands

Wietske Merison, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Testimony of Faith: A Critical Analysis of Religious Conversion in Refugee Law

AV23-114 VIRTUAL SESSION

Hinduism Unit

Theme: **Whose Temple Is This?: Adjudicating Sovereignty Between Gods and Publics at Hindu Temples**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sohini Pillai, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

Deepa Das Acevedo, University of Alabama
Deities' Rights?

Christopher Fleming, University of Southern California
Escheated to the Public Good? The Shebaiti Rights of the 'Ruler of Travancore' in the Padmanābhasvāmi Verdict (2020)

Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma
Managing the Gods: How Temples Became Public Institutions

Sujata Chaudhary, McGill University
The Public Interest in the Administration Hindu Temples: Analyzing the Regional Trajectories of Religion-State Interactions in Colonial and Post-colonial India

AV23-116 VIRTUAL SESSION

New Religious Movements Unit

Theme: **Media, Piety, and Healing: New Modalities of Doing Religion in the United States**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding

Nareman Amin, Princeton University
Preaching #BLM: American Muslim Imams and Social Media Activism

Susanne Kerekes, Williams College
The Noble Touch: Combatting COVID-19 Through Online Pranik Healing

Jessica Zu, Princeton University
War, Public Letters, and Piety: The Making of a New Pure Land Patriarch in Modern China

Responding:

Eden Consenstein, Princeton University

AV23-117 VIRTUAL SESSION

Special Session

Theme: **Religion and Foreign Affairs: Exploring the Scholar-Practitioner Divide**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Peter Mandaville, George Mason University, Presiding

Panelists:

Susan Hayward, Harvard University

Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

Corey D. B. Walker, Wake Forest University

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

Merete Bilde, European Union External Action Service

David Millar, U.S. Department of State

Jos Douma, Special Envoy for Religion and Belief, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

A23-115

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Sovereignty Across Borders**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center-006C

Silas Allard, Emory University, Presiding

Lena Rose, University of Oxford
The Ideal Convert: Negotiating Christian Religious Identity in Asylum Appeal Hearings of Iranian Converts

Alexander Rocklin, Otterbein University
Becoming Hindu in Panama: Contesting Race and Religion Across Borders



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

A23-118

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Judaism and Anatheism**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center–214B

Sam Shonkoff, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Alan Brill, Seton Hall University
Inter-religious Hermeneutics from a Jewish Perspective.

Reuven Pepper, Drew University
Rabbinic Hospitality and the Anatheism Wager

Miriam Feldmann Kaye, Bar Ilan University
Richard Kearney's Critique of the Burning Bush (Ex. 3:13) Compared to Jewish Exegesis

Sarah Pessin, University of Denver
Sacred Bread, Sacred Body: From Kearney on 'Eucharist of the Everyday' to Levinas on 'Living from Bread'

Nisheeta Jagtiani, Northwestern University
The Making of Buddhist Leaders in India Today Combining Buddhist and Secular Education in Monastic Training

Responding:

Marius van Hoogstraten, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

AV23-119 VIRTUAL SESSION

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Tillich and Health**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Bryan Wagoner, Davis and Elkins College, Presiding

Emily Qureshi-Hurst, University of Oxford
Anxiety, Alienation, and Estrangement in the Context of Social Media

Uwe Scharf, Regent University
Echoes of Tillich in Existentialist Psychotherapists and Popular Self-Help Authors

Shaunessie Jacobs, Boston University
New Being, National Baptist Jesus, and Black Maternal Mortality

Calli Micale, Yale University
The Demonic and Disability: A Tillichian Rejoinder

Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

A23-120

Arts, Literature and Religion Unit and Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Visions of the End: Wastelands, Doomsdays, and Ecological Collapse in Art and Literature**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Convention Center–212

Kyle Lambelet, Emory University, Presiding

Sarah Stewart-Kroeker, University of Geneva
Apocalyptic Artwork and Aesthetic Dissonance

Stephen Bush, Brown University
Contemplation and the Art of the Apocalypse: Bruce Conner, Nancy Spero, and Georges Bataille

Caleb Murray, Brown University
"Like the Dying World": Hopeful Nihilism, Queer Orientations, and Environmental Ethics in Lars von Trier's Melancholia (2011) and Cormac McCarthy's The Road (Alfred A. Knopf, 2006)

Liz Harmer, Chapman University
"The Lunatic Hopefulness of the Amateur": On Writing the Apocalypse as Optimism

AV23-121 VIRTUAL SESSION

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Comparative eX-religion: Religious and Gendered Transitions**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Roberta Sabbath, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Presiding

Panelists:

Sahin Acikgoz, University of California, Riverside

Shira Schwartz, Syracuse University

M Tong, Fordham University

Yeshua Tolle, University of Michigan

Lars Stoltzfus-Brown, Gonzaga University

Mariecke van den Berg, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Responding:

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

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A23-122

Contemporary Islam Unit

Theme: **Knowledge, Time, Imagination: Ordering Islam in the 21st Century**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Grand Hyatt–Bowie B

Matthew Lynch, Rutgers University, Presiding

Ahoo Najafian, Macalester College

Nostalgia for the Future: Waiting for the Imam in the 21st Century Iran

Mary Elston, Harvard University

Politics Through Islamic Knowledge: A Twenty-First Century Biographical Dictionary in Modern Egypt

Zareena Grewal, Yale University

The Quran in the American Imagination

Delbar Khakzad, University of Toronto

Time and the Study of Modern Islam

Responding:

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College

A23-123

History of Christianity Unit

Theme: **New Directions in Middle East Christianity**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Convention Center–304A

Amy Fallas, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Panelists:

Sarah Bakker Kellogg, San Francisco State University

Michael Akladios, York University

Miray Philips, University of Minnesota

Candace Lukasik, Washington University in St. Louis

Christopher Sheklian, Radboud University

Alda Benjamin, University of California, Berkeley

AV23-124

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **On the 50th Anniversary of John Rawls's *A Theory of Justice* (Belknap Press, 1971) and the Study of Religion**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Molly Farneth, Haverford College, Presiding

Panelists:

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia

Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

Bharat Ranganathan, Case Western Reserve University

Nichole Flores, University of Virginia

A23-125



Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Reckoning with Race, Science, and Religion in COVID-19**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Convention Center–301A

Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding

Jamin Hubner, LCC International University and Western
Dakota Tech

Christianity and Critical Theory: Arch-Enemies, or a Match Made in Heaven?

Harlan Stelmach, Dominican University of California

Scholarly and Personal Reckoning in Time of Pandemic and Racial Injustice

AV23-126

VIRTUAL SESSION

Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **A New Religion in South Asia? Caste, Language, and Identity in the Liṅgāyat Movement for Independent Religion Status**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University, Presiding

Elaine Fisher, Stanford University

Beyond the Liṅgāyat/Viraśaiva Binary: The Pañcācārya Tradition in Early Modern Karnataka

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona

Positioning Liṅgāyatism: Boundaries of Religion in the Royal Mysore Courts of Cikkadēvarāja and Kṛṣṇarāja Wodeyar III

Gil Ben-Herut, University of South Florida

Vacanas: From Where? Since When?

Santhosh Chandrashekar, University of Denver

What Changing Conceptions of Padodaka Tell Us About the Liṅgāyat Movement

Responding:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

A23-127

Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit

Theme: **Multivalent Religious Histories and Identities in Latin America**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Convention Center–006B

Jessica Delgado, Ohio State University, Presiding

Ken Chitwood, Freie Universitat Berlin

Aquí En La Brega: The Multiple Valences of Puerto Rican Muslim Resistance

Manoela Carpenedo, University of London

Becoming Jewish, Believing in Jesus: The Case of the Judaizing Evangelicals in Brazil

Hugo Garcia Gonzalez, Western Washington University

Can Slavery Be Sanctified? The Incorporation of the Slave Trade and Slavery into the Religious Narratives of the Regla De Ocha-Ifá or Santería Cubana.

Timothy Byram, Harvard University

The Equivocal Legacy of Liberation: Neoliberal Subjecthood and the Performance of Freedom in the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God

Luca Ferracci, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia

The Spiritual Disarmament of Latin America. Catholic Church, Liberation Theology and the Advancing of Conservative Evangelicals

Responding:

Justin Doran, Middlebury College

A23-128

Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Emmanuel Falque and Recent Debates in Phenomenology and Theology**

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Convention Center–305

Anthony Paul Smith, La Salle University, Presiding

David Dunning, Dublin City University

Baring Common Flesh: Emmanuel Falque's Vision of Gender and the Eucharistic Body

Austin Williams, Boston College

Excessive Transcendence or Liturgical Analysis: Questioning Method in Contemporary Phenomenology of Religion

Jack Pappas, Fordham University

Phenomenology and Revelation: The Legacy of Hans Urs von Balthasar and Karl Rahner in the Contemporary French Debate

Responding:

Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Hartford

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

M18-102

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting

9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Bonham B

M18-202

Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE)

Theme: **Religion and Justice Issues in the Undergraduate Classroom - Session 1**

2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Crockett AB

This gathering provides an opportunity for teachers and scholars in the field of religious studies to explore the ways that their undergraduate classrooms can become sites for deeper conversations about issues of justice. Students are increasingly interested in issues of religion and justice, and in how these concerns will impact their own future endeavors (including, but not limited to, their work careers). Hence, religion and justice issues tend to intersect with the work of helping students to undertake the work of vocational reflection and discernment in their own lives and in the various communities of which they are a part. These issues involve a great many aspects of religion and higher education, including the theological and ethical approaches of various faith traditions; the increasingly important role of interreligious and interfaith studies in the undergraduate curriculum; and the relationships among general education, professional preparation, and the personal lifestances of undergraduate students. This gathering will address questions such as these:

- How might the undergraduate classroom become a space in which the relationships between religion and justice are more adequately articulated?
- How are these issues related to the work of reflection and discernment that undergraduate students are doing as they look toward their future directions in life?
- What resources (readings, discussion topics, and pedagogical approaches) are available to religious studies scholars who seek to emphasize the relationships among religion, justice, and personal reflection and discernment?
- What obstacles are classroom teachers likely to face in addressing these issues in the religious studies classroom, and how can these obstacles be addressed?

M18-301

Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE)

Theme: **Reception for the NetVUE Gathering on Religion and Justice**

5:00 PM–6:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Crockett CD

Participants in the NetVUE Gathering on "Religion and Justice Issues in the Undergraduate Classroom," along with their guests, are invited to this informal gathering to discuss the day's conversation, to exchange ideas about their own experiences, and to network with other teachers and scholars in the field.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

M19-101

Institute for Biblical Research

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Rivercenter - Conference Room 12

Theme: **Research Group - Scripture and Church Seminar**

Theme: "The Psalms and the Life of the Church." The Scripture and Church Seminar explores the nexus between Scripture and the Church in terrain typically denominated "practical theology." Our papers this year will address: i. The Psalms and the Faith of the Church: How is the faith of the church formed by diverse interpretations of the Psalms in terms of her worship and liturgy. ii. The Psalms and the Preaching of the Church: How should the Psalms be preached in a cultural and theological context so far removed from their original setting? iii. The Psalms and Music of the Church: What are some ways in which the Psalms are inspiring church musicians to compose music? For more information, contact Bill DeJong (billdejo@gmail.com) or see the Kirby Laing Centre Scripture Collective website (<https://kirbylaingcentre.co.uk/scripture-collective/>).

Bill DeJong, Redeemer University, Welcome (5 min)

Opening Liturgy

Bill DeJong, Redeemer University, Scripture Reading and Prayer (5 min)

Susan Bubbers, The ATLAS Theological Center
The Psalms and the Faith of the Church (25 min)

William Olhausen, Anglican Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough
The Psalms and the Preaching of the Church (25 min)

Break (10 min)

Delvyn Case III, Wheaton College, Massachusetts
The Psalms and the Music of the Church (25 min)

Discussion (50 min)

Closing Liturgy

Bill DeJong, Redeemer University, Scripture Reading and Prayer (5 min)

OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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M19-108

Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies (LWTRS)

8:30 AM–8:30 PM

Offsite

M19-109

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Session 1: Dharma Traditions and Religious Equity in US Higher Education**

9:00 AM–10:45 AM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo A

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, Presiding

Panelists:

Sachi Edwards, Soka University, Tokyo

Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University

Asha Shipman, Yale University

Simran Kaur-Colbert, Miami University of Ohio

M19-110

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Convention Center-301B

M19-111

Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE)

Theme: **Religion and Justice Issues in the Undergraduate Classroom - Session 2**

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Crockett CD

This gathering provides an opportunity for teachers and scholars in the field of religious studies to explore the ways that their undergraduate classrooms can become sites for deeper conversations about issues of justice. Students are increasingly interested in issues of religion and justice, and in how these concerns will impact their own future endeavors (including, but not limited to, their work careers). Hence, religion and justice issues tend to intersect with the work of helping students to undertake the work of vocational reflection and discernment in their own lives and in the various communities of which they are a part. These issues involve a great many aspects of religion and higher education, including the theological and ethical approaches of various faith traditions; the increasingly important role of interreligious and interfaith studies in the undergraduate curriculum; and the relationships among general education, professional preparation, and the personal lifestances of undergraduate students. This gathering will address questions such as these:

- How might the undergraduate classroom become a space in which the relationships between religion and justice are more adequately articulated?
- How are these issues related to the work of reflection and discernment that undergraduate students are doing as they look toward their future directions in life?
- What resources (readings, discussion topics, and pedagogical approaches) are available to religious studies scholars who seek to emphasize the relationships among religion, justice, and personal reflection and discernment?
- What obstacles are classroom teachers likely to face in addressing these issues in the religious studies classroom, and how can these obstacles be addressed?

M19-113

Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education

Theme: **Secondary School World Religion Teachers Event**

9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Republic C

This annual, one-day meeting brings together scholars and upper school religion teachers from around North America to make contacts and hear about new developments in the study of the major religious traditions of the world. Scholars will share their latest research, and school teachers will share information about projects they are working on and classroom activities. This year's gathering will feature presentations by Dr. Simran Jeet Singh and Dr. Sajida Jalalzai.

Panelists:

Simran Jeet Singh, New York University

Sajida Jalalzai, Trinity University

M19-121

New Visions in Theological Anthropology

Theme: **NViTA Science-Engaged Theology Autumn Workshop**

10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Riverview

M19-118

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Session 2: DANAM Annual Book Launch - *Beacons of Dharma: Spiritual Exemplars for the Modern Age*, Christopher Patrick Miller, Michael Reading, and Jeffrey D. Long, Eds. Lexington Books, 2019.**

11:00 AM–12:45 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo A

Alba Rodriguez Juan, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Panelists:

Patrick Beldio, Marymount University

Stephanie Corigliano, Humboldt State University

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

Responding:

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

Christopher Miller, Loyola Marymount University

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M19-119

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium - Member Council Meeting (Private)

11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio–El Mirador

M19-203

Institute for Biblical Research

1:00 PM–3:15 PM

Marriott Rivercenter - Conference Room 20-21

Theme: **Research Group - Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar**

The focus of the Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar event this year is the Book of Psalms. The Psalter has long been the Jewish prayer/song book and is an essential part of Christian Scripture. The aim of our session is to receive and appropriate the Psalms as God's address.

Although we are interested in the interpretation of the Psalter as a whole, we will have a special focus on lament as this kind of psalm presents particular challenges for interpreters today. Our session will include not only Old Testament specialists and theologians but also musicians/artists, the latter producing fresh compositions in different genres (hip hop and concert music) and reflecting with us on the process of casting the psalms of lament in our own contexts. For more information contact A.J.

Culp (AJ.Culp@malyon.edu.au) or David Beldman (dbeldman@redeemer.ca) or visit the Kirby Laing Centre Scripture Collective website (<https://kirbylaingcentre.co.uk/scripture-collective/>).

David Beldman, Redeemer University College, Welcome (5 min)

Opening Liturgy

Susan Bubbers, The Center for Anglican Theology, Liturgy, And Spiritual Formation, Scripture Reading and Prayer (5 min)

Jamie Grant, Highland Theological College

The Hermeneutics of Humanity: Reflections on the Human Origins of Laments (20 min)

Federico Villanueva, Langham Publishing and Loyola School of Theology

Lament as the Heart of the Psalter (20 min)

Break (15 min)

Josh Rodriguez, Collinsworth School of Music at California Baptist

Lament and Sacred Contemporary Music (Ps. 88:13–18) (20 min)

William Branch, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Lament and Contemporary Hip Hop (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Closing Liturgy

Susan Bubbers, The Center for Anglican Theology, Liturgy, And Spiritual Formation, Scripture Reading and Prayer (5 min)

M19-204

Institute for Biblical Research

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter - Conference Rooms 1-4

Theme: **Institute for Biblical Research Board Meeting**

M19-225

Fellowship for Protestant Ethics Annual Gathering

1:00 PM–7:00 PM

Convention Center-301B

M19-227

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Session 3: Book Review Panel**

2:00 PM–3:45 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo A

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College, Presiding

Panelists:

Ithamar Theodor, Zefat Academic College

Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute, Zefon Yehuda, Israel

Kenneth Valpey, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies

Responding:

Alan Brill, Seton Hall University

MV19-228

VIRTUAL SESSION

Society for Post-Supersessionist Theology

Theme: **Supersessionism, Nations, and Race**

2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Holly Taylor Coolman, Presiding

Panelists:

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

Daniel Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary

Gerald McDermott, Samford University

OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

M19-230

Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE)

Theme: **Preparing to Facilitate Scriptural Reasoning at the 2022 NetVUE Conference**

2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Crockett CD

At the next Conference of the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE), a plenary session will be devoted to leading conference participants through a session of Scriptural Reasoning, which focuses on the reading of sacred texts across traditions to simulate conversation, empathy, and insight. Originally encompassing English-speaking Jews, Christians, and Muslims, the practice of Scriptural Reasoning now spans the globe, encompassing many languages and traditions, with centers of practice and research in twelve countries. For the 2022 plenary session to work well, NetVUE is in need of volunteers who expect to attend the Conference and who are willing to facilitate small groups.

M19-302

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Session 4: Concepts of God/Divinity Including Divine Grace vs. Self-Effort**

4:00 PM–5:45 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo A

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

God as the Wall of the World: Panentheist Cosmopsychism

David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota

Abhinavagupta and Others on the Convergence of Divine Grace and Nondual Self-Luminosity

Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida

The Being of God Ripples Through the Ages: Bhagavatapurana 1.2.11 and Commentaries

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i

The Theology of Tulsidas's Ramcharitmanas

Nikky Singh, Colby College

Guru Nanak's Concept of the Divine

M19-306

Society for the Study of Native American Sacred Traditions Annual Meeting

4:30 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-225D

M19-307

Trans Caucus Meeting

5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio-La Vista West (ABC)

This Trans Caucus meeting is intended to provide a space for those attending the conference who are trans/non-binary/genderqueer/two-spirit/or who otherwise exist beyond binary gender. This gathering will provide opportunities for us to connect, commiserate, and to discuss strategies for creating a more inclusive and affirming conference and academic experience.

M19-407

Stone-Campbell Journal

Theme: **A Conversation About the Biblical Hermeneutics of Race and Justice**

5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo C

David Fiensy, Kentucky Christian University, Presiding

SCJ invites friends and colleagues from all streams who identify with the Stone-Campbell Movement tradition for fellowship, light refreshments, and interesting conversation. For additional information contact William Baker (scjeditor@aol.com).

Douglas Foster, Abilene Christian University

A Life of Alexander Campbell (Eerdmans, 2020)

Jerry Sumney, Lexington Theological Seminary

The Politics of Faith: The Bible, Government, and Public Policy (Fortress, 2020)

M19-400

Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars

5:30 PM–7:00 PM

Offsite - Offsite

Theme: **A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Anglican Tradition**

The AABS Friday meeting will be held offsite at St. Mark's Episcopal Church (315 Pecan Street, San Antonio, TX 78205; <https://www.stmarks-sa.org/>). All are welcome to join us. Registration via the AABS website in the early fall will facilitate planning: <https://aabs.org/>. Information will also be sent out on our email list. Contact Elizabeth Struthers Malbon (malbon@vt.edu) if you wish to be added to the email list. Please also note the AABS celebration of Holy Eucharist on Sunday, November 21 at 11:45 AM; check the SBL online program or program book for the room assignment. In the early fall you may also register, at the AABS website, for our November virtual meeting, to be held PRIOR to the San Antonio meeting via Zoom on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 11:00 AM, EST (EST=GMT-5); the focus of the virtual meeting will be Teaching the Bible in Context: Local Formation, and the guest speaker will be Dr. Victor Matthews of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry.

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M19-403

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: **The Philosophical Qoheleth: Two visions of Ecclesiastes and Its Centrality in Philosophy of Religion**

6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Bowie C

David Mau, Colorado Christian University, Presiding

Ecclesiastes has always presented itself as an enigmatic book in the Hebrew Bible. In what Catholic scholar Peter Kreeft called “the greatest of all books of philosophy,” it seems to lend itself to varied interpretations and possibilities. What lasting impact has Qoheleth had in developing a scriptural anthropology and an understanding of God? In what ways does Ecclesiastes anticipate and answer the conditions of modernity in alienation, confusion, estrangement, and anomie? How are we to read and interpret its central theme? The Panel seeks to answer these questions and engage the audience in two rich philosophical understandings of the book.

Panelists:

Douglas Groothuis, Denver Seminary

Knut Heim, Denver Seminary

M19-404

Interfaith Voices for Reproductive Justice (IVRJ)

Theme: **Reproductive Justice Training**

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio-El Mirador

M19-406

Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum

Theme: **Women, Liberation, and the Bible**

6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-Texas A

Nancy R. Heisey, Eastern Mennonite University, Presiding

Benjamin Bixler, Drew University

Luke's Use of the Samuel Narrative: Disrupting Male Homosocial Spaces

Nathan Hershberger, Duke University

Healing the Wounds of Scripture: Anna Jansz and Biblical Apocalypticism

Jackie Wyse Rhodes, Bluffton University

Eglon's Fatness: An Experiment in Ethical Interpretation

Noemi Vega Quiñones, Southern Methodist University

Reclaiming Consent: A Latinx Ideological Hermeneutic on Rahab in the Wakes of #MeToo and #ChurchToo

M19-501

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: ***Job: A Philosophical Commentary*, by Owen Anderson**

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-Bowie C

Owen Anderson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Owen Anderson's new book *Job: A Philosophical Commentary* looks at Job as the first philosopher who confronts the first question of philosophy. This is the problem of meaning. As Job struggles to make sense of the world and his belief in God, his own integrity is challenged. Each of the philosophers included on this panel have done work on the problem of evil and suffering and will bring their own useful perspectives to this discussion. The questions will include: in what way does Job anticipate later articulations of the problem of evil? What are the various solutions found in the book and how can Christians benefit from a reading of Job? What is the role of natural theology in Job?

Panelists:

Douglas Groothuis, Denver Seminary

Daniel Bonevac, University of Texas, Austin

Michael Plato, Colorado Christian University

M19-401

Institute for Biblical Research

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter - Salons GHI

Theme: **Institute for Biblical Research Annual Lecture**

Lynn Cohick, Northern Seminary, Welcome (10 min)

Joshua Coutts, Providence Theological Seminary, Scripture Reading and Prayer (10 min)

Lissa Wray Beal, Providence Theological Seminary, Introduction (5 min)

Sandra Richter, Westmont College

Reading Deuteronomy through an Economic Lens: A Question of Provenance (40 min)

Ralph K. Hawkins, Averett University, Respondent (10 min)

Roger Nam, Emory University, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Presentation by Baker Academic

The IBR Reception follows the Annual Lecture and is Sponsored by Baker Academic

M19-502

Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception

8:30 PM–10:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Texas C

OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

M19-402

Institute for Biblical Research

9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter - Salons EF

Theme: **Annual Institute for Biblical Research Reception**
Sponsored by Baker Academic

The Annual Reception, following the IBR Annual Lecture, is generously sponsored by Baker Academic.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

M20-103

Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality Editorial Board Meeting

7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Marriott Rivercenter-Conference 2

M20-102

Institute for Biblical Research

7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Marriott Rivercenter - Salons BC

Theme: **IBR Women Scholars' Breakfast**

For further information contact Beth Stovell (secretary@ibr-bbr.org).
RSVP required to attend.

M20-117

Council on Graduate Studies in Religion Annual Meeting

7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Hyatt Regency-Rio Grande East

M20-105

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Session 5: "Religious" vs "Spiritual" and the Concept of Spiritual but not Religious (SBNR)**

9:00 AM–10:45 AM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo A

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Worldwide, disaffiliation with institutional religions has increased. However, most people continue to self-define as spiritual beings. What implications can be discerned for Dharma traditions? Might Yoga and meditation be seen as forms of non-tradition-specific spiritual practice?

Hillary Rodrigues, University of Lethbridge

J. Krishnamurti: An Implicit Current in the Contemporary Nondual Spirituality Movement (NSM)

Kusumita P. Pedersen, St. Francis College

Reasons to be "Spiritual but not Religious" in a World of Plurality

Anna Lännström, Stonehill College

Contemporary Western Yoga as Spiritual Practice for the SBNR Generation: Will it Help or Hurt?

Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College

Knowledge above Dogma: Being a Tantric Yogi Scholar in the Age of SBNR

Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno

Questions of Mahatma Gandhi to Srimad Rajchandra: Rethinking the Dialectics of the Spiritual and the Religious

MV20-117

VIRTUAL SESSION

Fordham University Press

Theme: **Just Universities Mean Just Economics**

9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University, Presiding

This panel using the book by Gerald Beyer, *Just Universities: Catholic Social Teaching Confronts Corporatized Education* (2021) as a starting point will discuss the contemporary University as a site for the conversion or transformation of society or a site for the failure to transform due to a competitive corporate model of work force training which has been operationalized in the past two or three decades. Without conversion to its social mission, the University will be the casualty of economic forces and will fail in its mission to promote the common good of the whole of society. At this same time, this will entail a religious conversion of those in administration to a world view which entails some risks in order to be an institution which promotes the common good of all in society in a logic of solidarity. Catholic Social Teaching is a sophisticated body of doctrine which contains within it a critique both of Capitalism and of Marxism, wherein individuals reject impoverishment and precarity as a given and part of the way things are. A University which takes this teaching as a compass will not emulate a corporations for-profit logic

Michael T. McLaughlin, Old Dominion University

Forming Humans and Supporting the Humanities at the Just University

Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University

The Judgment of Solomon: Can the Mission Remain Divided Without Killing the University?

Rohnn Sanderson, Brescia University

Just Universities-Markets and Mission-An Economist's Perspective

Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

I Wasn't Planning on Becoming Spiritual but not Religious: The Human Cost of Forced Termination in Religiously-Affiliated Higher Education

Responding:

Gerald Beyer, Villanova University

M20-106

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion November Meeting

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Palacio del Rio-Salon del Rey B

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M20-114

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Session 6: On Spiritual Citizenship**

11:00 AM–12:45 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo A

Ross O'Brien, Embodied Philosophy, Presiding

For many scholars within the dharmic traditions, scholarship is inseparable from social concern, yet the perception of contemplation and the dharmic worldview as fundamentally world-renouncing remains, particularly within more limited contexts like courses that teach world religions, text specific studies, and even in more popular realms like yoga teacher trainings and meditation retreats. This panel will approach the topic of integrating contemplative, religious, and spiritual practice with social activism from five different angles including 1) theoretical considerations on the integration of contemplative practice and social activism; 2) globalization and cultural appropriation; 3) racial justice and healing; 4) ecospirituality and environmental activism; 5) queerness, gender, and sexuality. As part of a sustained focus on spiritual citizenship, this panel will contribute to the development of practical techniques and to the advancement of a foundational, theoretical shift in the practice and study of contemplative traditions.

Stephanie Corigliano, Humboldt State University
On Ecospirituality and Environmental Activism

Oneika Mays, Independent Yoga and Meditation Teacher,
Embodied Philosophy
On Race and Racism

Jacob Kyle, Embodied Philosophy
On Queer Dharma

Neil Dalal, University of Alberta
On Globalization and Cultural Appropriation

Jesse Jagtiani, Columbia University and Embodied Philosophy
On Spiritual Activism

M20-115

Women in Buddhist Studies Mentoring Lunch

11:15 AM–12:30 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo E

This professionalization and networking event gathers senior women-identifying scholars in Buddhist Studies to mentor early-career women and non-binary junior scholars on various topics such as publishing, networking, the job market, getting tenure, and alt-ac. Using a round table format, each table will discuss a chosen topic led by an expert scholar or contributor. There will be one opportunity to switch topics / tables during the event, ensuring balanced conversation. Lunch will be provided. Registration for this program is open to all women-identifying and non-binary scholars in the early stages of their academic or alt-academic career (graduate school, non-tenure track, pre-tenure, and early alt-ac). To register, please contact Sangseriama Ujeed (sujeed@umich.edu).

M20-116

Christian Scholarship Foundation Luncheon

11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio-Hacienda

M20-202

Institute for Biblical Research

12:00 PM–3:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter - Conference Room 2

Theme: **Institute for Biblical Research Board Meeting**

M20-221

Institute for Biblical Research

1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter - Salons KL

Theme: **Research Group - Scripture and Doctrine Seminar**

Historically doctrine has developed as the church needed to give an account of what it believed and to protect itself from heresy. The Scripture and Doctrine Seminar (SADS) explores the move from Scripture to the formulation of doctrine, and how doctrine and tradition illuminate our reading of the Bible. Insofar as doctrine captures the message of the Bible it also provides an indispensable lens through which to read Scripture and informs our faithful witness to Christ in His world. SADS is part of the Kirby Laing Centre Scripture Collective (KLCSC; <https://kirbylaingcentre.co.uk/scripture-collective/>).

This year's theme is "Scripture and the Incommunicable Attributes of God: An Exploration in the Psalter." Our aim is to examine the extent to which Scripture does or does not undergird the vision of God expressed in classical Christian theism, with the fertile ground of the Psalter providing the soil for our explorations.

Opening Liturgy and Introduction

R. Lucas Stamps, Anderson University, Introduction (10 min)

Steven J. Duby, Phoenix Seminary

Divine Aseity in the Psalter: Reading with the Fathers (20 min)

Christoph Schwoebel, University of St. Andrews

"His Greatness No One Can Fathom": Divine Attributes in the Conversations of the Psalter (20 min)

Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary

The Psalter as Guide to the Mind of Christ (20 min)

Break (20 min)

Walter Moberly, University of Durham, Respondent (10 min)

Susannah Ticciati, King's College London, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Musical Performance and Closing Liturgy

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

M20-301

Friends and Colleagues of Lindsay Jones

Theme: **Narrating Religious Architecture and Sacred Space: The Hermeneutical Work and Life of Lindsay Jones (1954-2020)**

3:00 PM–5:00 PM

Losoya Conference Center-Navarro

John D. Barbour,, Presiding

Panelists:

David Carrasco, Harvard University

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College

Thomas Barrie, North Carolina State University

Sarah Iles Johnston, Ohio State University

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College

Julie Starr, Hamilton College

Thomas Bremer, Rhodes College

M20-302

Society for Pentecostal Studies

Theme: **Pentecostal Reflections on the Hebrew Scriptures**

4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Conference 11

David Hymes, Northwest University, Presiding

Thang San Mung, Tyrannus Gospel Ministry

In Search of the Lost Paradise: A Case for a Pentecostal Reading

Rebecca Basdeo-Hill, Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Dismembering Israel: The Downward Spiral of the Abuse of Women in the Book of Judges

Jon Bentall, Seattle Pacific University

Race, Wounds, and Shalom: Jeremiah's Incurable Wound Motif and the Prophetic Task of the Church

M20-402

Interfaith Voices for Reproductive Justice (IVRJ)

Theme: **Reproductive Justice Training**

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio-Hacienda

M20-403

Interfaith Youth Core Reception

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Hyatt Regency-Spring Branch

M20-439

John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Reception

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Hyatt Regency-Regency West 1-3

M20-404

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: *Analytic Christology and the Theological Interpretation of the New Testament*, by Thomas McCall

6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Conference 12

Kevin Wong,, Presiding

A recent contribution to the Oxford Studies in Analytic Theology, Thomas McCall's *Analytic Christology and the Theological Interpretation of the New Testament* (OUP: 2021) addresses concerns with analytic theology's being a niche movement. First, he brings recent developments in New Testament scholarship, particularly Pauline studies, and recent developments in analytic philosophy into conversation. Second, he philosophically and exegetically analyzes trends in contemporary Christology. For both of these goals, McCall draws upon traditional theological insights that are often overlooked or misunderstood. With this book, McCall advances analytic theology toward a more integrative mode. The panelists represent distinct disciplines, bringing unique perspectives to McCall's book.

Panelists:

Thomas McCall, Asbury University

Amy Peeler, Wheaton College

Stephen T. Davis, Claremont McKenna College

John Peckham, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Responding:

Thomas McCall, Asbury University

M20-405

Society of Christian Philosophers

Theme: **Book Symposium: Mark C. Murphy, *Divine Holiness and Divine Action***

6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Conference 10

M20-440

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends

Theme: **The Theology and History of Unitarian Universalist Institutions**

6:30 PM–9:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Conference 7

Inspired by the Commission on Institutional Change, Unitarian Universalism is currently undergoing an extended process of transformation that is shaped by new theories of organizational change (e.g. emergent strategy), new patterns of leadership (e.g. co-presidents and co-moderators) and new practices of governance (e.g. the use of plain language in conducting denominational business).

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All of these changes are motivated by a deepening commitment to dismantling structures of white supremacy, and by the creative advocacy of such identity-based groups as Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism, DRUUM, TRUUST, EquUal Access, the Young Adult Revival Network, and the Young Unitarian Universalists Project. This panel will take a theological and historical look at the current rethinking of institutions, placing it in relation to our evolving theology and to previous episodes of institutional change.

Panelists:

Rosemary Bray McNatt, Starr King School for the Ministry
Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland
Daniel McKanan, Harvard University
Elias Ortega, Meadville Lombard Theological School

M20-407

Religion and Science Hospitality Event

7:00 PM–10:00 PM

Losoya Conference Center-Maverick

All are invited to discuss and learn more about the many different intersections of religion and science at the Religion and Science Hospitality Event! Representatives from the following organizations will be on hand to answer questions, engage in dialogue, and discuss possibilities for future work. We look forward to seeing you there!

MV20-502 VIRTUAL SESSION

Korean North American Theology Group

Theme: **Book Review for *A Postcolonial Leadership: Asian Immigrant Christian Leadership and Its Challenges*, Choi Hee An, Reviewed by Walter Fluker**

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Panelist:

Walter Earl Fluker, Emory University
Eunil David Cho, Brite Divinity School

Responding:

Choi Hee An, Boston University

M20-505

Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni and Friends Reception

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Hyatt Regency-Chula Vista

M20-516

Friends of Brigham Young University Reception

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand D

MV20-504 VIRTUAL SESSION

Graduate Theological Union Alumni Reception

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

MV20-506 VIRTUAL SESSION

Zen Reading Group (8th Annual Meeting)

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding
Meets for in-depth discussion of issues of translation and interpretation in examining Zen and Zen-related texts

Panelists:

Jason Protass, Brown University
Alan Wagner, College De France

Responding:

Morten Schlutter, University of Iowa

M20-508

Westar Institute Book Launch of *After Jesus Before Christianity*

7:30 PM–9:30 PM

Hyatt Regency-Rio Grande Center

From the creative minds of the scholarly group behind the groundbreaking Jesus Seminar comes *After Jesus, Before Christianity*, a provocative and eye-opening look at the roots of Christianity. This book offers a startling reconsideration of the first two centuries of the Jesus movement, transforming our understanding of the religion and its early dissemination. Join Brandon Scott, Hal Taussig, and other members of the Westar Christianity Seminar to review and explore some of the key conclusions drawn from this collaborative work. *After Jesus, Before Christianity* is one of those books that could genuinely change its field of study.

M20-509

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Reception

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Losoya Conference Center-Bowie AB

M20-510

Baker Academic & Brazos Press Reception

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Texas A

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

M20-511

***Nova Religio* Reception**

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Hyatt Regency-Regency East 1

M20-512

Dallas Theological Seminary Alumni Reception

8:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo B

M20-514

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: *Love Divine: A Systematic Account of God's Love for Humanity*, by Jordan Wessling

8:00 PM–9:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Conference 12

Kevin Wong, Presiding

A recent contribution to the Oxford Studies in Analytic Theology, Jordan Wessling's *Love Divine: A Systematic Account of God's Love for Humanity* (OUP, 2020) analyzes a divine attribute that has not received as much scholarly interest as other divine attributes: God's love. Wessling draws from contemporary theology and philosophy yet remains grounded in Christian tradition. Further, his analysis of divine love interfaces with a wide array of other doctrines that are of theological and philosophical interest, such as the atonement, divine simplicity, and divine passibility. Further, he theorizes new models that challenge long-held Christian commitments, such as limited atonement.

Panelists:

Jordan Wessling, Lindsey Wilson College

Adam Johnson, Biola University

Keith Hess, College of Southern Nevada

Ryan Mullins, University of Helsinki

Responding:

Jordan Wessling, Lindsey Wilson College

M20-515

Calvin Theological Seminary/Western Theological Seminary Reception

8:30 PM–10:00 PM

Grand Hyatt-Crockett AB

M20-517

Asbury Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University Reception

9:00 PM–10:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand A

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

M21-102

Church of Christ Professors Meeting

7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo C

M21-101

Institute for Biblical Research

7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Marriott Rivercenter - Salon CDE (Grand Ballroom)

Theme: **Worship Service**

This worship service is sponsored by the Institute for Biblical Research.

Lynn Cohick, Northern Seminary, Presiding

Worship

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Lesson from the New Testament

Sermon

Mateus de Campos, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

M21-148

Center of Theological Inquiry Breakfast Reception

7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo F

M21-104

Lutheran Scholars of Religion

Theme: **Book Panel Session: *Communicatio Idiomatum: Reformation Christological Debates* (Oxford University Press, 2019), by Richard Cross**

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Rivercenter-Conference 12

Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding

David Luy, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Presiding

Richard Cross's recently published book, *Communicatio Idiomatum: Reformation Christological Debates* (OUP 2019) provides a radical reinterpretation of the debates concerning the incarnation among Protestants in the 16th century. Cross situates these debates in relation to their late medieval context, and devotes special attention to the metaphysical framework, and semantic analysis of Christological predicates set forth by theologians on both sides of the Reformed-Lutheran confessional divide. In this session a panel of four distinguished theologians and reformation scholars will engage Cross's work.

Panelists:

Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki

Anna Vind, University of Copenhagen

Volker Leppin, Yale University

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Else Marie Wiberg Pedersen, University of Aarhus
Responding:
Richard Cross, University of Notre Dame

M21-105

Society for Pentecostal Studies

Theme: **A Round Table Discussion of Giovanni B. Bazzana's *Having the Spirit of Christ: Spirit Possession and Exorcism in the Early Christ Groups* (Yale, 2020)**

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Riverwalk-Alamo E

Meghan Musy, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:

Reed Carlson,
Melissa Archer, Southeastern University
Ekaputra Tupamahu, Portland Seminary
Chris E. Green, Southeastern University

Responding:

Giovanni Bazzana, Harvard University

M21-124

Institute for Biblical Research

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Marriott Rivercenter - Salon L (Grand Ballroom)

Theme: **IBR Students Coffee Hour**

IBR Students is an initiative for Student and Associate members of the Institute for Biblical Research (www.ibr-bbr.org) created to connect, encourage, and equip students. Join us for a time of networking and fellowship, and hear from our guest speaker, Dr. Ben C. Blackwell, about his top 10 list of things he wishes he knew when he was a student. For more information contact students@ibr-bbr.org. RSVP requested but not required.

M21-106

Theology Without Walls Group

Theme: **The Theological Relevance of One's Life Experiences**

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hyatt Regency-Regency West 6

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo, Presiding

The preface to Thatamanil's *Circling the Elephant*, Paul Knitter's personal reports in *Without Buddha I Couldn't Be a Christian*, and, reaching back, even Karl Barth's horror at what the good citizen Protestantism of his day had resulted in and, even farther, to Augustine's *Confessions*. If the aim of theology is, to some extent, to be transformative, we might ask: Are these experiences "incidental" aspects of a theologian's work or themselves sources of insight that may be considered evidential? Would it be desirable to break down the boundaries, not only between traditions, but also between "academic" discourse and a more personal, embodied approach to knowledge?

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College
Embodiment, Experience, and Truth: A First-Person Approach to the Philosophy of Religion

Monica Coleman, University of Delaware
TBA

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
On Becoming a Priest-Scholar: An Inquiry into my Formative Years in New York and Kathmandu, Chicago, and Chennai

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University
Working and Thinking with Extreme Experiencers: Some Personal Reflections on Why the Weird Remains Weird

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary
Wonder and Practice: From Experience to Theology

MV21-107

VIRTUAL SESSION

China Academic Consortium

Theme: **Chinese Christians and the Liberal Path to Modernity in Republican China**

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

M21-109

Zondervan Publishing Author's Luncheon

11:30 AM–1:15 PM

Hyatt Regency-Regency Center 1/3

M21-201

Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars

11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Hyatt Regency - Rio Grande East (2nd Floor)

Theme: **A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Anglican Tradition**

A celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Anglican tradition. All are welcome.

M21-202

Encyclopedia of Jewish-Christian Relations International Meeting

12:30 PM–2:00 PM

The Pavillion-Main Level

The *Encyclopedia of Jewish-Christian Relations* (EJCR) cordially invites editorial and advisory board members as well as all authors to join the EJCR Annual International Meeting on Sunday, 21 November 2021.

OTHER EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

M21-229

International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies

1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Conference Room 16-17 - Marriott Rivercenter

Theme: **Business Meeting**

Robert J. V. Hiebert, Trinity Western University, Presiding

M21-238

National Association of Professors of Hebrew

1:00 PM–2:45 PM

Hyatt Regency - Regency West 5 (2nd Floor)

Theme: **Annual Business Meeting**

Serge Frolov, Southern Methodist University, Presiding (105 min)

M21-205

Theology Without Walls Group

Theme: **Spirit (Qi, Energiea) as a Transreligious Category**

1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hyatt Regency-Regency West 6

S. Mark Heim, Yale University, Presiding

One thing TWW needs is concepts, not just for the purpose of comparison but for thinking that is not necessarily embedded in the religions. Hyo-Dong Lee and Amos Yong are among the theologians who have made use of this concept in a cross-cultural way and, of course, it can readily be related to the Eastern Orthodox use of energiea. This panel will explore possibilities for creative theological construction that this cluster of concepts might open up.

Robert C. Neville, Boston University
The Cosmological Use of Spirit

Hyo-Dong Lee, Drew University
Divine ki (qi)? Musings on a Cross-Cultural Pneumatology

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham School of Theology
Spirit, Chi, and Christianity

David Bradshaw, University of Kentucky
The Divine Energy in Eastern Christianity

Benjamin Crace, American University of Kuwait
Stoic Cosmological Foundations for a Contemporary Pneumatology

M21-302

Tutku Educational Travel

Theme: **Philip and the Nubian Eunuch: Geography and Material Culture in Acts 8 by Dr. Mark Wilson**

4:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hyatt Regency-Chula Vista

M21-346

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions

4:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hilton Palacio Del Rio - The Pavilion - Main Level (The Pavilion by Hilton)

Theme: **Business Meeting**

M21-303

Theology Without Walls Group Discussion with Rising Scholars

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Hyatt Regency-Regency West 6

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Hans le Grand, Free University Amsterdam

Joyce Konigsburg, DePaul University

Benjamin Crace, American University of Kuwait

M21-304

Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting

4:30 PM–6:00 PM

The Pavillion-Upper Level

M21-401

Theology Without Walls Group Planning Meeting

5:30 PM–6:30 PM

Hyatt Regency-Regency West 6

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Boulder, Presiding

Panelists:

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo

Kurt Anders Richardson, University of Toledo

Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Bin Song, Washington College

Hans le Grand, Free University Amsterdam

M21-402

Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Reception for Members and Friends

5:30 PM–7:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand L

The Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) is a nationwide campus-supported network to support educators in their work with undergraduate students as they discern their many callings in life, and as they explore questions of meaning, purpose, and identity. Since its launch in 2009, NetVUE has grown rapidly to include over 270 independent colleges and universities.

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All SBL and AAR participants are invited to join us for this reception, whether or not their institutions are members of the network.

M21-404

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: **Panel discussion of *God, Morality, and Beauty: The Trinitarian Shape of Christian Ethics, Aesthetics, and the Problem of Evil*, by Randall Bush**

6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Hyatt Regency-Medina

The book being discussed entails a wide-ranging investigation that assesses various approaches to philosophical methodology, ethics, aesthetics, psychology, sociology, literature, hermeneutical philosophy, narrative theology, the problem of evil, and Christian theology. The author argues that a Trinitarian vision offers the most satisfactory, far-reaching rationale for addressing proximate and ultimate questions pertaining to the philosophy of value. Panel participants will present papers evaluating selected topics covered in the book.

Jonathan King, Universitas Pelita Harapan, Indonesia
Intersections between Ethics and Aesthetics in God, Morality, and Beauty: Contributions of the Lutheran Tradition

Philip Tallon, Houston Baptist University
Morality, Beauty, and the Problem of Evil

Timothy Yoder, Dallas Theological Seminary
The Trinity as an Interpretive Lens in God, Morality, and Beauty: An Assessment

Responding:

Randall Bush, Union University

M21-501

Denver University/Illiff School of Theology Joint PhD in the Study of Religion Reception

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Riverview

The DU/Illiff Joint PhD Program in the Study of Religion invites alumni, students, faculty, and friends to join us. This year we are pleased to honor our colleague, Dr. Miguel De La Torre, the 2021 recipient of the AAR Martin E. Marty Award and the AAR Excellence in Teaching Award. Please come and express your congratulations to him on these honors. Prospective students are especially encouraged to attend to learn more about the DU/Illiff Joint PhD in the Study of Religion.

M21-503

Princeton Theological Seminary Reception

7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio-Salon del Rey AB

M21-507

Jewish Theological Seminary and Kekst Graduate School Reception

7:15 PM–8:45 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand M

The Kekst Graduate School welcomes JTS faculty, students, alumni, guests, and friends. Jewish dietary laws observed for light fare and drink.

M21-509

Religion and American Culture Reception

8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio-El Mirador ABC West

M21-511

Journal of Lutheran Ethics and the Lutheran Center for Faith Values and Community at St. Olaf College Pan-Lutheran Cocktail Hour

8:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Riverwalk-Bonham

The Pan-Lutheran Cocktail Hour is a time for Lutheran academics to gather for fellowship. This year's cocktail hour will focus on the 500th anniversary of the Diet of Worms and the lessons we learn from Luther's "Here I Stand" ("If, I am not convinced by proof from Holy Scripture, or by cogent reasons") Moment.

M21-512

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni & Friends Dessert Reception

8:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand K

M21-513

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: **The Films of Paul Schrader**

8:00 PM–9:30 PM

Hyatt Regency-Medina

Throughout his career writer/director Paul Schrader has created some of the most theologically and philosophically rich films in American cinema. This panel will explore his work with an eye to articulating Schrader's views on Christian community, authenticity and faith, hope and despair, and fallenness.

Panelists:

Philip Tallon, Houston Baptist University

Jeff Green, Houston Baptist University

Bearden Coleman, Houston Baptist University

OTHER EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

M21-514

Abrahamic Studies and the Companion Scriptures

8:30 PM–10:00 PM

Offsite

Abrahamic Studies advances collaborative, interdisciplinary scholarship among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim academics. Both historically and constructively, Abrahamic Studies has emerged in major university and publishing contexts as a vital form of research, pedagogy, and dialogue. Drawing upon a range of connected fields: Scriptural Reasoning, Comparative Theology and Literature, Anthropology and Social Science, Abrahamic Studies advances collaborative partnerships among scholars of the three faiths. This first session is designed for panel discussion and the formation of this new grouping in the AAR.

M21-515

Brite Divinity School Reception

9:00 PM–10:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand J

M21-517

Duke University Reception

9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio-Stetson

M21-518

Emory University Graduate Division of Religion (GDR) Reception

9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand F

M21-520

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University Alumni/ae and Friends Reception

9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hilton Palacio del Rio-La Vista West (ABC)

M21-521

Syracuse University Department of Religion Reception

9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hyatt Regency-Regency Center 1-3

M21-522

University of Chicago Alumni Reception

9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand I

Join the University of Chicago Divinity School for a reception and opportunity to connect with the School, its alumni, and its professors for networking and conversation.

M21-523

Columbia University Department of Religion Reception

9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand G

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

M22-102

Fuller Theological Seminary Alumni Breakfast (pre-registration required)

7:00 AM–9:00 AM

Marriott Rivercenter-Grand D

M22-103

Union Presbyterian Seminary Alumni Breakfast

7:30 AM–8:30 AM

Kitchen & Cocktails, 306 West Market Street

Please join us for a UPSEM Alumni Breakfast at Ambler-Texas Kitchen & Cocktails, located inside of the Hotel Contessa. The address is: 306 West Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. You are invited to hear what's new at Union while enjoying table fellowship with seminary faculty and friends. Alumni Director Clay Macaulay (D.Min.'85) will be there to welcome you, eager to hear about your ministry and scholarly pursuits. See seminary website for pre-registration at www.upsem.edu

M22-104

University of Chicago Divinity School Prospective Students Breakfast

7:30 AM–9:30 AM

Marriott Rivercenter-Conference 10

Join the Dean of Students' office at the University of Chicago Divinity School for a breakfast for prospective students and anyone interested in applying for the University of Chicago Divinity School's degree programs.

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M22-105

Society for Pentecostal Studies

Theme: **The Spirit in the New Testament**

9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Rivercenter–Conference 8

Lindsey L. Croston, Southeastern University, Presiding

Blaine Charette, Northwest University
The Sealing of the Son of Man and the Gift of the Spirit in John

Dongsoo Kim, Pyeongtaek University
“Receive the Holy Spirit” in the Gospel of John (7:39; 14:16–17; 20:22)

Holly Beers, Westmont College
The Role of Isaiah in Reframing the Insider–Outsider Boundary in Acts 13

M22-106

Center for the Study of Religion and the City

Theme: **Religion and Mapping Convening**

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Conference 9

MV22-301

Religious Studies Review (RSR) Annual Editorial Meeting

4:00 PM–7:00 PM

MV22-401 VIRTUAL SESSION

International Institute of Islamic Thought 2021 Annual Ismail Al Faruqi Memorial Lecture

6:30 PM–8:00 PM

This talk will explore Muslim intellectual discourses and debates on the boundaries of interreligious relations and friendship in the premodern and modern contexts. After presenting some key examples of how this problem was dealt by prominent premodern Muslim thinkers, the talk addresses the following question: how have modern Muslim scholars negotiated the incongruence between the premodern context of Muslim empire that informed foundational normative texts and attitudes towards non-Muslims and the setting of colonial modernity that saw Muslims in several contexts rendered into a colonized community and in many instances a political minority as well? I will address this question primarily (though not exclusively) in the context of modern South Asia that witnessed some of the most fascinating and instructive intra-Muslim scholarly disagreement on the question of interreligious friendship in the early modern and modern periods. I show and argue that at stake in demarcating the limits of friendship with the non-Muslim ‘other’ are often thorny unresolved intra-Muslim contestations on the boundaries of Islam and the nature of the Muslim self, especially in conditions marked by the loss of political sovereignty.

SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College
Debating Interreligious Friendship after Empire

M22-402

Society of Christian Philosophers

Theme: **Panel Discussion: Philosophy and Liberation Theology**

6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott Rivercenter–Conference 9

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

M22-101

Institute for Biblical Research

7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Marriott Rivercenter – Conference Rooms 1–4

Theme: **IBR Ethnic Minority Scholars’ Breakfast**

Food, fellowship, and facts for BIPOC scholars sponsored by IBR. This year we’ll be discussing minority scholars’ employment in the academy with a panel consisting of seminary representatives. No RSVP required. Please address questions to Esau McCaulley (Esau.McCaulley@wheaton.edu) or Dennis Edwards (dredwards@northpark.edu). For further information, see <https://ibr-bbr.org/>.

M23-143

Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion

Theme: **Teaching Philosophy of Religion Inclusively to Diverse Students**

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–5:00 PM

Convention Center-301C

Our goal is formulate a pedagogical theory and concrete teaching strategies to facilitate student-centered global-critical philosophy of religion. Participation is by invitation. This workshop is sponsored by a generous Wabash grant.