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GUIDE TO THE PROGRAM BOOK

The Annual Meeting Program Book’s publication so far in advance of the meeting prevents accurate room assignments from being published with the session information. You can find the most up-to-date room information in the following locations:

- Session room names and hotel maps can be found in the online Program Book at www.aarweb.org and www.sbl-site.org.
- During the Annual Meetings, the printed Annual Meetings At-A-Glance booklet lists the full program schedule and room listings. This publication can be picked up in the convention center and headquarter hotels.

Although we try not to do so, it is sometimes necessary to change a room location at the last minute. In these rare instances, the room change is noted at the originally scheduled location. We appreciate your understanding.

We hope these and other changes make your Annual Meetings experience more pleasant and easier to navigate.

— Annual Meetings Teams of AAR and SBL
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# 2007 ANNUAL MEETINGS INFORMATION

The 2007 Annual Meetings of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature will take place in San Diego, CA. The San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina and Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel will be the headquarter hotels. Sessions will be held at these hotels and the San Diego Convention Center. The exhibit hall and registration area will be located in the convention center, while the EIS Center will be located in the Manchester Grand Hyatt. Several other area hotels are also holding room blocks at special rates for Annual Meetings attendees. Though many hotels are within walking distance, a free shuttle will be available to transport attendees to the meeting sites from outlying hotels.

The information in this book is also available from the AAR and SBL Websites at [www.aarweb.org](http://www.aarweb.org) and [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org). Online you may register and secure housing, download forms for housing and registration, get the latest updates on the Annual Meetings, and send your comments via e-mail. Registration for the Annual Meetings allows you to visit the exhibit hall, attend all AAR and SBL sessions (more than 800), and join attendees for a variety of social events. **Only current AAR and SBL members who are registered for the meeting may be listed on the program as participants.**

This bulletin includes all the information necessary to register and make hotel and travel reservations.

## Preregistration

Why preregister for the meeting? Only after you register for the Annual Meetings of AAR and SBL can you book your housing at the specially negotiated rates at one of our official hotels.

From the time registration opens on May 15, registration rates will be in the first tier, Super-Saver category. In the Super-Saver period, all registrants will receive their preregistration packets (with name badge, tote-bag ticket, etc.) beginning in mid-October. The rates will change to the second tier (Advance Registration) beginning on September 16 through October 15. There is no guarantee that those who preregister during the Advance Registration period will receive their packets before they arrive in San Diego. Beginning on October 16 through the Annual Meetings, the rates will move to the third and final tier. Everyone who registers during this period may retrieve their packets onsite in the Registration Area at the San Diego Convention Center.

As always, receipt of the Program Book has nothing to do with having preregistered (with the exception of non-member registrants); it is directly related to having paid your membership dues and/or updated your current address with either organization’s Member Services Department no later than August 1, 2007.

All participants at the Annual Meetings (presenters, panelists, etc.) must be registered by June 15 at either the member, student member, or retired member rate, not the spouse/partner rate.

Remember to bring your name badge and other registration materials with you to San Diego! Admission to sessions and the exhibit hall is by name badge only. **Replacements for lost badges are $5.** The abbreviated and up-to-date

### IMPORTANT DATES

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*Remember: You must be registered to secure housing.*
program guide, *Annual Meetings Program At-A-Glance,* will be available in the headquarter hotels and the convention center.

**Hotel Accommodations**
To receive the specially negotiated room rates, you must first register for the meeting. You may then make your reservation through the Experient Registration and Housing Bureau. They are available 24 hours a day. You may contact the housing bureau by Internet, fax, or mail using the enclosed housing form. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully and provide all requested information. Reservations cannot be made prior to May 15. Special rates may not be available after October 25; however, Experient will continue to handle Annual Meetings housing throughout the meeting.

**Housing Confirmation**
You will receive a confirmation when you make your hotel reservation with the Experient Registration and Housing Bureau. Confirmations are e-mailed in the first instance, then faxed or mailed. Please allow at least 3–5 days for receipt.

If you receive a written confirmation that is incorrect, please contact the housing bureau immediately to correct your reservation. The bureau will send you a new confirmation reflecting the corrections. If cancellation is necessary, please do so in writing at least 72 hours in advance of scheduled arrival to receive a refund of your deposit. Be sure to keep a record of your cancellation number.

**Housing Cancellations or Changes**
All hotel accommodation questions, changes, and cancellations should be directed to the Experient Registration and Housing Bureau throughout the meeting year. Note that cancellations must be received in writing (mail, fax, or e-mail) at least 72 hours prior to arrival date for a refund of your deposit (see pre-meeting registration form for details).

**Suite Requests**
Suite reservations must be requested through the Experient Registration and Housing Bureau. Some Annual Meetings hotels are providing discounts off their current suite rate. Suites are not to be used for interviewing purposes. Employers who plan to use the Employment Information Services Center may request a Private Interview Room when they register for the EIS Center. EIS Center registration opens with registration and housing on May 15. For additional information about the EIS Center, please see page 8 and www.aarweb.org/Programs/Employment_Services or www.sbl-site.org/eis.

**Physically Challenged Attendees**
All meeting rooms are accessible by elevator (doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs) or wheelchair lift. A limited number of guest rooms are set aside for the physically challenged. If you need special accommodations, please indicate your specific needs on the designated area of the housing form and fax or mail it to the Experient Registration and Housing Bureau. Attendees with disabilities who need information regarding special assistance during the meeting, excluding hotel accommodations, should contact the Annual Meetings planners, by phone at 1-314-997-1500, by fax at 1-314-997-1550, via e-mail at aarsbl@experient-inc.com, or by mail c/o Experient, Inc., Four CityPlace Drive, Suite 480, St. Louis, MO 63141.

**Travel Discounts**
Take advantage of specially discounted rates for travel to the Annual Meetings of the AAR and SBL in San Diego this November!

**American Airlines** is offering a 5% discount off published fares, including first class and international fares on American Airlines, American Eagle, and AmericanConnection flights. Discounts do not apply to certain restricted fares and exclude sale fare inventories. You can call 1-800-433-1790 or use www.aa.com to make your reservations.

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If you book through your own travel agency, be sure to give them the appropriate discount code above.
Annual Meetings sessions start at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 17, so plan accordingly!

You can register for the Annual Meetings online at www.aarweb.org or www.sbl-site.org. Hard copies of the registration and housing forms can be downloaded at the same locations.

Some hotels have suites available at a discounted rate. Contact the Experient Registration and Housing Bureau for more information: 1-800-575-7185 (U.S. & Canada); +1-330-425-9330 (outside U.S. & Canada); aarsblreg@experient-inc.com.

Note: All rates are subject to local taxes, currently 10.5% tax per room per night. For example, a $147 rate is $162.44 with tax included.

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* Headquarter Hotel

Child Care
Child care will be offered for an hourly fee during this year’s Annual Meetings to AAR members only. Please visit the AAR Web site at www.aarweb.org for information and pricing details.

Computer Access
A free Internet café will be available in the exhibit hall. Access to computers, the Internet, and e-mail is available for a fee at the business center of each Annual Meetings hotel. In-room Internet connections are also available for a fee in each hotel (see in-room literature for more details).

Find a Friend
Please note the box on the registration form that gives permission for your name, institution, and hotel (if any) to be posted on a list of attendees (Find a Friend Board) available onsite. If you do not check the box, your information will not be listed.

International Attendees
It is necessary for those entering the United States to clear customs and immigration. Beginning in 2007, visitors from Canada and Mexico must present a passport in order to enter the U.S. Please be prepared. Non–U.S. citizens should inquire about possible visa requirements from their country of origin. Official letters of invitation to the Annual Meetings to support visa applications are available. E-mail aarsblreg@experient-inc.com with your name, address, and the full contact information of the consulate of your country.
**Airport Transfers**

- Public transit is available via the Flyer Route No. 992, a Metropolitan Transit System bus that travels to and from the Airport and downtown San Diego, stopping between Terminals 1 and 2 and the Commuter Terminal. The bus service runs every 12 minutes and connects with Trolley, Coaster, and Amtrak stations, is wheelchair accessible, and costs $2.25.

- Many of our partner hotels, including the Embassy Suites, Hilton Gaslamp, San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, and Westgate, offer airport shuttles at a nominal fee (or in some cases complimentary). Please call the hotel to arrange shuttle transportation.

- Taxicabs are available around the clock from each airport. Travel time is 15-25 minutes in ideal traffic. Cab fare is $10-15.

**Shuttle Service**

Most hotels are within walking distance (5-15 minutes) of meeting locations or on the trolley line. A complimentary shuttle service will be available to transport attendees to the meeting sites from outlying hotels. Annual Meetings attendees who require special transportation assistance may check at the information stations at Registration for assistance.
Located this year at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, the Employment Information Services Center will provide employers and job candidates registered for the Annual Meetings with interview facilities, a message service, current job listings, and candidate credentials for review.

**CANDIDATE SERVICES**

All registered candidates receive:
- Personal copy of the Annual Meetings Special Edition of *Openings: Employment Opportunities for Scholars of Religion*.
- Opportunity to file a Curriculum Vitae (CV) for employer review.
- Access to the EIS Center message system to exchange confidential communication with registered employers.
- Use of a drop box to leave employers requested documents.

All candidates have the option of filing a CV with the EIS Center. Those who register by October 22 may upload the CV to the EIS website; the deadline for which is October 25. Organized by job classification, the online CVs are available to employers August 15, 2007 through March 31, 2008 and are also available at the EIS Center. On-site registrants, and those who do not upload the CV by the deadline, may bring two copies to the EIS Center to be filed alphabetically. Candidates may preregister for the EIS Center beginning May 15 (9:01 am EDT) and ending October 22, 2007 (5:00 pm EDT). On-site registrations will be taken November 16 through November 18 at the EIS Center in the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel.

**CANDIDATE FEES**

Preregistration: $25  
On-site registration: $50

**EMPLOYER SERVICES**

All employers registering a job with the EIS Center before the October 22 deadline receive:
- Use of the Interview Hall and the ability to invite any Annual Meetings registrant to an interview.
- Placement of job advertisement in the Annual Meetings Special Edition of *Openings*, available on-site to all candidates. (On-site registrants’ job listings are posted for candidate review.)
- EIS icon next to *Openings Online* job advertisement.
- Access to candidate credentials, in print at the EIS Center and online August 15, 2007 through March 31, 2008.
- Access to EIS message system to send and receive confidential communication with registered candidates.
- Ability to reserve a Private EIS Interview Room for an additional fee. For complete information, see the EIS web page.
- Use of a drop box to leave materials for candidates.
- Ability to reserve space in the Interview Hall beginning October 25, 2007.

_Employers who register on-site will not be able to reserve Private Interview Rooms or Interview Hall space prior to arriving on-site._

**EMPLOYER FEES**

First job: $275 ($325 onsite)  
Each additional job: $60 ($85 onsite)

**OPENINGS ONLINE**

In order to ensure the widest possible pool of candidates, all jobs registered with the EIS Center must be advertised in *Openings Online* in the September, October, or November issues. The fee for the advertisement is not included in the EIS registration fee. The text from the online ad will also serve as the job posting in the Annual Meetings Special Edition of *Openings*.

**REGISTRATION**

Register for the 2007 EIS Center online at either www.aarweb.org/jump/eis. Registration for the EIS Center opens on May 15 and closes on October 22, 2007. If you cannot access the online information, contact EIS Center staff at 1-404-727-3049, or via e-mail at eis@aarweb.org, and the information will be sent to you.

**EIS HOURS OF SERVICE**

- Friday, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm (orientation)
- Saturday, 8:00 am—7:00 pm*
- Sunday, 8:00 am—7:00 pm*
- Monday, 8:00 am—5:00 pm
- Tuesday, 8:00 am—10:00 am

* The Private Interview room check-in desk will remain open until 9:15 pm to serve those using the rooms during the evenings. All other EIS services will close according to the above schedule.

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**EIS CENTER**

**REGISTER ONLINE**

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**QUESTIONS?**

Phone: 1-404-727-3049  
E-mail: eis@aarweb.org

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Welcome to San Diego!

We gather in San Diego, a city usually associated with seventy miles of Pacific coast beaches and an almost idyllic climate. However, this second largest city in California, and seventh largest nationally, supports outstanding universities, museums such as those in Balboa Park, and a strong arts community. In addition to a vibrant culture, San Diego boasts a long history dating back to 7500 B.C.E., when the so-called San Dieguito peoples and later the La Jollan cultural groups assimilated, to be followed by the Yuman-speaking and Shoshonean groups. All this took place before Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, under the Spanish flag, sailed into San Diego Bay on 28 September 1542. By November 1602, prior to the Jamestown settlement on Virginia’s James River, this area had a permanent settlement that later grew into the modern city of San Diego. We join a long history of visitors to this city bordered by Mexico, the Pacific Ocean, the Anza-Borrego Desert, and the Laguna Mountains. We thank San Diego for its hospitality.

Together with the SBL Council and staff, I want to thank the Annual Meeting Program Committee, Program Unit Chairs, and Presiders for their work in providing us with a rich and diverse program. A special thanks for outstanding leadership to Brian Blount, who has chaired the Program Committee and whose term ends with this meeting. Thanks to all our members. You are the heart of the SBL. Your work makes our mission succeed. Thank you for your commitments of time, energy, and resources.

Thanks to the Sponsors and Exhibitors. Visit their booths and purchase their products. Let them know that you appreciate the books, software, and diverse products that they offer. They are a vital force in making these gatherings successful. Thanks to the educational institutions and organizations that have events—social, professional, and intellectual—at this meeting. You have expanded the partnerships that we strive to enable.

I would be remiss were I to leave unsaid the fact that this San Diego meeting marks a turning point. The American Academy of Religion unilaterally decided to begin meeting in another time and location. We extend an open invitation to all who are enriched by conversations across the areas of antiquity, archaeology, Bible, classics, religion, and theology to join us. Our research and teaching is enlivened through these associations. While we come to these meetings to share our research and teaching, we know that it is through the opportunity to meet old friends and new colleagues that our work will be sustained and advanced.

Cordially,

Kent Harold Richards
Executive Director
Professor of Old Testament
Foster Biblical Scholarship

**Presidential Address**

Whose Text Is It?

*Saturday, 7:00 pm*

Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, Princeton Theological Seminary
Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago, Presiding

Katharine Doob Sakenfeld grew up in eastern Tennessee and Providence, Rhode Island. She graduated from the College of Wooster, where she was first in her class, and earned an M.S. in Sociology from the University of Rhode Island, a B.D. from Harvard Divinity School, and a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Literature from Harvard University. She joined the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary in 1970, where she is presently the William Albright Eisenberger Professor of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she has served as the Seminary’s Director of Ph.D. Studies since 1984 and as its representative to the Council on Graduate Studies in Religion, of which she is currently Vice President. She has been guest professor at San Francisco Theological Seminary, the Drew University Theological School, Boston College, and Union Theological Seminary in Dasmariñas, the Philippines, and has lectured widely in Asia. She has been active in the Society as a program unit co-chair, member and chair of the Nominating Committee, and national Program Secretary (a position that encompassed the current roles of chair of Annual Meeting Program Committee and chair of Council). She has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Theology Today*, and *Word and World*. Her publications include *The Meaning of Hesed in the Hebrew Bible, Faithfulness in Action, Journeying with God, Ruth* (Interpretation), and *Just Wives*? She was a member of the translation committee responsible for preparing the NRSV Bible and a co-editor of the Oxford Study Bible. Currently she serves as General Editor for the *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*. 
In conjunction with the exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the San Diego Museum of Natural History, the 2007 Annual Meeting features a number of sessions focused on the Scrolls and their impact on the discipline. See page 71 for tour information.

S17-21 Matthew Section
Saturday, November 17, 9:00 am–11:30 am
Theme: Matthew and the Dead Sea Scrolls: Celebrating Sixty Years of Research

S17-66 Josephus Group
Saturday, November 17, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
Theme: Josephus and the Essenes

S17-101 Archaeological Excavations and Discoveries: Illuminating the Biblical World Section/Qumran Section
Saturday, November 17, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm
Theme: Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls: Archaeology and Texts in the Past Ten Years

S18-78 Qumran Section
Sunday, November 18, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
Theme: Qumran Texts and Contexts

Virtual Qumran
Computer-Assisted Research Section (S18-57), Sunday, 1:00 pm

A paper entitled “The Archaeology of Qumran: The Digitally Reconstructed Settlement and a Proposed Occupation Model” will present the completed Qumran Visualization Project, a real-time, virtual reconstruction of the ancient settlement at Khirbet Qumran. The project’s designer, Robert R. Cargill, produced a documentary film entitled Ancient Qumran: A Virtual Reality Tour, which discusses the history and origin of Qumran and utilizes motion-picture clips taken from the model. The film is presently on display at the San Diego Natural History Museum as a part of the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition. The project is a product of the UCLA Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures and is funded in part by the SDNHM and by Steven Spielberg’s Righteous Persons Foundation.

The paper to be presented demonstrates the latest technology in 3-D virtual reality modeling and satellite imagery and unveils a fully-interactive reconstruction of the Qumran settlement within its regional context. The reconstruction takes into account all theories about Qumran, including those of archaeologists de Vaux, Hirschfeld, Humbert, Donceel and Donceel-Voute, Magness, Magen, Peleg, and others. Finally, this presentation will offer the research’s conclusions, proposing an occupation model for the site that focuses upon the nature of the settlement’s establishment and its subsequent expansion. The research concludes that the main building at Qumran was originally established as a Hasmonean fortress that was abandoned and later occupied by a sect of Jerusalem temple-based dissidents who broke away from the temple in the mid-second century B.C.E. and ultimately formed their own priestly community at Qumran. This community brought with them a corpus of scrolls from Jerusalem and continued to produce their own. Over the subsequent two centuries, their own distinct hybrid beliefs evolved and developed, coupling ritual purity and apocalypticism. While they perhaps continued to understand themselves as Sadducees, others began to distinguish them from the temple-based Sadducees and call them by other names, including Essenes.

Sessions of Interest

Johannine Scholarship

A series of sessions organized by Johannine Literature Section and the John, Jesus, and History Group focus on the history of scholarship on the Fourth Gospel. The past fifty years have been a golden age in Johannine scholarship, with major advances in the depth and breadth of research. The three “Past, Present, and Future” sessions (S19-21, S19-71, S19-117) will reflect on these advances and outline the challenges that lie ahead. Session S19-22 will focus on the Fourth Gospel’s history and historicity, dealing with issues such as the origins of Johannine thought, the historical context of the book, the Johannine community,
and the value of this text as a source for the historical Jesus. Session S19-71 will focus on the Fourth Gospel's narrative, both its composition history (sources, development, relecture, relationship to the Synoptics) and its literary structure (narrative criticism). Session S19-117 will focus on readers and readings of the Fourth Gospel, including issues of social location, scholarship and faith, hermeneutics, and what is at stake in the interpretive enterprise. Each session will feature reflection papers by leading voices in the field, responses from junior colleagues that highlight avenues of future inquiry, panel discussion, and open questions from the floor. An additional coordinated set of sessions has been added (S17-17, S17-65), including the John, Jesus, and History Group session, John and Qumran: Sixty Years of Discovery and Dialogue (S18-147).

**Making the Text Speak to the Future (S18-122)**

*Sunday, 4:00 pm–5:30 pm*

Anthony Pym (Perth-Australia, 1956) is Professor of English Linguistics at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona. He works on sociological approaches to translation and intercultural relations. He has a doctorate in sociology from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris. His publications include *Translation and Text Transfer* (1992), *Epistemological Problems in Translation and Its Teaching* (1993), *Pour une éthique du traducteur* (1997), and *Method in Translation History* (1998). He has also edited the volumes *L'Internationalité littéraire* (1988), *Mites australians* (1990), and *Les formations en traduction et interprétation: Essai de recensement mondial* (1995, with Monique Caminade). He will be presenting a paper entitled "Bible Translation and the Philosophy of Dialogue: Making the Text Speak to the Future," in a special session on Sunday evening, November 18, at 7:00 pm (S18-122). He will also participate in the Ideology, Culture, and Translation Section on Monday morning (S19-20).

**God in Public? (S18-117)**

*Sunday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm*

N. T. Wright will be presenting a paper entitled "God in Public? The Bible and Politics in Tomorrow’s World," in a special session on Sunday, November 18, at 4:00 pm (S18-117). Wright is currently the Bishop of Durham, England. He has served as Canon of Westminster, Dean of Lichfield, Lecturer in New Testament Studies, Oxford University, and Assistant Professor of New Testament Language and Literature, McGill University, Montreal. He received two B.A.s (1971, 1973), an M.A. (1975), and the D.Phil. (1981) and D.D. (2000) degrees from the University of Oxford: Exeter College. Wright has published more than fifty major articles and more than forty-five books. He will also be participating in a special session on books related to the Gospel of Judas (S18-148).

**IOSCS/Septuaginta-Deutsch (S19-115)**

*Monday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

The Septuaginta Deutsch (LXX. D) Project started in 1999, with the aim of producing a two-volume work: one with the translation and a second one with linguistic, lexical, theological, and historical annotations. The differences between the Hebrew and the Greek text will be printed in italics in the translation volume and explained in the accompanying volume. The textual basis of LXX. D is the Septuaginta Gottingensis as far as it has appeared. For the other books, the revised edition of A. Rahlfs (the revision by R. Hanhart appeared in 2006) will be used. There are some eighty contributors for the translation and the accompanying volume working in small teams on the books of the LXX plus ten advisors (scholars working in the fields of history, Greek language, Old and New Testament theology, Orthodox studies, Judaic studies). Ten co-editors are responsible for the different parts of the LXX, such as Pentateuch, Historical Books, Minor Prophets, and so on. We have two editors-in-chief, Martin Karrer from Wuppertal and Wolfgang Kraus, Universität des Saarlandes. The project sponsors are the Protestant Church of the Rhineland and the German Bible Society. Several research volumes have been published as a result of the work on this project.
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**Art and Religions of Antiquity (S18-102)**  
*Sunday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

More than eighty-five years in the making, with 9,107 octavo pages in eighteen volumes in print, the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary project ranks among the great lexicographic achievements of the twentieth century. Akkadian, the sole representative of East Semitic, decisively influences Biblical Hebrew and Imperial Aramaic lexicography due to historical overlap and the sheer magnitude of the text corpus. In this session, Martha T. Roth, the final editor-in-chief of the CAD, will describe the history and scope of the project in conversation with a distinguished panel of Hebrew and Aramaic specialists.

**Sustainable Theological Education (S17-78)**  
*Saturday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm*

As the declining health of the earth reaches a critical point, religious people from a wide variety of traditions are beginning to respond. It has been forty years since Lynn White issued what many saw as a wake-up call. Institutions of theological education should be providing vigorous, visionary leadership on this issue, but are they? Six of the prophetic voices that have encouraged both churches and seminaries to address the worsening ecological crisis have been asked to reflect on the significant role of theological education in leading the faith community to respond. What leadership can seminaries provide through scholarship, academic programs, community life, building and grounds, and institutional practices? What unique opportunities and challenges does theological education face in meeting the environmental challenge? Ample time will be allowed for discussion. See www.webofcreation.org for more on this session and what some schools are already doing.

**The Early Christianity and Ancient Economy Consultation & Research Project (S18-144)**  
*Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm*

The Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy Consultation is the foundational component of an international, interdisciplinary project that seeks to delineate the relationship between early Christianity and the ancient economy in the period from Jesus to Justinian, demonstrating both similarities and differences in attitudes, approaches to problems, and attempted solutions. The research project comprises four subprojects: (1) an analysis of the major aspects of the economy in the ancient world, especially the economies of classical Greece, the Hellenistic world, and the Roman Empire; (2) an examination of first-century early Christianity both in relationship to the ancient economy and in regard to its own economic aspects; (3) treatments

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**The Chicago Assyrian Dictionary Project (1921–2007) and the Art of Biblical Research (S18-52)**  
*Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm*
of early Christianity of the second to the fifth centuries; and (4) implications of early Christianity’s relationship to the ancient economy for contemporary Christianity and the modern economy. Anticipated contributions to the project will be both synchronic and diachronic, with some studies focused on specific texts, authors, and events and others being more comprehensive and thematic in nature. Sessions related to this project will be held at the SBL Annual and International Meetings, the North American Patristics Society (NAPS) meeting, and other congresses as announced. Those interested in participating in the project should contact either John T. Fitzgerald at the University of Miami (john.fitzgerald@miami.edu) or Fika J. van Rensburg at North-West University (Fika.Janse.VanRensburg@nwu.ac.za), the co-chairs of the SBL consultation.

On Sunday evening at 7:00 pm, Prof. Walter Scheidel will lecture on developments in the study of the ancient economy since Moses Finley’s enormously influential Sather Lectures, which were published in 1973 as The Ancient Economy. Walter Scheidel is Professor of Classics at Stanford University. He is co-editor (with Sitta von Reden) of The Ancient Economy (2002) and (with Richard Saller and Ian Morris) of The Cambridge Economic History of the Greco-Roman World (forthcoming, 2007).

**Professional Development Sessions**

The Society is committed to assisting its members in their professional development and advancement. The following sessions address issues of concern for those from students through senior scholars.

**Writers’ Workshop (S16-62)**

*Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm*

Any successful academic career requires publishing original works of scholarship. But is being “original” all that counts? Besides looking for “original ideas” or “cutting-edge scholarship”—both of which are critical—publishers also want authors and editors who understand the fundamentals of publishing and the value of writing well. This workshop will introduce these twin pillars of the academic career. First, it will survey the essentials of academic publishing by exploring questions such as: What are the basic elements of a book contract? What about copyright law is important for me? What are the respective responsibilities of an author and a publisher? What is involved in the publishing process? How is the Internet changing the publishing world? Second, the workshop will evaluate the characteristics of typical scholarly writing and will show how writing well can enhance your odds of being heard in the white noise of academia. Guiding questions will include: How does a book differ from a dissertation? What can be wrong with imitating academic style? How does learning to become self-critical make one a more effective communicator, both within and outside of the academy? Anyone wishing to learn more about writing, editing, and publishing will find this workshop useful.

**Preparing for Ph.D. Work (S17-50)**

*Saturday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm*

Nancy L. de Claissé-Walford, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University

**Earning a Ph.D. in Germany (S17-85)**

*Saturday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm*

Hermann Spieckermann, Faculty of Theology, Göttingen

**The Tenure Book(s): How to Strategize Your Publications to Increase Your Chances of Tenure and Promotion (S18-141)**

*Sunday, 4:30 pm–6:30 pm*

Sponsored by *Publishers’ Weekly*

In the good old days, tenure was a given if you pumped out a few well-received articles. Now, the expectations are sometimes for junior scholars to write two books and several articles, all of which need to make an impact in their field and be timed appropriately to help their tenure bids. As the bar is raised ever higher, how can junior faculty strategize their publications to further the goal of tenure? In this session, scholars from three different types of institutions will speak to the tenure expectations in their schools, while two editors from university presses will discuss the changing demands for the scholarly book in the marketplace. Questions addressed will include the following: How have scholarly expectations changed about the number and nature of pre-tenure publications? Do I need to publish a second book, and what does the second book have to be? How is it possible to publish two highly academic books when many prestigious university presses are seeking to acquire commercially appealing books over limited-audience scholarly monographs? How should I time my tenure book (or books) for maximum impact? How much is a revered university press imprimatur worth in getting tenure? Does an edited anthology count toward tenure? As always for the PW session, forty-five minutes will be allotted for audience questions.

**The Biblical Scholar as…. Careers outside the Classroom (S19-85)**

*Monday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm*

Join us for a discussion of careers other than teaching that biblical scholars are uniquely prepared for by their graduate education. The session will feature an academic administrator, an academic librarian, and an acquisitions editor.

**Fostering the Next Generation of Racial-Ethnic Scholars (S17-33)**

*Saturday, 9:30 am–11:30 am*

The SBL’s Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee invites students in the San Diego area to attend this session to learn about the Society and what biblical scholars “really” do. The session will provide an introduction to the discipline, the academic life, and the Annual Meeting. This mini-recruitment conference will provide complimentary registration to students who are not SBL members. All undergraduate and masters-level students are encouraged to attend.
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**SESSIONS HONORING SIGNIFICANT SCHOLARS**

**Reflections on Brevard Childs (1923-2007) (S18-50)**
Honoring the Work of Brevard Childs
*Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm*

**New Testament Textual Criticism (S18-73)**
Honoring the Work of William L. Petersen
*Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm*

**Assessing the Legacy of Robert W. Funk (S18-104)**
*Sunday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

**New Testament Textual Criticism (S18-125)**
Memorial Session in Honor of Bruce Metzger
*Sunday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

**Biblical Law and Women in the World (S19-104) and AAR Study of Judaism (A19-308)**
Looking for Hope: Feminist and Historical Studies in Memory of Tikva Frymer-Kensky
*Monday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

**Books Being Discussed**

**Assyriology and the Bible (S19-4 and S19-55)**
The Legacy of Tikva Frymer-Kensky
*Monday, 9:00 am–11:30 am and 1:00 pm–3:30 pm*

**Celebrating the Torah: A Women’s Commentary (S18-143)**
*Sunday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

Created by the world’s leading Jewish female Bible scholars, rabbis, historians, philosophers and archaeologists, this is the first comprehensive commentary authored only by women on the Five Books of Moses, including individual Torah portions as well as the Hebrew and English translation. The goal of the commentary, as stated by editor Tamara Cohn-Eskenazi, is “to bring the women of the Torah from the shadow into the limelight, from their silences into speech, from the margins to which they have often been relegated to the center of the page.”

**True To Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary (S18-55)**
*Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm*

Birthed from the African American community comes a pioneering commentary providing biblical interpretation grounded in African American experience and concern. Cutting-edge scholarship calls into question many of the canons of traditional biblical research and highlights the role of the Bible in African American history, accenting themes of ethnicity, class, slavery, and African heritage as these play a role in the Christian odyssey of an emancipated people. Contributors include the volume editors—Brian K. Blount, General Editor; Cain Hope Felder, Clarice J. Martin, and Emerson B. Powery, Associate Editors—plus nineteen other notable African American scholars.

Steven J. Schweitzer, *Reading Utopia in Chronicles* (T&T Clark, 2007)
Julie Kelso, “O, Mother, Where Art Thou” (Equinox, 2007)
S17-59 Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section
S17-63 Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section

S17-103 Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics Group

S18-13 Early Jewish-Christian Relations Section

Deryn Guest, Robert E. Goss, and Mona West, eds., *The Queer Bible Commentary* (SCM, 2006)
S17-67 LGBT/Queer Hermeneutics

Vernon Robbins, *The Invention of Christian Discourse* (Deo, 2007)
S17-126 Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar

The Chicago Assyrian Dictionary Project
S18-52 Assyriology Section

S17-81 Use of Cognitive Linguistics in Biblical Interpretation Consultation

S18-8 Christian Theological Research Fellowship

S18-138 Wisdom and Apocalypticism in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Section
S19-37 Society for Pentecostal Studies

S19-38 Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Consultation

S19-57 Bible in Ancient and Modern Media Section

S19-61 Character Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Group


Lynn R. Huber, “Like a Bride Adorned”: *Reading Metaphor in John’s Apocalypse* (T&T Clark, 2007)
S19-72 Rhetoric and the New Testament Section

Oskar Skarsaune and Reidar Hvalvik, eds., *Jewish Believers in Jesus* (Hendrickson, 2007)
S19-116 Jewish Christianity Consultation

Matt Jackson-McCabe, ed., *Jewish Christianity Reconsidered* (Fortress, 2007)
S19-116 Jewish Christianity Consultation
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**Gerald A. Klingbeil**, *Bridging the Gap: Ritual and Ritual Texts in the Bible* (Eisenbrauns, 2007)
S19-125 Ritual in the Biblical World Consultation

**Commentaries on Early Jewish Literature series (de Gruyter)**
S19-78 Pseudepigrapha Section

**Gordon D. Fee**, *Pauline Christology: An Exegetical-Theological Study* (Hendrickson, 2007)
S19-134 Book Review Session

**Christopher R. Seitz**, *Prophecy and Hermeneutics: Toward a New Introduction to the Prophets* (Baker, 2007)
S19-138 Book Review Session

**Lee A. Johnson**, Eastern Great Lakes Region

Lee A. Johnson is an Associate Professor of New Testament at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She graduated with a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from the University of St. Michael's College in the Toronto School of Theology, where she was also taught courses in New Testament and Greek. She has published articles in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* and *Biblical Theology Review* and has contributed to the ESCJ series by Wilfred Laurier Press on *Religious Rivalries and the Struggle for Success in Caesarea Maritima*. She is a member of the Context Group and is completing an article on the relationship between pneumatic gifts and the authority of women in the Pauline communities, using a cross-cultural comparison between glossolalic women in modern worship communities and the women at Corinth. She is also currently completing a manuscript entitled “The Epistolary Apostle: Paul’s Response to the Challenge of the Corinthian Congregation.” Lee presented “An Examination of Funk’s Apostolic *Parousia* in the Corinthian Correspondence: The Impact of the Epistolary Apostle” at the SBL Eastern Great Lakes regional meeting in March 2006.

**Eric F. Mason**, Central States Region

Eric F. Mason is Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Judson University, Elgin, Illinois, and teaches in the areas of New Testament and Second Temple Judaism. He holds a Ph.D. in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity from the University of Notre Dame, an M.Div. from Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, and a B.A. from Union University. Mason was selected as a Regional Scholar by the Central States Region for his paper titled “Melchizedek in Hebrews and the Dead Sea Scrolls,” and he will present a revised version of the paper at the 2007 Annual Meeting. His monograph on priestly messianism in the Epistle to the Hebrews and Second Temple Jewish literature will be published by Brill, and he is co-editing a Festschrift that will appear in 2008. He is an associate editor for the journal *Henoch: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity*. 
Jeremy Schipper (Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, 2005) is a Lecturer in Hebrew Bible at Temple University in Philadelphia. Before coming to Temple, he taught for two years at Siena College near Albany, New York. His research has focused on the Former Prophets as well as disability in the Hebrew Bible and cognate literature. It has appeared in JBL, JSOT, VT, and CBQ. He is the author of Disability Studies and the Hebrew Bible (T&T Clark, 2006) and the co-editor with Hector Avalos and Sarah Melcher of This Abled Body: Rethinking Disabilities in Biblical Studies (Society of Biblical Literature, 2007). Schipper serves as the co-chair with Rachel Magdalene of the Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East SBL program unit. He received the Regional Scholars Award for a paper subsequently published under the title, “Did David Over-interpret Nathan’s Parable in 2 Samuel 12:1–6?” (JBL 126 [2007]: 381–89). Portions of this paper will appear in his next book, which is tentatively titled Proverbs of Ashes: Conflict and Parables in the Hebrew Bible. This book will examine the relationship between parables, genre, and conflict in the Hebrew Bible.

Susan E. Hylen, Southeastern Region

Susan E. Hylen is Mellon Assistant Professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt University. She has a Ph.D. from Emory University and an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary. The author of two books on the Gospel of John, her current research focuses on characterization in the Gospel. Susan presented a paper entitled “Metaphor and Ethics in Revelation” at the Southeastern regional meeting (SECSOR).

Michael Heiser, Pacific Northwest Region

Mike earned an M.A. in Ancient History from the University of Pennsylvania (major fields: Syria-Palestine and Egyptology) and the M.A. and Ph.D. in Hebrew and Semitic Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His dissertation was entitled “The Divine Council in Late Canonical and Non-canonical Second Temple Jewish Literature.” The dissertation sought to demonstrate the acceptance of divine plurality in Judaism into the Common Era and the Canaanite/Israelite roots of first-century Jewish monotheism’s notion of two powers in heaven. Mike’s paper submitted for consideration as a regional scholar was entitled “Are Yahweh and El Distinct Deities in Deut 32:8–9 and Psalm 82?” The paper was read at the 2006 Society of Biblical Literature’s Pacific Northwest regional meeting and was subsequently published online in the scholarly journal HIPHIL. Mike is currently the Academic Editor for Logos Bible Software. He is responsible for targeting and evaluating potential data projects for scholarly products dealing with primary texts related to the languages of the Bible and the ancient Near East, overseeing scholars who are participating in team data projects for Logos, and creating content for the Logos platform. Before coming to Logos, Mike taught on the undergraduate level for twelve years.

Travel Grant Recipients

The SBL Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession is pleased to announce the 2007 Travel Grant award recipients:

Mercy Itohan Idumwonyi, Nigeria

Mercy is currently Assistant Lecturer in Religion with a specialization in Old Testament studies at the University of Benin in Benin City, Nigeria. She received her B.A. (1998) and M.A. (2002) in Religious Studies from the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. Her professional experience includes work as a research fellow for the Centre for Democracy & Development in Benin City and a year as Senior Program Officer for the African Women Empowerment Guild, also in Benin City.
Micheline Kamba Kasongo, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Micheline is currently a Ph.D. student in Theology at the University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal (UKZN) in South Africa. She holds the equivalent of a B.A. in Theology from l'Université Protestante Au Congo (UPC) and both an M.A. in Theology and an M.A. in Education from UPC. She has served as a consultant for the Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network of Central Africa and as consultant for Women’s Justice and Peace Commission of the WCC. In February 2006 she was elected WCC Central Committee member.

Siang-Nuan Leong, Singapore

Since 2005 Siang-Nuan has been a Ph. D. student in New Testament at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. She holds a B.A. from the University of Singapore, a postgraduate diploma from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and both a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theology from Singapore Bible College. She has worked as a secondary school teacher and has taught a short-term intensive course in the Myanmar Christian Preachers Training Centre. She translated the Letter of Titus for the Chinese New Version Bible (2006).

Program Committee Travel Grant Awardees

Jacob Cherian, Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore, India

Paul, Poverty, and “Equality”: A Plutocritical Reading of 2 Corinthians 8:1–15

Paul and Politics Group (S19-27)

Ernest M. Ezeogu, Spiritan International School of Theology, Enugu, Nigeria

The Politics of Bible Translation in Nigeria: A Case of the Igbo Catholic Bible

African Biblical Hermeneutics Section (S17-3)

“Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son”: Matthew’s Infancy Narrative in Afrocentric Perspective

Contextual Biblical Interpretation Consultation (S18-9)

Panelist, Contextual Biblical Interpretation Consultation (S18-112)

Alexey Lyavdansky, Russian State University for the Humanities

Politeness Strategies in Biblical Hebrew Directive Utterances

Bible Translation Section (S17-55)

Vasile Mihoc, Theological School Sibiu

St. Paul and the Jews in John Chrysostom’s Commentary on Romans 9–11

Joint Session: Bible in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions Consultation/Romans through History and Cultures Group (S19-82)

Stelian Tofana, Babes Bolayi University

The Interdependency between Destiny and Humankind and Creation according to Romans 8:18–23: An Orthodox-Patristic Perspective

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New Program Units

Bible in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions Section (S17-54, S17-105, S19-82)

This program unit will offer a forum for biblical professors and scholars from the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox traditions (the latter including Aramaic, Syriac, Armenian, Arabic, Georgian, Coptic, among others) to engage in critical study of the role of the Bible in Eastern Christianity, past and present. A particular aim of this section will be to engage participating scholars in dealing with issues raised by contemporary and critical biblical scholarship. The committee invites presentation and discussion of papers from a variety of approaches and methodologies, including (but not limited to) theological, historiographic, philological, and literary studies.

Chair: Vahan Hovhanessian

First Esdras Consultation (S19-51, S19-113)

This consultation investigates 1 Esdras: its original date; sources; historical and social milieu; language; history of composition; extent; genre; purposes; themes; text-critical value; relationship to Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah; authority and status in antiquity; and importance for understanding early Judaism.

Chair: Lisbeth Fried

Function of Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphal Writings in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Consultation (S19-16, S19-111)

This unit is focused broadly on questions related to canon, namely: What is the biblical canon? How did it take shape? How did the so-called noncanonical works function in the early Jewish and Christian communities? How do these noncanonical works help us comprehend the shaping of the canon and by whom? What is the relation between a closed canon and the notion of a God who speaks in every...
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generation? With considerable media interest in this subject in recent times, it is important to raise and address some of these important questions.

Chairs: James Charlesworth, Lee McDonald

Performance Criticism of Biblical and Other Ancient Texts Consultation (S17-123, S19-77)

This interdisciplinary consultation is intended to foster discussion about how the creation and interpretation of biblical and other ancient texts has been shaped by their oral transmission and aural reception by ancient communities, using the methods associated with performance criticism.

Chair: Glenn Holland

Ritual in the Biblical World Consultation (S19-81, S19-125)

The Ritual in the Biblical World consultation focuses on the nature, meaning, and function of ritual found in textual sources (Hebrew Bible, New Testament, noncanonical) in the larger context of the material culture of the ancient world, employing insights and methods of the field of ritual theory and ethnography.

Chairs: Gerald Klingbeil, Jonathan Schwiebert

Sacrifice, Cult, and Atonement Consultation (S18-30, S18-135)

The Sacrifice, Cult, and Atonement consultation is a forum for studying the practices, interpretations, and reception history of sacrifice and cult in the Hebrew Bible, ancient Judaism, Christianity, and their larger cultural contexts (ancient Near Eastern, Greco-Roman religion). Methodological perspectives include, but are not limited to, historical criticism, tradition history, comparative and literary approaches, ritual theory, and sociological analysis.

Chair: Christian Eberhart

Writing/Reading Jeremiah Group (S17-32, S17-84, S17-133)

This group will explore new readings and constructions of meaning with the book of Jeremiah “this side” of historicist paradigms and postmodernism. The group welcomes all strategies of reading Jeremiah that seek to reconfigure, redeploy, and move beyond conventional readings of Jeremiah. Our manifesto is: not by compositional history alone, nor biographical portrayal alone, nor their accompanying theological superstructures; rather, we seek interpretation from new spaces opened for reading Jeremiah by the postmodern turn.

Chairs: A. R. (Pete) Diamond, Louis Stulman

Proposing a New Program Unit

Proposing a new program unit for either the Annual Meeting or the International Meeting is the same. The following check list outlines the requirements. Proposals are emailed to Matthew Collins, SBL Director of Congresses (matthew.collins@sbl-site.org) who then forwards them to the appropriate committee.

Checklist:

- Name of Unit
- Type of Unit: there are five unit types:
  - Consultation: 3-year term—new program units normally of this type, but identify goal of Section, Group, or Seminar after the Consultation
  - Section: 6-year term—usually more broadly defined; offers presenters most access for unsolicited papers; required to have at least one open session each year
  - Group: 6-year term—long-range collaborative research topics/papers that require active participation
  - Seminar: 6-year term (not renewable)—well-defined research topics or projects with specific publication plans; limited membership; papers predistributed and not read at meetings
- Workshop: 3-year term—practical, hands-on, learning opportunities related to teaching and/or research applications
- Forty-word synopsis of rationale and aims (for public viewing)
- Description of relationship of new unit to existing program units
- One paragraph CVs for the chair and steering committee members (at least 2) to include: name, institution, position, address, phone and email; SBL membership number; degrees and years; relevant scholarship and experience.
- Projected topics for the first two years with specific presenters and titles.
- List of potential participants for future years.

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- S17-80 Taking Stock after Virginia Tech
- S17-128 Teaching Biblical Literature in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context
- S18-3 Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies
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S16-2

Strangers No More: Part II
8:00 AM-4:00 PM

S16-3

Association for Case Teaching
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
The workshop will concentrate on teaching through the case method. Facilitators will model teaching and lead reflective discussions on the method as a subset of problem-based learning. For more information contact the Association for Case Teaching at act@acu.edu or 325-674-4708

S16-4

Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
This is a "working" session for writers involved in the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Series Project. Topic and presenters are subject to change, depending on progress made at other working sessions held during the year. SBL and AAR members interested in the work of the group are cordially welcomed to attend.
Theme: Locating Rhetorolects in Cognitive Theory
Discussion (180 min)

S16-5

Status of Women in the Profession Committee
9:00 AM-5:00 PM

S16-6

The New Testament Mysticism Project Seminar
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Participants have prepared commentary entries which will be discussed in a round table format by members of the seminar. Entries will not be read as formal papers. Instead the time will be used to introduce the entry by the author and discuss it in detail as a group. This is a working group, a collaborative project to write a commentary on New Testament mysticism. For more information, see our website, www.newtestamentmysticism.com.
Theme: Mysticism in the New Testament Gospels
Andrei Orlov, Marquette University
Kevin Sullivan, Illinois Wesleyan University
Cameron Afzal, Sarah Lawrence College
John 9:5 and Matthew 7:21–23 (20 min)
Break (10 min)
Jeffrey B. Pettis, Fordham University
John 12:24 (20 min)
Catherine Playoust, Cambridge, MA
John 3:1–15 (20 min)
Robert G. Hall, Hampden-Sydney College
John 12:37–41 and Matthew 13:43 (20 min)
Jonathan A. Draper, University of KwaZulu-Natal
John 1:18 and Matthew 12:6 (20 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S16-51

SBL Finance Committee
12:00 PM-2:00 PM

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Paul and Politics Group
12:00 PM-6:00 PM
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Paul and Politics Group
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Working Group II

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Paul and Politics Group
12:00 PM-6:00 PM
Working Group III

S16-55

The Faith of Jesus Christ: Exegetical, Biblical, and Theological Studies
12:30 PM-5:00 PM
Michael Bird, Highland Theological College
The Faith of Jesus Christ: Problems and Prospects (15 min)
Joel Willitts, North Park University
The Saving Value of “Faithfulness” in Jewish Traditions (30 min)
Stanley Porter, McMaster Divinity College
Lexical and Semantic Reflections on Pistis (30 min)
Douglas Campbell, Duke University
The Faithfulness of Jesus Christ in Romans and Galatians (30 min)
Preston Sprinkle, Aberdeen University
Pistis Christou as an Eschatological Event (30 min)
Break (15 min)
Ardel Caneday, Northwestern College, St. Paul
The Faithfulness of Jesus as a Theme of Pauline Theology (30 min)
Francis Watson, University of Aberdeen-Scotland
The Faith of Jesus Christ (30 min)
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Mark Elliott, University of St. Andrews-Scotland
The Faith of Jesus Christ in the Church Fathers (30 min)
Benjamin Myers
The Faithfulness of Christ in the Theology of Karl Barth (30 min)

S16-56
Association for Case Teaching
1:00 PM-4:30 PM

S16-57
Regional Coordinators Committee
1:00 PM-5:00 PM

S16-58
Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
1:00 PM-5:00 PM

S16-59
Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar
2:00 PM-5:00 PM
This is a “working” session for writers involved in the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Series Project. Topic and presenters are subject to change, depending on progress made at other working sessions held during the year. SBL and AAR members interested in the work of the group are cordially welcomed to attend.
Theme: Critical Spatiality and Socio-rhetorical Commentary
Discussion (180 min)

S16-60
The New Testament Mysticism Project Seminar
2:00 PM-5:00 PM
Theme: Mysticism in the New Testament Gospels
April D. DeConick, Rice University
Robin Griffith-Jones, Temple Church
John 20:11–18 (25 min)
Charles A. Gieschen, Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne
Break (10 min)
Jared Calaway, Columbia University in the City of New York
John 2:19–22 (25 min)
Jane D. Schaberg, University of Detroit Mercy
John 8:28 and 12:31–34 (25 min)
Alan Segal, Barnard College, Columbia University
Discussion (20 min)

S16-61
Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars
2:30 PM-5:30 PM
For more information about the AABS and this program, see our web site at http://www.aabs.org/.
Theme: Biblical Resources for the Millennium Development Goals
Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding
Presentation: Contextualizing the Millennium Development Goals (30 min)

S16-62
Writer’s Workshop
1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Any successful academic career requires publishing original works of scholarship. But is being “original” all that counts? Besides looking for “original ideas” or “cutting-edge scholarship”—both of which are critical—publishers also want authors and editors who understand the fundamentals of publishing and the value of writing well. This workshop will introduce these twin pillars of the academic career. First it will survey the essentials of academic publishing by exploring questions such as: What are the basic elements of a book contract? What about copyright law is important for me? What are the respective responsibilities of an author and a publisher? What is involved in the publishing process? How is the internet changing the publishing world? Second, the workshop will evaluate the characteristics of typical scholarly writing and will show how writing well can enhance your odds of being heard in the white noise of academia. Guiding questions will include: How does a book differ from a dissertation? What can be wrong with imitating academic style? How does learning to become self-critical make one a more effective communicator, both within and outside of the academy? Anyone wanting to learn more about writing, editing, and publishing will find this workshop useful.
Pre-registration required. See online registration.
John Kutsko, Abingdon Press, Presiding
Patrick Alexander, Penn State University Press, Presiding

Brainstorming Groups on Preparing Bible Studies for Parishes Reflecting on the Millennium Development Goals (90 min)
Business Meeting (60 min)
Ellen Aitken, McGill University, Presiding
See www.sbl-site.org for Room Listings

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**S16-101**
Semeia Studies Editorial Board  
4:00 PM-6:00 PM

**S16-102**
Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars  
5:30 PM-9:30 PM
For more information about the AABS and to make a dinner reservation, see our web site at http://www.aabs.org/.  
Theme: Biblical Resources for the Millennium Development Goals  
Holy Eucharist (60 min)  
Reception (30 min)  
Dinner (60 min)  
Plenary Talk (90 min)

**S16-103**
Latinas in Theology  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM  
Theme: Feminist Intercultural Theology in the Context of Divided Societies  
Leticia Guardiola-Sáenz, Drew University, Presiding  
Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego, Panelist (45 min)  
Discussion (30 min)  
Business Meeting (15 min)  
Theresa Torres, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Presiding  
We will gather for dinner after our meeting at a local restaurant.

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**S17-1**
SBL Program Committee  
7:00 AM-8:30 AM

**S17-2**
SBL Council  
8:30 AM-10:30 AM

**S17-3**
African Biblical Hermeneutics Section  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Session 1: The Politics of Bible Translation in Africa  
Malebogo Kalemang, Drew University, Presiding  
Gosnell Yorke, University of South Africa  
Bible Translation in Africa: An Afrocentric Interrogation of the Task (20 min)  
Elelwani Farisani, University of KwaZulu-Natal  
Ideology, History, and Translation Theories: A Critical Analysis of the Venda Bible Translation of 1 Kings 21 (20 min)  
Ernest M. Ezeogu, Spiritan International School of Theology, Enugu, Nigeria  
The Politics of Bible Translation in Nigeria: A Case of the Igbo Catholic Bible (20 min)  
Lovemore Togarasei, University of Botswana  
The Shona Bible and the Politics of Bible Translation (20 min)  
Musa Dube, University of Botswana, Respondent (10 min)  
Discussion (30 min)

**S17-4**
Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Theme: Religion and Society: Current Research  
Daniel Schowalter, Carthage College, Presiding  
Emily A. Schmidt, University of California-Santa Barbara  
The Res Gestae Divi Augusti as Monument (25 min)  
Carly Daniel-Hughes, Harvard University  
Early Christian Veiling in North Africa: The Importance of the Visual Record (25 min)  
James C. Walters, Boston University  
Civic Identity in Roman Colonies: Comparing Freedmen and Veterans (25 min)  
Robert Jewett, University of Heidelberg  
The Mystery of Troas: Investigating Maritime and Land Routes to Clarify the Role of Alexandria Troas in Commerce and Religion (30 min)  
Christine Thomas, University of California-Santa Barbara, Respondent (20 min)

**S17-5**
Art and Religions of Antiquity Consultation  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Theme: Rethinking Liturgical and Domestic Spaces  
Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding  
Anne Moore, University of Calgary  
Domus Ecclesiae: Embodied Experience and Liturgical Space in Ante Pacem Christianity (25 min)  
Karen C. Britt, University of Louisville  
Heaven on Earth: Interconnections between Image and Text in the Reconstruction of Sacred Space (25 min)  
Ruth M. Ohm, Saint Patrick’s Seminary  
Navigating Ephesos’ Miniature Churches: The Interpretative Quagmire (25 min)  
Kristina Sessa, Ohio State University  
Liturgy and the Dynamics of Domestic Space in Late Antique Rome (25 min)  
Joan Branham, Providence College, Respondent (25 min)  
Discussion (25 min)
S17-6
Bakhtin and the Biblical Imagination Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Keith Bodner, Atlantic Baptist University, Presiding
Christopher C. Fuller, Carroll College
What of the Old Testament? Addressing the Unity of Scripture with Bakhtin (10 min)
Nehama Aschkenasy, University of Connecticut
Ruth and Bakhtin’s Theory of Carnival (10 min)
Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher, Aachen University
Framework and Discourse in the Book of Judges (10 min)
James McConnell, Baylor University
Toward a Polyphonic Understanding of Miracle Reports in the Gospels: A Barthian Reading (10 min)
Nehama Aschkenasy, University of Connecticut
Ruth and Bakhtin’s Theory of Carnival (10 min)
Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher, Aachen University
Framework and Discourse in the Book of Judges (10 min)
James McConnell, Baylor University
Toward a Polyphonic Understanding of Miracle Reports in the Gospels: A Barthian Reading (10 min)

S17-7
Bible in Ancient and Modern Media Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Jeffrey E. Brickle, Concordia Seminary
Aural Design and Coherence in the Prologue of First John (30 min)
Casey W. Davis, Roberts Wesleyan College
Hebrews 6:4–6 from an Oral Critical Perspective (30 min)
James Maxey, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Performance Criticism and Its Implications for Translation (30 min)
James S. Hanson, Saint Olaf College
The Least of the Apostles: A Dramatic Interpretation of Paul’s Letters (30 min)
Philip Ruge-Jones, Texas Lutheran University
Omnipresent, not Omniscent: How Literary Interpretation Confuses the Storyteller’s Narration (30 min)

S17-8
Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism Section
9:00 AM-11:15 AM
Stephen Breck Reid, Bethany Theological Seminary, Presiding
Bruce Herzberg, Bentley College
Samson’s Moment of Truth (25 min)
Pamela Tamarkin Reis, Branford, CT
Unspeakable Names: Solomon’s Tax Collectors (25 min)
Grenville Kent, University of Manchester
Repetition as Narrative Tactic in 1 Samuel 28 (25 min)
Françoise Mirguet, Harvard University
A New Consideration on the Use of Omnicience in the Biblical Representation of the Divine (25 min)

S17-9
Biblical Greek Language and Linguistics Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Stanley Porter, McMaster Divinity College, Presiding
Gerald Peterman, Moody Bible Institute
You Plural: The Use and Abuse of a Pronoun (30 min)
Sean Boisen, Logos Research Systems and Steven Runge, Logos Research Systems
“So, Brothers”: Pauline Use of the Vocative (30 min)
Constantine Campbell, Moore Theological College
To Be or Not to Be: Verbal Aspect and the Greek Perfect (30 min)
Mark Beatty, Hawaii Theological Seminary
Greek Variable Syntax as Signals of Discourse Meaning (30 min)
Al Wolters, Redeemer Univerity College
Authentes and Its Cognates in Biblical Greek (30 min)

S17-10
Book of Acts Section
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Theme: Acts and Intertextuality (Classical and Biblical)
Loveday C. A. Alexander, University of Sheffield
Intertextuality between Acts and the Classics (30 min)
Todd Penner, Austin College, Respondent (10 min)
Dennis MacDonald, Claremont School of Theology, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (20 min)
Richard B. Hays, Duke University
Intertextuality between Acts and Biblical Texts (30 min)
David Moessner, University of Dubuque, Respondent (10 min)
Stephen Moyise, University of Chichester, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (20 min)
Break (5 min)
Carl Holladay, Emory University, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S17-11
Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Imagining Chronicles
Christine Mitchell, St. Andrew’s College, Presiding
Cynthia Edenburg, Open University of Israel
Structure and Signification in the Catalogue of David’s Conquests (1 Chronicles 18:1–13; 2 Samuel 8:1–14) (30 min)
Mark Leuchter, University of Sydney
The Prophets and the Levites in Josiah’s Covenant Ceremony (30 min)
Karl Jacobson, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education
Mnemohistory and the Chronicler’s Re-Imagination of Asaph (30 min)
Antje Labahn, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal
Between Fact and Fiction in Chronicles’ Construction of History: Interpreting the Past to Shape the Present and the Future (30 min)
Nancy Nam Hoon Tan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Legitimizing Legitimacy in Chronicles (30 min)

S17-12
Computer Assisted Research Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Hot Bytes: The Cutting Edge
Keith Reeves, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
Zack Hubert, Mars Hill Church
A Brief Introduction to zhubert.com and Some Thoughts on the Road Ahead (30 min)
Kirk E. Lowery, Westminster Theological Seminary
Reports from the Galaxy’s Rim (60 min)
Discussion (30 min)
Planning for 2008
Business Meeting (30 min)
Keith Reeves, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
The business meeting is open to all. Feel free to attend or contact any of the steering committee members with questions or suggestions.

S17-13
Greek Bible Consultation / International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Karen Jobes, Wheaton College, Presiding
Jan Joosten, Marc Bloch University
The Prayer of Azariah (Septuagint Daniel 3): Sources and Origin (30 min)
Benjamin Reynolds, University of Aberdeen
The “One Like a Son of Man” in the Old Greek of Daniel 7:13–14 (30 min)
James K. Aitken, University of Cambridge
Jewish Use of Greek Proverbs (30 min)
Ronald L. Troxel, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Boule in Septuagint Isaiah (30 min)
Julia Krivoruchko, University of Cambridge
Greek Glossary on Isaiah (Evr. IIA 1980) and Its Judeo-Greek Background (30 min)

S17-14
Hebrews Consultation
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Theme: Identity Construction, Hermeneutics, and Ideology in the Book of Hebrews
Gabriella Gelardini, University of Basel, Presiding
Ekkehard W. Stegemann, Theologische Fakultät der Universität Basel and Wolfgang Stegemann, Augustana-Hochschule
Hebrews and the Discourse on Judeophobia (30 min)
Pamela Eisenbaum, Iliff School of Theology
Redescribing the Religion of Hebrews (30 min)
Ellen B. Aitken, McGill University
Apocalyptic Fire in the City of Rome: Memory and the Cultural Repertoires of Hebrews (30 min)
Break (15 min)
Discussion (45 min)
Business Meeting (30 min)

S17-15
Historical Jesus Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Parables
Mark Allan Powell, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Presiding
Klyne Snodgrass, North Park Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)
Charles W. Hedrick, Missouri State University, Panelist (20 min)
Arland Hultgren, Luther Seminary, Panelist (20 min)
Klyne Snodgrass, North Park Theological Seminary, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (70 min)

S17-16
Jewish Christianity Consultation
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Patrick Hartin, Gonzaga University, Presiding
Edwin K. Broadhead, Berea College
Jewish Christianity/Christian Judaism: The Problem of Nomenclature and Definition (20 min)
Matti Myllykoski, University of Helsinki, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Kenneth L. Schenck, Indiana Wesleyan University
Hebrews and the Parting of the Ways (20 min)
Donald Dale Walker, University of Wyoming, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Break (5 min)
Giovanni Battista Bazzana, University of Milan
Either Jew and Gentile: Ethnic and Religious Terminology in the Pseudo-Clementine Novel (20 min)
Päivi Vähäkangas, University of Helsinki
The Doctrine of Creatio ex Nihilo in Pseudo-Clementine Literature (20 min)
F. Stanley Jones, California State University-Long Beach, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S17-17
Johannine Literature Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Questions of Background and Reception
Colleen Conway, Seton Hall University, Presiding
Harold W. Attridge, Yale University
Cultural Contexts and Literary Dynamics (45 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Kyle Keefer, Converse College
Who Are the Devil's Children?: John 8 in the Early Church (30 min)
Kasper Bro Larsen, Aarhus University
John Gone Epic: Reception and Transformation in the Paraphrase of John's Gospel by Nonnus of Panopolis (30 min)
P. J. Williams, University of Aberdeen
Not the Prologue of the Fourth Gospel (30 min)

S17-18
Lament in Sacred Texts and Cultures Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Carleen Mandolfo, Colby College, Presiding
Amy C. Cottrill, Birmingham-Southern College
Sad Psalms Say So Much: Lament, Rhetorical Violence, and Moral Agency in Psalm 109 (25 min)
Linda Day, Pittsburgh Seminary
“She Has No One to Comfort Her”: Unmitigated Grief in the Hebrew Bible (25 min)
Scott A. Ellington, Beulah Heights University
Faithful Tears: The Prayer of Lament in the New Testament (25 min)
Charles H. Cosgrove, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
A Lament Song from the Ancient Greek Tradition (25 min)
William S. Morrow, Queen's Theological College
The Revival of Lament in Medieval Piyyutim (25 min)
The session will be followed by a 15 minute business meeting.

S17-19
LGBT/Queer Hermeneutics Consultation / Bible and Cultural Studies Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Intersections between Queer Theory, Race, Ethnicity, Class, Gender, and the Bible
Holly Toensing, Xavier University, Presiding
Diana M. Swancutt, Yale University
The Ungraspable Inch: Trans Apocalypse? (30 min)
Jione Havea, Charles Sturt University
Lazarus, Darling, Come out! (30 min)
Robert K. McIver, Avondale College
Memory Capacity, Gist versus Verbatim Memory, and Markers of Orality in the Synoptic Traditions (20 min)
Margaret E. Lee, Tulsa Community College
Methods for Mapping Memory through Sound (20 min)

S17-20
Mapping Memory: Tradition, Texts, and Identity Consultation
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Workings of Memory in Biblical Traditions and Texts
Thomas Thatcher, Cincinnati Christian University, Presiding
Brian M. Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
“Mnemohistory” and Biblical Covenant (20 min)
Simon Staffell, University of Sheffield
The Mappe and the Bible: Imperialist Cartography and the Collective Memory of Jonah Imagery (20 min)
Margaret E. Lee, Tulsa Community College
Methods for Mapping Memory through Sound (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)
S17-21
Matthew Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Matthew and the Dead Sea Scrolls: Celebrating Sixty years of Research
Lidija Novakovic, Bethel University, Presiding
James H. Charlesworth, Princeton Theological Seminary
How Important Are the Dead Sea Scrolls for Understanding Matthew? (15 min)
Anthony Le Donne, Durham University
Messianic Duality in Matthew and the Dead Sea Scrolls (15 min)
George J. Brooke, University of Manchester
Matthew’s Use of Scripture in the Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls (15 min)
Craig A. Evans, Acadia Divinity College
Fulfilling the Law and Seeking Righteousness in Matthew and the Dead Sea Scrolls (15 min)
John Kampen, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Jesus, Wisdom, and Matthew’s Place Within Judaism (15 min)
Break (5 min)
Panel Response
Discussion (70 min)

S17-23
Pauline Epistles Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Mark Reasoner, Bethel College, Presiding
Edward Adams, King’s College London
Paul’s Body-Talk: Clarifying Paul’s Anthropological Use of Soma (25 min)
Gillian Townsley, University of Otago
Gender Trouble in Corinth: Que(erying) Constructs of Gender in 1 Corinthians 11:2–16 (25 min)
Turid Karlsen Seim, University of Oslo
Taxonomy and Transformation: Another Look at 1 Corinthians 15:38–41 (25 min)
Paul B. Duff, George Washington University
Transformed “from Glory to Glory”: Paul’s Appeal to the Experience of His Readers in 2 Corinthians 3:18 (25 min)

S17-24
Q Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Q, the Synoptic Problem, and Compositional Issues
Joseph Verheyden, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Presiding
Jon Ma Asgeirsson, University of Iceland
Collections or Compositions: Ancient Sayings Traditions and the Rhetoric of Logic and Intertextual Relations (25 min)
Stephen Hultgren, Fordham University
Should We Regard Q as a Single Document? (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)
Break (5 min)
Paul Foster, University of Edinburgh
The M-Source: Its History and Demise in Biblical Scholarship (25 min)
Christoph Heil, Universität Graz
Jesus in Conflict with “This Generation” (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)
S17-26

Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Writing Socio-Rhetorical Commentary
Caroline Vander Stichele, University of Amsterdam, Presiding
Vernon K. Robbins, Emory University The Gospel of Luke (30 min)
Roy R. Jeal, Booth College The Epistle to the Colossians (30 min)
Charles A. Wanamaker, University of Cape Town The First Letter to the Corinthians (30 min)
Fredrick James Long, Bethel College The Epistle to the Ephesians (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S17-27

Social Scientific Criticism of the New Testament Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Limited Good and Ancient Economies
Richard DeMaris, Valparaiso University, Presiding (5 min)
Sue Russell, Biola University Rethinking Limited Good: Anthropological Perspectives (30 min)
Douglas E. Oakman, Pacific Lutheran University The Biblical World of Limited Good in Cultural, Social, and Technological Perspective (30 min)
Jerome H. Neyrey, University of Notre Dame Envy and How It Grows (30 min)
Louise Lawrence, University of Glasgow, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S17-28

Theological Hermeneutics of Christian Scripture Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Theological Interpretation and the Canon of Scripture
Edith Humphrey, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Presiding
Stephen B. Chapman, Duke University The Canon Debate: What It Is and Why It Matters (20 min)
Thomas Holsinger-Friesen, Spring Arbor University, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Daniel J. Treier, Wheaton College A Looser “Canon”?: Relating William Abraham’s Canon and Criterion in Christian Theology to Biblical Interpretation (20 min)
William Abraham, Southern Methodist University, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Richard Paul Thompson, Northwest Nazarene University Scripture, Community, and Conversation: Rethinking Theological Interpretation Canonically (20 min)
Jacqueline Lapsley, Princeton Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Papers will be posted by 1 October at http://fc.asburyseminary.edu/~theological_interpretation/index.html.

S17-29

Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Ezekiel: Historical, Literary, and Theological Issues
Paul M. Joyce, University of Oxford, Presiding (5 min)
Brian Doak, Harvard University Ezekiel’s Theology of Divination and the Authority of Prophetic Speech in Ezekiel 21:26 (15 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Timothy Mackie, University of Wisconsin-Madison A Reassessment of the Different Editions of Ezekiel 7 in the Septuagint and Masoretic Text: Relating Ezekiel’s Composition-History to Its Inclusion in the Emerging Scriptural Canon (15 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Daniel I. Block, Wheaton College The Transformation of Royal Ideology in Ezekiel (15 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Sally Norris, University of Oxford The Imaginative Effects of Ezekiel’s Merkavah Vision: A Day in the Life of Hashmal (15 min)
Discussion (5 min)
William A. Tooman, Edgewood College Edwards’ Ezekiel: The Interpretation of Ezekiel in the Blank Bible and Notes on Scripture (15 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Business Meeting (30 min)
Those wishing to receive papers in advance by electronic circulation should please contact paul.joyce@theology.ox.ac.uk.
S17-30

Warfare in Ancient Israel Section
9:00 AM-11:45 AM
Theme: Theory and Method in the Study of War: An Interdisciplinary Conversation
Frank Ritchel Ames, Colorado Christian University, Presiding
Brad E. Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, Presiding (5 min)
J. Harold Ellens, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
The Psychology of War (25 min)
Hector Avalos, Iowa State University
When Scarcities Abound: The Economics of Religious Violence (25 min)
Megan Bishop Moore, Wake Forest University
Is War the Answer?: Warfare and the Origins of Ancient Israel (25 min)
Jerome F. D. Creach, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Allegorical Interpretation of the Ban and the Plain Sense of the Text: Reading the Herem Law for Ethics (25 min)
Cynthia R. Chapman, Oberlin College
Family Fights: Kinship and the Gendering of Wartime Memory (25 min)
Discussion (25 min)

Elizabeth Goldstein, University of California-San Diego
“By the Blood that You Shed You are Guilty”: Perspectives on Female Blood in P and Ezekiel (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Diana Lipton, King's College London
Monsoon Weddings: Ezra’s Foreign Wives and Noah’s Flood (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Sharon Alley, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Mary of Bethany, the Forgotten Disciple: Luke 10:38–42 within Second Temple Jewish Thought (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S17-32

Writing / Reading Jeremiah Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Theorizing the Ancient and Modern Reader in/of the Scroll of Jeremiah
A. R. (Pete) Diamond, Santa Barbara City College, Presiding (15 min)
Carolyn J. Sharp, Yale Divinity School
Reading/Writing Jeremiah: Self-Conscious Scrolls and Subverted Desires (30 min)
Kathleen M. O’Connor, Columbia Theological Seminary
What Readers Does the Scroll Imagine? (30 min)
Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta
Would Ancient Readers of the Books of Hosea or Micah Be “Competent” to Read the Book of Jeremiah? (30 min)
Response
Louis Stulman, University of Findlay, Respondent (15 min)

S17-33

Fostering the Next Generation of Racial-Ethnic Scholars
9:30 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: A Mini-Recruitment Conference hosted by the Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
Matthew Collins, Society of Biblical Literature
Welcome (5 min)
Introduction to the Profession
Cheryl Anderson, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Panelist (15 min)
Orlando Espin, University of San Diego, Panelist (15 min)
Introduction to Doctoral Studies
Leticia Guardiola-Sáenz, Drew University, Panelist (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Jeffrey Kuan, Pacific School of Religion, Panelist (15 min)
Introduction to the Annual Meeting
Brian Blount, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Panelist (15 min)
Discussion (25 min)

S17-34

SBL Women Student Members’ Coffee and Orientation, Hosted by the CSWP
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Student Women members of all levels are invited to participate in an informal and interactive discussion on the different aspects of being a student and how to navigate the process towards being a scholar. Bring your business or name cards and network with other graduate students. Share ideas. Get advice. Find support. Have fun!
Please contact SBL-CSWP representative Jennifer Bird with any questions.
Theme: Network and Navigating
Jennifer Bird, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
SATURDAY AFTERNOON

S17-35

**Student Advisory Group**

11:45 AM-12:45 PM

S17-50

**Preparing for Ph.D. Work**

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Sponsored by the Student Advisory Group

Nancy L. Declaisse-Walford, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Presiding

S17-51

**African Biblical Hermeneutics Section**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Session 2: African Women's Biblical Commentary

Beverly Haddad, University of Natal, Presiding

Alice Yafeh-Deigh, Princeton Theological Seminary

Paul's Sexual and Marriage Ethics through the Lens of African Women's Cultural Hermeneutics (20 min)

Malebogo Kgalemang, Drew University

Reading Life: Teresa Okure's Hermeneutics of Life (20 min)

Elivered Nasambu-Mulongo, Toronto School of Theology

Evaluating the Contributions of Madipoane Masenya to the Study of African Women's Biblical Hermeneutics (20 min)

Lynne St. Clair Darden, Drew University

Hanging Out with Rahab: An Examination of Musa Dube's Hermeneutics (20 min)

Althea Spencer-Miller, Claremont Graduate University, Respondent (10 min)

Sarojini Nadar, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Respondent (10 min)

Madipoane Masenya, University of South Africa, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (40 min)

S17-52

**Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Religious Gifts and Dedications in the Ancient Mediterranean World

John Lanci, Stonehill College, Presiding

David L. Eastman, Yale University

Architecture, Sacred Space, and the Cult of St. Paul in Rome (25 min)

Barbette Stanley Spaeth, College of William and Mary

The Cult of Ceres in Roman Corinth: Evidence from Two Archaistic Relief Bases (25 min)

Patrick Scott Geyer, University of San Diego

Patterns of Worship at the Temple to Hecate (25 min)

Bradford A. Kirkegaard, University of Pennsylvania

A Goddess and Her City: Aphrodisias as Offering to Aphrodite (25 min)

Daniel Schwalter, Carthage College, Respondent (15 min)

S17-53

**Bible in Ancient and Modern Media Section**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Richard W. Swanson, Augustana College, Presiding

J. Cheryl Exum, University of Sheffield

Any Dream Will Do?: Joseph from Text to Technicolor (25 min)

J. Andrew Tooze, Pfeiffer University

What’s Love Got to Do with It?: The Prophetic Construction of Gomer (25 min)

Hector Avalos, Iowa State University

Film and the Apologetics of Biblical Violence (25 min)

Deborah Rooke, King's College London

Aspects of Athaliah: Heroine or Harpy? (25 min)

Helen Leneman, University of Amsterdam

Re-Visioning a Biblical Story through Libretto and Music: Pizzetti’s Debora e Jaele (25 min)

S17-54

**Bible in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions Consultation**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Exegesis and Hermeneutics in the Churches of the East—Session I

J. W. Childers, Abilene Christian University

Pharaoh's Just Deserts: Divine Judgment and Poetic Justice in St. Ephrem's Commentary on Exodus (20 min)

Karen S. Winslow, Azusa Pacific University

The Exegesis of Exodus by Ephrem the Syrian (20 min)

Michael C. Legaspi, Creighton University

Pharaoh’s Just Deserts: Divine Judgment and Poetic Justice in St. Ephrem’s Commentary on Exodus (20 min)

Bradley Nassif, North Park University

Bible in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions Consultation

Antiochene “Theoria” in John Chrysostom’s Exegesis (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)
S17-55

Bible Translation Section
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Lenart de Regt, United Bible Societies, Presiding
Theme: The Translator and the Text
Marijke de Lang, United Bible Societies
Does Paul Want to Frighten the Corinthians or Not?: Translating 2 Corinthians 10:9 (30 min)
Rodrigo Silva, Centro Universitario Adventista de Sao Paulo
Linguistic Analysis of Sêmeron in Luke 23:43 (30 min)
Stephen C. Daley, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Translator and the Para-Textual Elements of the Masoretic Text (30 min)
Alexey Lyavdansky, Russian State University for the Humanities
Politeness Strategies in Biblical Hebrew Directive Utterances (30 min)

S17-56

Biblical Greek Language and Linguistics Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Register in the Greek Language and Biblical Literature
Cynthia Westfall, McMaster Divinity College, Presiding
Sean A. Adams, McMaster Divinity College
Register, Genre, and Context: Their Differentiation and Importance for the Study of the Greek New Testament (30 min)
Stanley E. Porter, McMaster Divinity College
Ideational Metafunction of Register (30 min)
Cynthia Long Westfall, McMaster Divinity College
Interpersonal Metafunction of Register (30 min)
Randall K. J. Tan, Kentucky Christian University
Textual Metafunction of Register (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S17-57

Book of Acts Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Contemporary Studies in Acts
Pamela Hedrick, Wheeling Jesuit University, Presiding
Scott Shauf, Bluefield College
Susan Wendel, McMaster University
Hearing and Perceiving: A Comparison of Claims to Israel’s Story in Luke-Acts and the Writings of Justin Martyr (30 min)
Patrick E. Spencer, San Ramon, CA
Mad Rhoda the Slave Girl (Acts 12:12–16): Reading and Rereading Her Characterization (30 min)
Daniel Marguerat, Université de Lausanne
Acts 2:1–13: Pentecost at the Crossroad of Jewish Eschatology and Graeco-Roman Universalism (30 min)
Matthew Sleeman, Oak Hill College
The Place of Heaven within Acts, and Heaven Acting within the Narrative (30 min)

S17-58

Christian Theology and the Bible Section
1:00 PM-4:30 PM
Theme: Forgive Us Our Debts: Sin and Redemption
A. Katharine Grieb, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding (10 min)
Gary Anderson, University of Notre Dame, Panelist (30 min)
Bruce Marshall, Southern Methodist University, Respondent (15 min)
Robert Robinson, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Respondent (15 min)
Claire Mathews McGinnis, Loyola College in Maryland, Respondent (15 min)
Susan Dolan-Henderson, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (30 min)
Business Meeting (15 min)

S17-59

Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Recent Books on Chronicles: A Panel Discussion of Steven J. Schweitzer, Reading Utopia in Chronicles (T&T Clark, 2007) and Julie Kelso, O, Mother, Where Art Thou (Equinox, 2007)
Christine Mitchell, St. Andrew’s College, Presiding
Steven Schweitzer, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
Roland Boer, Monash University, Panelist (15 min)
Mark Boda, McMaster Divinity College, Panelist (15 min)
Julie Kelso, University of Queensland, Panelist (10 min)
Jione Havea, Charles Sturt University, Panelist (15 min)
Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, Panelist (15 min)
John Wright, Point Loma Nazarene University, Panelist (20 min)
Steven Schweitzer, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Respondent (10 min)
Julie Kelso, University of Queensland, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S17-60

Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Possible Provenances for Mysticism: Ancient Near East and Hebrew Bible
Kevin Sullivan, Illinois Wesleyan University, Presiding
Silviu N. Bunta, Marquette University
Sitting in Heaven: An Ancient Near Eastern Pre-Merkabah Reading of Ezekiel 1 (30 min)
Kelley N. Coblentz Bautch, St. Edward’s University
Ezekiel as Precursor to the Divine Vision in Merkavah and Hekhalot Literature (30 min)
SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Break (15 min)
John J. Collins, Yale University
Ascent to Heaven in the Dead Sea Scrolls? (30 min)
Daphna Arbel, University of British Columbia
Crown, Name, Robe, and Throne (30 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S17-61

ETANA: Electronic Tools and Ancient Near Eastern Archives
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
http://www.etana.org/
Douglas Knight, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

S17-62

Greek Bible Consultation
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: The Greek Prophets in the New Testament
J. Ross Wagner, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Jonathan T. Pennington, Southern Seminary
Refractions of Greek Daniel in the Gospel of Matthew (30 min)
Chang-Wook Jung, Chongshin University
Steven Runge, Logos Bible Software
Joel 3:1-5 in Acts 2:17-21: The Discourse and Text-Critical Implications of Quotation and Variation from the Septuagint (30 min)
Wolfgang Kraus, University of the Saarland
The Reception of Habakkuk 2:3-4 in the New Testament (30 min)

S17-63

Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section / Orality, Textuality, and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible Consultation
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Karel van der Toorn, Scribal Culture and the Making of the Hebrew Bible (Harvard University Press, 2007)
Daniel Fleming, New York University, Presiding
Niek Veldhuis, University of California at Berkeley
Scribal Culture and the Transmission of Cuneiform Texts in Mesopotamia (30 min)
David McLain Carr, Union Theological Seminary
Scribal Culture and the Tablet of the Heart (30 min)
Seth L. Sanders, Trinity College-Hartford
Israelite and Judahite Scribal Culture in Epigraphical Perspective (30 min)
Karel van der Toorn, University of Amsterdam
Comments on Karel van der Toorn, Scribal Culture and the Making of the Hebrew Bible (15 min)
Discussion (45 min)

S17-64

Jesus Traditions, Gospels, and Negotiating the Roman Imperial World Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Traditions of Jesus’ Exorcisms and Healings as Imperial Negotiation?
William Herzog, II, Andover-Newton Theological School, Presiding
Richard A. Horsley, University of Massachusetts
My Name is "Legion": Demon-Possession and Exorcism as Responses to Roman Domination (25 min)

S17-65

Johannine Literature Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Turid Seim, University of Oslo, Presiding
Janelle Peters, Emory University
The "World" in Imperial Cult Iconography and the Gospel of John (30 min)
Raimo Hakola, University of Helsinki
The Gospel of John and the Mediterranean Diaspora (30 min)
John W. Daniels, Jr., University of South Africa
Gossip as Adjudicative Testimony for an Elusive Jesus in John’s Gospel (30 min)
Mavis M. Leung, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
The Historic Present in the Gospel of John with Reference to Verbal Aspect and Discourse Function (30 min)
Lori Baron, Duke University
Re-Creating the Shema: The Johannine Jesus’ Reinterpretation of God’s Oneness (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)
Nicole Wilkinson Duran, Trinity Presbyterian Church
How Can Satan Cast Out Satan? Colonial Realities and Mark 3:20-30 (20 min)
Todd Krulak, University of Pennsylvania
Exorcize the Exorcists?: Exorcism and the Exercise of Roman Authority (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Michael Willett Newheart, Howard University School of Divinity
“Authoritative Anthropology” (Matthew 8:9): A Playful, Political Perspective on the Healing of the Centurion’s Slave (20 min)
Anthony Le Donne, Durham University
Therapeutic Exorcist and National Healer: Matthew’s Jesus as Messiah (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
**S17-66**

**Josephus Group**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Theme: *Josephus and the Essenes*  
James McLaren, Australian Catholic University, Presiding  
Jamal-Dominique Hopkins, Crichton College  
*Josephus, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Qumran Essenes: Examining a Jewish Sectarian Movement* (20 min)  
Doug Finkbeiner, University of Pennsylvania  
The Contribution of Josephus’ Essene Characters to His Larger Literary Portrait (20 min)  
Kenneth R. Atkinson, University of Northern Iowa  
*Josephus on the Qumran Essenes and Related Jewish Sectarians Along the Dead Sea* (20 min)  
Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
*Was Qumran an Essene Community?* (20 min)  
Steve Mason, York University, Respondent (20 min)  
Discussion (35 min)  
Papers will be posted at [http://pace.cns.yorku.ca/York/york/index.htm](http://pace.cns.yorku.ca/York/york/index.htm).

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**S17-67**

**LGBT/Queer Hermeneutics Consultation**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Theme: The Queer Bible Commentary  
Deirdre Good, General Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Holly Hearon, Christian Theological Seminary, Panelist (30 min)  
Jack Rogers, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Panelist (30 min)  
Ellen Armour, Vanderbilt University, Panelist (30 min)  
Discussion (30 min)

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**S17-68**

**Mapping Memory: Tradition, Texts, and Identity Consultation**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Theme: Cognitive Science of Memory and the Analysis of Biblical Religions  
Alan Kirk, James Madison University, Presiding  
Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki  
*How Religions Remember: Memory Theories in the Cognitive Study of Religion* (30 min)  
Risto Uro, University of Helsinki  
*Ritual, Writing, and Early Jesus Traditions* (30 min)  
Laura Feldt, Aarhus University  
*Fantastic Re-Collection: Cultural vs. Autobiographical Memory in the Exodus Narrative* (30 min)  
Istvan Czachesz, University of Groningen  
*Mind, Miracle, and the Gospels* (30 min)  
Discussion (30 min)

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**S17-69**

**Meals in the Greco-Roman World Seminar**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Theme: Meals and Social Formation  
Susan Marks, New College of Florida, Presiding  
Jae Won Lee, McCormick Theological Seminary  
*A Politics of Meals: Community in Solidarity* (15 min)  
Hal Taussig, Union Theological Seminary  
*Greco-Roman Meals and Performance of Identity: A Ritual Analysis* (15 min)  
Discussion (120 min)  
Papers have been distributed in advance to seminar members and will be summarized at the beginning of the session. We will reserve time at the end of the session for questions from the floor.

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**S17-70**

**Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Theme: *The Gospel of Judas*  
Ismo Dunderberg, University of Helsinki, Presiding  
April D. DeConick, Rice University  
The Subversive Gospel of Judas and Sethian Humor (30 min)  
Birger A. Pearson, University of California-Santa Barbara  
The Figure of Judas in the Coptic Gospel of Judas (30 min)  
Louis Painchaud, Laval University  
*I Have Told You the Mysteries of the Kingdom*: The Significance of the Kingdom in the Gospel of Judas (30 min)  
Elaine Pagels, Princeton University, Respondent (15 min)  
Karen King, Harvard University, Respondent (15 min)  
Antti Marjanen, University of Helsinki, Panelist (30 min)

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**S17-71**

**Pauline Epistles Section**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
John Barclay, Durham University, Presiding  
David E. Fredrickson, Luther Seminary  
Writing the Beloved: The Motif of Longing in Philippians and Other Ancient Letters of Friendship (25 min)  
Rodrigo J. Morales, Duke University  
The Isaianic Roots of Paul’s Apocalyptic Gospel (25 min)  
Brent Nongbri, Yale University  
Reversing Paul’s Reversal: Intertextuality, Isiah, and the Gentiles in Paul’s Eschatological Scenario (25 min)  
Brett Burrowes, Siena College  
The Origin of Paul’s Image and Adam Christologies (25 min)
This session will provide a first look at work being done for the Rhetoric of Biblical Commentary conference (Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, June 2008).

**S17-73**

**Romans through History and Cultures Group**

*1:00 PM-3:30 PM*

**Theme:** Schleiermacher, Schweitzer, Barth

KhioK-Khng Yeo, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)

Kurt Richardson, McMaster University Schleiermacher and Romans (20 min)

Carsten Claussen, University of Munich Albert Schweitzer’s Understanding of Righteousness by Faith according to Paul’s Letter to the Romans (20 min)

Ekkehard Stegemann, Theologische Fakultät der Universität Basel Romans 9-11 in Karl Barth’s Doctrine of Election (20 min)

Angela Standhartinger, University of Marburg, Respondent (15 min)

Terence Donaldson, Wycliffe College, Respondent (15 min)

Cristina Grenholm, Karlstad University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (40 min)

Papers will be summarized; they are available from 1 October under www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/religious_studies/sbl2007.

**S17-74**

**Scripture as Artifact Consultation**

*1:00 PM-4:00 PM*

**Theme:** The Late Medieval Period to the Present

Luther Martin, University of Vermont, Presiding (5 min)

Marianne Schleicher, Aarhus University Transitions between Artifactual and Hermeneutical Use of Scripture (25 min)

**S17-75 (=A17-223)**

**Signifying (on) Scriptures Group**

*1:00 PM-3:30 PM*

**Theme:** Ethnologies of Scriptural Readings among Communities of Color in the United States

Vincent L. Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University

Making the Case for a Different Orientation to Research on Scriptures (10 min)

Efraín Agosto, Hartford Seminary, Latino/as, Panelist

Tat-Siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Asian Americans, Panelist

Velma Love, Florida A&M University, African Americans, Panelist

Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Native Americans, Panelist

Matthew Stiffler, University of Michigan, Arab Americans, Panelist

Gerald West, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Respondent

Linda Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Respondent

This year’s session programming will focus on “Ethnologies of Scriptural Readings among Peoples of Color in the United States,” an interdisciplinary research project of the Institute for Signifying Scriptures. At the center of the project is an exploration of particular groups’ engagements with “scriptures” and the ways in which such engagements reflect, contribute to, or undermine social and identity
formation with respect to society, culture, and power. All are welcome to this discussion relating to the Institute for Signifying Scripture's major national collaborative research project, which examines scriptural practices in five racial-ethnic minority communities: African Americans, Arab Americans, Asian Americans, Latino/as, and Native Americans. Five (5) research directors will constitute a panel reporting on the progress of their ethnographic research and data collection. The panel will be moderated and include two (2) respondents.

S17-76
Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Critical Religious Literacy: Strategies for Engaging Global Fundamentalisms
Cynthia Baker, Santa Clara University, Presiding (10 min)
Mark Chancey, Southern Methodist University, Panelist (25 min)
Paula Fredriksen, Boston University, Panelist (25 min)
Bart Ehrman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Panelist (25 min)
Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College, Panelist (25 min)
Discussion (40 min)

S17-77
Society for Pentecostal Studies
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: A Panel Discussion of Gordon D. Fee, Galatians (Pentecostal Commentary Series; Deo, 2007)
Blaine Charette, Northwest University, Presiding
Robert Jewett, University of Heidelberg, Panelist (20 min)
Janet Everts Powers, Hope College, Panelist (20 min)
Henry H. Knight III, Saint Paul School of Theology, Panelist (20 min)
Gordon Fee, Regent College, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (70 min)

S17-78 (=A17-201)
Sustainable Theological Education
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
As the declining health of the earth reaches a critical point, religious people from a wide variety of traditions are beginning to respond. It has been forty years since Lynn White issued what many saw as a wake-up call. Institutions of theological education should be providing vigorous, visionary leadership on this issue, but are they?
Six of the prophetic voices that have encouraged both churches and seminaries to address the worsening ecological crisis have been asked to reflect on the significant role of theological education in leading the faith community to respond. What leadership can seminaries provide through scholarship, academic programs, community life, building and grounds, and institutional practices? What unique opportunities and challenges does theological education face in meeting the environmental challenge? Ample time will be allowed for discussion. See www.webofcreation.com for more on this session and what some schools are already doing.
Co-sponsored by the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion
Laurel Kearns, Drew Theological School, Presiding
David Rhoads, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Presiding
John Cobb, Claremont School of Theology, Panelist
Calvin DeWitt, University of Wisconsin, Panelist
Sallie McFague, Vancouver School of Theology, Panelist
Norman Habel, Flinders University, Panelist
Larry Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary, Panelist
Rosemary R. Reuther, Claremont Graduate University, Panelist

S17-79
Synoptic Gospels Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Jeffrey Peterson, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Texas, Presiding
John Kloppenborg, University of Toronto, Panelist (20 min)
Adela Yarbro Collins, Yale University, Panelist (20 min)
James Crossley, University of Sheffield, Panelist (20 min)
Richard Bauckham, University of St. Andrews-Scotland, Respondent (25 min)
Discussion (65 min)

S17-80
Taking Stock after Virginia Tech
1:00 PM-2:30 PM
The Virginia Tech tragedy earlier in 2007 has provoked much conversation among members of every academic institution and learned/professional society. The issues that need to be considered are numerous. Among those issues are balancing the responsibility of care for students with the awareness of privacy issues; concerns for individual and group safety; role of faculty observations of students over the rights of students; developing intellectual and social environments for the prevention of such events, and the care of people after such events. The session will provide an opportunity to listen and talk as well as share resources.
S17-81

Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Americans Reading the Bible in War and Politics
Kenneth Newport, Liverpool Hope University, Presiding
David A. Bosworth, Barry University The Bible on the Battlefield (30 min)
Scott Langston, Tarrant County College What Makes the Bible Useful: The Ten Commandments and “Safeguarding American Ideals” (30 min)
Kyle Keefer, Converse College Abraham Lincoln and Biblical Rhetoric (30 min)
Jay Twomey, University of Cincinnati The Powers That Be: Antonin Scalia on Romans 13:1–5 (30 min)

S17-82

Theological Hermeneutics of Christian Scripture Group
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Theme: Christ in and the Old Testament
Christopher Seitz, University of St. Andrews-Scotland, Presiding (10 min)
Kathryn Greene-McCready, St John’s Episcopal Church, Panelist (10 min)
Robert Wall, Seattle Pacific University, Panelist (10 min)
John Goldingay, Fuller Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
Christopher Wright, Langham Partnership International, Panelist (10 min)
Murray Rae, University of Otago, Panelist (10 min)
Discussion (45 min)

S17-83

Use of Cognitive Linguistics in Biblical Interpretation Consultation
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Eve Sweetser, University of California-Berkeley, Presiding
Joel Green, Fuller Theological Seminary, Panelist
Ellen van Wolde, Tilburg University, Panelist
Vernon Robbins, Emory University, Panelist
Giles Fauconnier, University of California, San Diego, Respondent

S17-84

Writing / Reading Jeremiah Group
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Diaspora and Resistance in Jeremiah
Hyun Chul Kim, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding
Daniel Smith-Christopher, Loyola Marymount University Jeremiah as Frantz Fanon: How Prophets Inspire Exilic Theologies (30 min)
Else K. Holt, University of Aarhus Narrative Normativity in Diasporic Jeremiah (30 min)
William Robert Domeris, South African Theological Seminary The Land Claim of Jeremiah: Was Max Weber Right? (30 min)
Steed Vernyl Davidson, Luther College Redefining Release in Jeremiah 40: Resistance and Home Rule (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S17-85

Earning a Ph.D. in Germany
2:30 PM-3:30 PM
Sponsored by the Student Advisory Group
Hermann Spieckermann, Faculty of Theology Goettingen, Presiding

S17-101

Archaeological Excavations and Discoveries: Illuminating the Biblical World Section / Qumran Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls: Archaeology and Texts in the Past Ten Years
Milton Moreland, Rhodes College, Presiding
Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill The Current State of Qumran Archaeology (30 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Charlotte Hempel, University of Birmingham Texts, Scribes, Communities, and Caves: Reflections on a Busy Decade in Scrolls Research (30 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Bruce Zuckerman, University of Southern California Getting the Big Picture: The Future for the Development, Dissemination, and Use of High Quality Digital Images of the Dead Sea Scrolls (30 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Sidnie White Crawford, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Respondent (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)
S17-102

Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Demography and Economy of the Early Roman Empire
Steven Friesen, University of Texas at Austin, Presiding
Walter Scheidel, Stanford University
Demography and Human Development in the Roman World (45 min)
Discussion (25 min)
Carolyn Osiek, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Panelist
James Walters, Boston University, Panelist
Break (10 min)
Richard Saller, Stanford University
The Early Roman Empire: Human Capital and the Limits to Economic Growth (45 min)
Discussion (25 min)

S17-103

Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics Group
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Panel Review of Uriah Kim, Decolonizing Josiah: Toward a Postcolonial Reading of the Deuteronomistic History (Sheffield Phoenix, 2006)
Seung-Ai Yang, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding
Gina Hens-Piazza, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Panelist
Frank Yamada, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Panelist
Niels Lemche, University of Copenhagen, Panelist
Jane Iwamura, University of Southern California, Panelist
Uriah Kim, Hartford Seminary, Respondent

S17-104

Bakhtin and the Biblical Imagination Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Bakhtin and the Hero
Barbara Green, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Presiding
Austin Busch, State University of New York College at Brockport
Dialogues of Resurrection in Mark’s Gospel (10 min)
David M. Valeta, University of Colorado at Boulder
The Heteroglossic Hebrew Heroes of Daniel 1-6 (10 min)
Alison Schofield, University of Denver
Bakhtin and the Power of Divine Speech: Genesis in Action (10 min)
Carrie Rehak, St. Mary’s College of California
Imaging the Anointing in Mark 14:3–9 (10 min)
Keith Bodner, Atlantic Baptist University
Problems of the Deuteronomist’s Poetics: David, Saul, and an Allegory of the Cave (10 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S17-105

Bible in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Exegesis and Hermeneutics in the Churches of the East—Session II
Nicolae Roddy, Creighton University, Presiding
Matthew Francis, Athabasca University
“Blessed is the One Who Reads Aloud...”: The Book of Revelation in Orthodox Lectionary Traditions (20 min)

S17-106

Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Kenneth Craig, Lees-McRae College, Presiding
Nijay K. Gupta, Durham University
Principles for Interpreting Metaphors in Paul: Prosagogen (Romans 5:2) as a Test Case (25 min)
Michael J. Schufer, Claremont Graduate University
Creating Golgotha: The Rhetorical and Cultural Necessity (25 min)
Break (5 min)
SungAe Ha, Graduate Theological Union
Woman Wisdom, Strange Woman, and Job: A Deconstructive/Reconstructive Reading of Biblical Wisdom Texts through a Postcolonial and Feminist Literary Approach (25 min)
Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University
Is the Wisdom Tradition a Tradition? (25 min)
S17-107

Biblical Law Section / Biblical Lands and Peoples in Archaeology and Text Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Ethnicity and Biblical Law
Carol Meyers, Duke University, Presiding
Kenton Sparks, Eastern University
The Egalitarian Spirit in Ancient Israelite Law (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Hannah K. Harrington, Patten University
Exegeting Ethnicity in Ezra-Nehemiah (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Victor H. Matthews, Missouri State University
Social and Ethnic Transformation in the Story of Ruth and Boaz (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Anselm C. Hagedorn, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
Foreigner by Inscription: Determining Ethnicity in Some Cretan Inscriptions (25 min)

Discussion (35 min)

S17-108

Book of Psalms Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

W. Bellinger, Baylor University, Presiding
Daniel R. Driver, University of St. Andrews
For a Generation to Come: The Addressee of Psalm 102 in Reception and Recent Research (30 min)

Robert E. Wallace, Shorter College
Back to the Beginning: Yahweh as King, Moses as Mediator, and Psalms 104-106 (30 min)

Judith Gaertner, Universität Hamburg
The Tora in Psalm 106 and Psalm 136 (30 min)

Jinkyu Kim, Nyack College
Strategic Arrangement of Royal Psalms in the Last Two Books of the Psalter (30 min)

Charles Rix, Drew University
Note the Silence: Reading Psalm 137 through Messiaen and Bak (30 min)

S17-109

Ecological Hermeneutics Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Ecojustice and the Exodus Event
Elaine Wainwright, University of Auckland, Presiding
Norman C. Habel, Flinders University
Retrieving the Voice of Earth in the Exodus Event (30 min)

Discussion (45 min)
Peter Trudinger, Flinders University, Panelist
Jeffrey S. Lamp, Oral Roberts University
Recovering the Christological Voice of Creation: Hebrews 1:2-3a (25 min)

Edward Adams, King’s College London
Retrieving the Earth from the Conflagration: 2 Peter 3:5–13 (25 min)

S17-110


4:00 PM-6:15 PM

Theme: Using the Septuagint
Thomas L. Brodie, Dominican Biblical Institute, Limerick, Presiding
Jeffrey Keiser, McGill University
The Circumcision of Jesus (Luke 2:21) and the Formation of Luke’s Infancy Narrative (25 min)

E. Bruce Brooks, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Prolegomena to Proto-Luke (25 min)

Mikael Winninge, Umea University
Luke’s Use of the Septuagint and His Possible Use of the Works of Homer: Intertextuality, Formation, and Evaluation (25 min)

Jocelyn McWhirter, Albion College
Luke’s Use of Mark and the Septuagint to Portray Jesus and Peter as Prophets (25 min)

Discussion (35 min)

S17-111

Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Martti Nissinen, University of Helsinki, Presiding
Mark Wade Hamilton, Abilene Christian University
A New Deal for Ancient Israel: Psalms and Inscriptions Revisited (30 min)

Esther J. Hamori, Union Theological Seminary
Varieties of Anthropomorphism in Biblical and Near Eastern Literature (30 min)

David S. Vanderhooft, Boston College
The Contribution of the Hebrew Bible to the Historical Understanding of Nineveh, Asshur, and Babylon (30 min)

Bruce Wells, Saint Joseph’s University
Is It Law or Religion?: Intersecting Texts from Deuteronomy and Sixth-Century Mesopotamia (30 min)
S17-112

Hebrews Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Emerging Studies in the Book of Hebrews
David Bauer, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding
James C. Miller, Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology
Ethnic Argumentation and the Continuity/Discontinuity Problem in Hebrews (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Amy L. B. Peeler, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Ethos of God in Hebrews (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Break (10 min)
Felix H. Cortez, Andrews University
The “Son” as Reformer of the Cult: Thematic Parallels between the Rule of Righteous Davidic Kings in the Hebrew Bible and the Rule of the “Son” in Hebrews (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Eric F. Mason, Judson College
Hebrews 7:3, Melchizedek, and the Nature of Jesus’ Priesthood (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S17-114

Israelite Prophetic Literature Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: The Success and Failure of Prophecy
Christopher Heard, Pepperdine University, Presiding
Carol J. Dempsey, University of Portland
Israel’s Prophets: Dressed for Success or Set Up for Failure? (30 min)
Bo H. Lim, Seattle Pacific University
Isaianic New Exodus: Failed, Delayed, or Fulfilled? (30 min)
Rodney R. Hutton, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
The Fate of the Temple Vessels and Prophetic Fulfillment in Jeremiah 28 (30 min)
Martien A. Halvorson-Taylor, University of Virginia
Zechariah and Exile (30 min)
Jeremy Hutton, Princeton Theological Seminary, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S17-115

John, Jesus, and History Group
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Jesus and John 13-21
Felix Just, Santa Clara University, Presiding (10 min)
Richard A. Burridge, King’s College London
Imitating Jesus: An Inclusive Approach to the Ethics of the Historical Jesus and John’s Gospel (35 min)
Jaime Clark-Solóes, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
John 13: Footwashing and History (35 min)
Bas van Os, University of Groningen
John’s Last Supper and the Resurrection Dialogues (35 min)
Helen K. Bond, University of Edinburgh
At the Court of the High Priest: History and Theology in John 18:13–24 (35 min)

S17-116

LGBT/Queer Hermeneutics Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Holly Toensing, Xavier University, Presiding
Henrietta L. Wiley, Denison University
Identity and the “Ick Factor”: A Queer Reading of Numbers 31 (30 min)
Thomas D. Hanks, Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana
Joseph A. Marchal, California State University-Northridge
The Corinthian Women Prophets and Trans Activism: Rethinking Canonical Gender Claims (30 min)
Teresa J. Hornsby, Drury University
Christian Masochism and the Queer Heterosexual (30 min)
Thomas Bohache, Episcopal Divinity School
Reading for Life: Utilizing Postcolonial Criticism in Queer Hermeneutics (30 min)
S17-117
Matthew Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Joel Willitts, North Park University, Presiding
Derek S. Dodson, Baylor University
Scripting Dreams: The Gospel of Matthew’s Use of a Literary Convention (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Susana de Sola Funsten, Claremont Graduate University
A New Look at Matthew 18:23–35: The Parable of the Unforgiving Slave (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Erin Vearncombe, Toronto School of Theology
Redistribution and Reciprocity: A Socio-Economic Interpretation of the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Sigurd Grindheim, Mekane Yesus Theological Seminary
Ignorance is Bliss: Attitudinal Aspects of the Judgment according to Works in Matthew 25:31–46 (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S17-118
New Testament Textual Criticism Section / Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds Group
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Miniature Codices
David Martinez, University of Chicago, Presiding
Thomas J. Kraus, Willibald Gluck Gymnasium
Miniature Codices: The Database in General and Early Christian Background in Particular (30 min)
Malcolm Choat, Macquarie University
Miniature Codices in Coptic (30 min)
AnneMarie Luijendijk, Princeton University
A Coptic Miniature Codex in Context (30 min)
Kim Haines-Eitzen, Cornell University
Miniature Codices: Methodological and Historical Questions (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S17-119
Orality, Textuality, and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Rethinking Business as Usual in Light of Orality and Textuality
Susan Niditch, Amherst College, Presiding
Joachim Schaper, University of Aberdeen
The Textualisation of Israelite Religion in the Context of the “Orality and Literacy” Debate (30 min)
Frank Polak, Tel Aviv University
The Voiced Text in the Hebrew Bible: From Epic Song to Biblical Narrative and Midrashic Exegesis (30 min)
William M. Schniedewind, University of California-Los Angeles
Rethinking Inner-Biblical Exegesis and Biblical Criticism in Light of Orality and Textuality (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S17-120
Paul and Scripture Seminar
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Broadening the Conversation: New Approaches to Paul and Scripture
Christopher Stanley, St. Bonaventure University, Presiding
Mark D. Given, Missouri State University
Paul and Writing (10 min)
Jeremy Punt, University of Stellenbosch
Paul and Postcolonial Hermeneutics: Marginality and/in Early Biblical Interpretation (10 min)
Kathy Ehrensperger, University of Wales-Lampeter
Feminist Perspectives on Paul’s Reasoning with Scripture (10 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Business Meeting (10 min)
Papers will be summarized, not read. Papers will be available in advance of the meeting at http://www.westmont.edu/~fisk/paulandscripture/Papers.html.

S17-121
Pauline Epistles Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
David Horrell, University of Exeter, Presiding
Mark Reasoner, Bethel University and Akio Ito, Tokyo Christian University
“For...For...For...”: A Convergence of Relevance Theory, Functional Grammar, and History of Interpretation against Romans 1:16–17 as Letter Thesis (25 min)
Preston M. Sprinkle, Aberdeen University
Justified by Faith—But Whose?: Another Option for the Pistis Christou Debate (25 min)
Emma Wasserman, Reed College
Demons Yes, Powers No: An Historical Critique of the Notion of Sin as a “Power” in Romans (25 min)
James R. Harrison, Wesley Institute
Did Paul Pioneer a New Understanding of State? (25 min)

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**S17-122**

**Pentateuch Section**

4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Naomi Steinberg, DePaul University, Presiding
Sean Burt, Duke University
The Problem of Deuteronomistic Language in the Ketef Hinnom Silver Amulets (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Christophe Nihan, University of Geneva
Of Animals and Nations: The Reception of Dietary Laws in P, D, and H (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Ed Noort, University of Groningen
Joshua the Warrior and the Pentateuch: Exodus 17:8–16 Retold (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
John Ahn, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Numbers 32: Second and Subsequent Generation Judeo-Babylonian Reading (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

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**S17-123**

**Performance Criticism of Biblical and Other Ancient Texts Consultation**

4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Terry Giles, Gannon University, Presiding
John D. W. Watts, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Performance Criticism: An Emerging Methodology in Hebrew Bible Studies (25 min)

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**S17-124**

**Redescribing Early Christianity Group**

4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Barry Crawford, Washburn University of Topeka, Presiding
Christopher R. Matthews, Weston Jesuit School of Theology and Barry Crawford, Washburn University of Topeka
Welcome (5 min)
Ron Cameron, Wesleyan University
Why Redescription Matters (20 min)
Discussion (15 min)
William E. Arnal, University of Regina
The Collection and Synthesis of “Tradition” and the Second-Century Invention of Christianity (20 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Judith B. Perkins, Saint Joseph College
“Everyone Can Be Some Body”: The Use of the Resurrected Body in Second-Century Social Critique (20 min)
Discussion (15 min)

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**S17-125**

Rethinking Plato's Parmenides and Its Platonic, Gnostic and Patristic Reception Seminar

4:00 PM-7:00 PM
John D. Turner, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Presiding
Luc Brisson, National Scientific Research Center, Paris
Columns 7 and 8 of the Anonymous Parmenides Commentary (30 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Alain Lernould, Université de Lille
The Anonymous Commentary on Plato’s Parmenides (30 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Tuomas Rasimus, University of Helsinki, Université Laval
Gnostic Authorship for the Anonymous Parmenides Commentary? (30 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Jean Reynard, Institut des Sources Chrétiennes
Plato’s Parmenides among Greek Church Fathers: The Meaning of a Lack (30 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Dinner for seminar members will be planned at a local restaurant after the session, 7:30–9PM.

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**S17-126**

Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar

4:00 PM-6:30 PM
David deSilva, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding
L. Gregory Bloomquist, Saint Paul University, Panelist (20 min)
Edith Humphrey, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)
Duane Watson, Malone College, Panelist (20 min)
Jerry Sumney, Lexington Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)
SATURDAY EVENING

S17-127

Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

S17-128

Teaching Biblical Literature in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

S17-130

Theological Hermeneutics of Christian Scripture Group
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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SATURDAY EVENING

S17-127

Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Vernon Robbins, Emory University, Respondent (20 min)
Break (5 min)
Discussion (45 min)

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S17-128

Teaching Biblical Literature in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Matthew Baldwin, Mars Hill College, Presiding
Jonathan David Lawrence, Canisius College
Bible-Trek, Next Generation: Adapting a Bible Survey Course for a New Audience (30 min)
Janet S. Everhart, Simpson College
Dildos and Dismemberment: Difficult Texts and the Liberal Arts (30 min)
J. Bradley Chance, William Jewell College
The Bible and World Construction: The Reality of Multiple Voices in Biblical Religion (30 min)
Carl Toney, Loyola University Chicago
Did Anything Good Come from Wikipedia?: Engaging Students on the Internet Using Wiki Technology to Improve Your Class Notes (30 min)
James D. Findlay, California State University-Northridge
Creative Projects: Aural and Visual Student Productions as Biblical Exegesis (30 min)

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S17-130

Theological Hermeneutics of Christian Scripture Group
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Reading the Book of Genesis Theologically as Christian Scripture
Bill Arnold, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding
J. Richard Middleton, Roberts Wesleyan College
The Significance of the Call of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3) for a Canonical Reading of Scripture (30 min)
Discussion (15 min)
R. R. Reno, Creighton University
Satan, Temptation, and the Fall (30 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Jeffrey L. Morrow, University of Dayton
Genesis 1-3 in a Liturgical Context: The Role of Liturgy in Christian Theological Interpretation of Scripture (30 min)
Discussion (15 min)

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S17-129

Teaching the Bible in the Public Schools: An Update on the Issues
4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Kent Richards, Society of Biblical Literature, Presiding
Mark Chancey, Southern Methodist University, Panelist
T. Jeremy Morrow, University of Dayton
Genesis 1-3 in a Liturgical Context: The Role of Liturgy in Christian Theological Interpretation of Scripture (30 min)

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S17-131

Use of Cognitive Linguistics in Biblical Interpretation Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Cognitive Construals of Reading and the Construction of Authority
Mary Therese Des Camp, Heart's Rest Retreat Center, Presiding
Eve Sweetser, University of California-Berkeley
Linguistic Cues to Building Mental Spaces of Authority (30 min)
Bonnie Howe, Dominican University of California
Strangers, Fire, and Dangerous Distinctions: Cognitive Cues to Moral Authority in Matthew 25:31-46 (30 min)
Kenneth McElhanon, Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics
“I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”: Authority and Cognitive Semantics (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)
Business Meeting (30 min)
### S17-132

**Wisdom and Apocalypticism in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Section / Mapping Memory: Tradition, Texts, and Identity Consultation**  
4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
**Theme:** *The Role of Cultural Memory in the Composition of Texts*  
Jennifer Maclean, Roanoke College, Presiding  
Frances Flannery-Dailey, James Madison University  
*Accessing the Divine Presence: Fourth Ezra and the Reconfiguration of Social Memory (30 min)*  
Alan Kirk, James Madison University  
*Scribal Composition, Memory, and the Order of Q Tradition in Matthew’s Sermon (30 min)*  
Robert Derrenbacker, Regent College  
*Text and Memory: Luke’s Use of Q (30 min)*  
Ellen Aitken, McGill University, Respondent  
Lawrence Wills, Episcopal Divinity School, Respondent  
Discussion (25 min)

### S17-134

**SBL Presidential Address**  
7:00 PM-8:00 PM  
Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago, Presiding  
Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Whose Text Is It? (45 min)*  
Mitchel Modine, Drew University  
*“Just the Not-Facts, Ma’am”: Counterfactual Historiography and the Queen of Heaven (30 min)*  
Discussion (20 min)  
Business Meeting (10 min)

### S17-135

**SBL Donor’s Reception**  
8:00 PM-9:30 PM

### S17-133

**Writing / Reading Jeremiah Group**  
4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Else Holt, University of Aarhus, Presiding  
Mary Chilton Callaway, Fordham University  
*Reading Jeremiah 4:27 with Some Help from Gadamer (30 min)*  
Chad Eggleston, Duke University  
*“How Did You Write All these Words?”: Writing on the Written in Jeremiah (30 min)*  
Kathleen Brennan, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University  
*The Rape of Babylon (30 min)*  
Ellen Aitken, McGill University, Respondent  
Lawrence Wills, Episcopal Divinity School, Respondent  
Discussion (25 min)

### S18-1

**National Association of Professors of Hebrew**  
7:00 AM-8:45 AM  
Frederick Greenspahn, Florida Atlantic University, Presiding  
*Annual Breakfast and Business Meeting (105 min)*  
Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Whose Text Is It? (45 min)*  
Mitchel Modine, Drew University  
*“Just the Not-Facts, Ma’am”: Counterfactual Historiography and the Queen of Heaven (30 min)*  
Discussion (20 min)  
Business Meeting (10 min)

### S17-136 (=A17-407)

**Women’s Caucus Reception**  
9:00 PM-11:00 PM

### S17-137 (=A17-409)

**Student Members’ Reception**  
9:30 PM-11:30 PM

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### S18-2

**SBL Annual Business Meeting**  
7:30 AM-8:30 AM  
Joel Green, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding

### S18-3

**Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section**  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Charles William Miller, University of North Dakota, Presiding  
Teaching Tips  
Eric D. Barreto, Emory University  
*The Bible is Like . . . or Is It? (15 min)*  
Carol J. Manahan, California Institute of Integral Studies  
*Teaching Tip: A Biblical Calendar (15 min)*  
Lisa M. Wolfe, United Theological Seminary  
*Teaching Tip: Human Timeline: A Kinesthetic Exercise in Biblical History (15 min)*  
Ryan Neal, Anderson University  
*Teaching Parables: Teaching Tip (15 min)*  
Break (10 min)  
Workshop  
Mark Roncace, Wingate University  
*Creative Thinking and the Bible (60 min)*

### S18-4

**Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Section**  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Theme: *Spectacle, Drama, and Performance*  
Chris Frilingos, Michigan State University, Presiding  
Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa  
*Whatever Story Sings, the Arena Displays for You (20 min)*
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Janet Elizabeth Spittler, University of Chicago
Famous Arena Lions in the Acts of Paul (20 min)

Ho Kim, Kanana Fou Theological Seminary
Christian Biblical Interpretation of Samson’s Saga in Light of Greek Tragedy (20 min)

Susan Miller, University of Oxford
Women, Ritual, and Belief in the Fourth Gospel (20 min)

Ryan Carhart, Claremont Graduate University
The Gospel of John and Euripides’ Bacchae: An Intertextual Study (20 min)

Jo-Ann A. Brant, Goshen College
Written to Amaze and Astound: Watching the Johannine Trial as Greco-Roman Spectacle and Theater (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S18-5

Archaeological Excavations and Discoveries: Illuminating the Biblical World Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Deborah Green, University of Oregon, Presiding
Byron R. McCane, Wofford College
All The Comforts of Rome: Augustus, Herod, and the Empire (30 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Jennifer Stabler, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Herod’s Building Program at Caesarea Maritima: Evidence from the Archaeological Excavations (30 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Jonathan L. Reed, University of La Verne
Romanizing Galilee: Marble, Identity, and Domestic Space (30 min)

Discussion (7 min)

Shlomo Bunimovitz, Tel Aviv University and Zvi Lederman, Tel Aviv University
Jerusalem and Beth-Shemesh: A Capital and Its Border (30 min)

Discussion (9 min)

S18-6

Art and Religions of Antiquity Consultation
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Memorials, Portraits, and Sacred Images
Annette Weissenrieder, University of Heidelberg, Presiding
Izaak J. de Hulster, University of Utrecht
Standing Stones and Lithified Liturgies (25 min)

Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University
Picturing the Departed: Memorial Portraits from Roman Africa (25 min)

Paul Dilley, Yale University
The Invention of Christian Tradition: Women, Icons, and the Consecration of Churches (25 min)

William “Chip” Gruen, Muhlenberg College
Ancient Symbols, Ancient Meanings: A Reappraisal of the Palatine Crucifix (25 min)

Ellen Muehlberger, Indiana University at Bloomington, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (15 min)

S18-7

Character Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Whither the Bible and Ethics? What directions should future engagement between the Bible and Ethics take?
Stuart Lasine, Wichita State University
Breaking the “Spell of Identification”: Ethics and the Evaluation of Biblical Characters (25 min)

Matthew R. Schlimm, Duke University
From Fratricide to Forgiveness: The Ethics of Anger in Genesis (25 min)

Thomas Kazen, Stockholm School of Theology
Emotions, Biblical Interpretation, and the Ethics of Ethnicity (25 min)

Kent Richards, Society of Biblical Literature, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (50 min)

S18-8

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
9:00 AM-10:45 AM

Joy Moore, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding (15 min)
D. Stephen Long, Marquette University
In Review of Christ and Horrors (20 min)

Lois Malcolm, Luther Seminary
In Review of Christ and Horrors (20 min)

Marilyn McCord Adams, University of Oxford
Response to Friendly Critics (20 min)

Business Meeting (15 min)

S18-9

Contextual Biblical Interpretation Consultation
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Cultural Identity and Biblical Interpretation
Archie Lee, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Presiding
Robert D. Maldonado, California State University-Fresno

Sejong Chun, Vanderbilt University
Groaning Together for Redemption: Contextual Interpretation of Romans 8:22 (20 min)
S18-10

**Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti Consultation**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Literary and Historical Contexts of Early Christian Anthropology

Clare Rothschild, Lewis University, Presiding
Karina Martin Hogan, Fordham University
Creation in the Womb in 4 Ezra and Other Early Jewish Texts (20 min)

Matthew Goff, Florida State University
“Spiritual” and “Fleshy” Types of Humankind in 4QInstruction, Philo, and Paul (20 min)

Jutta Leonhardt-Balzer, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität
A Case of Psychological Dualism: Philo’s Interpretation of the Instruction of the Two Spirits in QEx I 23 (20 min)

S18-11

**Early Christian Families Group**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Children and Childhood in Antiquity

Rebecca Krawiec, Canisius College, Presiding
Reidar Aasgaard, University of Oslo
Children Crying in the Academia: Potentials and Challenges within Research on Childhood in Antiquity and Early Christianity (25 min)

Brandolph, Brock University
Children at the Saturnalia (25 min)

Cornelia Horn, Saint Louis University-Dumbarton Oaks
Children at the Intersection of Classical and Early Christian Popular Literature (25 min)

Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame
Children and Childhood in the Thought of John Chrysostom (25 min)

Michael L. Satlow, Brown University
Childhood in Early Judaism (25 min)

S18-12

**Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism Section / Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Consultation**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kevin Sullivan, Illinois Wesleyan University
Review of Andrei Orlov, From Apocalypse to Merkavah Mysticism: Studies in the Slavonic Pseudepigrapha (Brill, 2006) (15 min)

Andrei Orlov, Marquette University
Response (15 min)

Catherine Playoust, Independent Scholar
Review of Frances Flannery-Dailey, Dreamers, Scribes, And Priests: Jewish Dreams in the Hellenistic and Roman Eras (Brill, 2004) (15 min)

Frances Flannery-Dailey, James Madison University
Response (15 min)

Silviu N. Bunta, Marquette University
Review of Kelley Coblentz Bautch, A Study of the Geography of 1 Enoch 17-19: No One Has Seen What I Have Seen, (Brill, 2003) (15 min)

Kelley N. Coblentz Bautch, St. Edward's University
Response (15 min)

James D. Tabor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Review of Jane D. Schaberg, Resurrection of Mary Magdalene: Legends, Apocrypha, and the Christian Testament (Continuum, 2004) (15 min)

Jane D. Schaberg, University of Detroit Mercy
Response (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)
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S18-13

Early Jewish Christian Relations Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Andrew Jacobs, University of California-Riverside, Presiding
Philip Rousseau, Catholic University of America, Panelist (20 min)
Jeffrey Trumbower, Saint Michael's College, Panelist (20 min)
Christine Shepardson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Panelist (20 min)
Ra'anan Boustan, University of California-Los Angeles, Panelist (20 min)
Paula Fredriksen, Boston University, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (35 min)
Business Meeting (15 min)

S18-14

9:00 AM-11:15 AM
Theme: Using Sources Beyond the Septuagint
Paul Elbert, Church of God Theological Seminary, Presiding
Robert Lee Williams, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Pauline Peter of Acts 10 and 15: Theology and Purpose (25 min)
Andrew W. Pitts, McMaster Divinity College
The Citation of Authoritative Literature in Greco-Roman Historiography and in Luke-Acts (25 min)
Jae Hyung Cho, Claremont Graduate University
Heikki Leppa, University of Helsinki
Luke Reading the Other Gospels (25 min)
Discussion (35 min)

S18-15

Formation of the Book of Isaiah Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Synchronic and Diachronic Approaches in Dialogue
A. Joseph Everson, California Lutheran University, Presiding
Roy F. Melugin, Texas Christian University
Zion in a Synchronic Reading of Isaiah: An Analysis of Isaiah 49:14-20; 54:1-17; 57:3-13 and 60:1-22 (30 min)
Roy D. Wells, Birmingham-Southern College
“They All Gather, They Come to You”: History, Utopia, and the Reading of Isaiah 49:18-26; 60:4-16 (30 min)
Chris Franke, College of Saint Catherine
Isaiah 58: Past, Present, and Future Realities: What Has the Mouth of the Lord Spoken? (30 min)
Gary Stansell, Saint Olaf College
Isaiah 60-62 as the “Kernel” of Chapters 56-66: Synchronic and Diachronic Perspectives on Final Form of Trito-Isaiah (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S18-16

Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Inter-Species Sex and Other Relations
Hugh S. Pyper, University of Sheffield
Conversations with Donkeys: Stubborn Sexuality and Unexpected Speech (25 min)
Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
“The Ostrich Leaves Her Eggs to the Earth” (Job 39:14): Queer Animals of God in the Book of Job (25 min)
Susan E. Haddox, Mount Union College
“Like a Stubborn Heifer”: Animal Imagery and the Construction of Identity in Hosea (25 min)
David Tabb Stewart, Southwestern University
Kila’iyim: Hybridity versus Hierarchy in Inter-Species Sex (25 min)

S18-17

Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Esther Hamori, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Sam Meier, Ohio State University
The Spoils of War (30 min)
Eugen J. Pentiuic, Hellenic College-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
The Hebrew Sheol and the Emarite Shuwalu (30 min)
Nili Shupak, University of Haifa
“He Subdued the Water Monster”: God's Battle with the Sea according to Egyptian Sources (30 min)
Aliza Schachter, University of Pennsylvania
Princess as Political Pawn (30 min)

S18-18

Hellenistic Judaism Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Philosophy and Wisdom in Hellenistic Judaism
Allen Kerkeslager, Saint Joseph's University, Presiding
George H. van Kooten, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Man as the Image of God in Hellenistic Judaism (20 min)
Matthew E. Gordley, Regent University
Didactic Hymnody and the Wisdom of Solomon (20 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Break (10 min)
Steve Young, McHenry County College
Marketing Martyrdom: De/Colonizing Philosophy as Faith in 4 Maccabees (20 min)
Erin Roberts, Brown University
Philo, Wealth, and Stoic Ethics (20 min)
Philippa Townsend, Princeton University
Being Jewish under Rome: Philo on Greeks and Egyptians (20 min)
Discussion (25 min)

**S18-19**

**History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism Section**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Aryeh Cohen, University of Judaism, Presiding
Eszter K. Fuzessy, University of Chicago
"Dialogues between Sages and Outsiders to the Tradition": Creation of Difference as a Literary Method of Religious Polemics in Rabbinic Literature (22 min)
Discussion (8 min)
Uzi Leibner, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Galilee in the Fourth Century and the Cessation of the Talmud Yerushalmi (22 min)
Discussion (8 min)
Barry Wimpfheimer, Northwestern University
The Sanhedrin on Trial: A Comparison (22 min)
Discussion (8 min)

**S18-20**

**International Greek New Testament Project**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
David Parker, University of Birmingham, Presiding (15 min)
Bruce Morrill, University of Birmingham
The Profiling and Grouping of Greek Manuscripts: Test Passages from John 1-10 and 18 (15 min)
P. J. Williams, University of Aberdeen-Scotland
Editing the Syriac Versions: Problems and Programme (15 min)
Philip Burton, University of Birmingham
Constructing a Critical Apparatus of the Latin Manuscripts and Versions (15 min)
Ulrich B. Schmid, Free University
The Edition of the Majuscule Manuscripts (15 min)
Roderic L. Mullen, University of Birmingham
The Database of Greek Patristic Citations (15 min)
Bruce Morrill, University of Birmingham
Transcribing the Greek Minuscule Manuscripts (15 min)
Discussion (45 min)

**S18-21**

**Israelite Prophetic Literature Section**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Characterization of God in the Book of Hosea
Mignon R. Jacobs, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding
Craig R. Koester, Luther Seminary
Roman Slave Trade and the Critique of Babylon in Revelation 18 (25 min)
Stewart Moore, Yale University
With the Sword of His Mouth: Graphic Depictions of Violence in Revelation and Other Post-70 C. E. Apocalypses (25 min)

**S18-22**

**Jesus Traditions, Gospels, and Negotiating the Roman Imperial World Section**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Warren Carter, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Presiding
William R. Herzog, II, Andover Newton Theological School
Hospitality as Resistance (24 min)
James R. Harrison, Wesley Institute
Barabbas or Jesus: The Pilate Trial in the Aftermath of the Jewish War (24 min)
Steven Di Mattei, Cornell University
Jesus in the Political and Social Context of Jewish Revolts against the Roman Empire: Reflections on Mark 15:7 (24 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Mark Kiley, Saint John's University
John and Sibling Rivalry (24 min)
Discussion (5 min)

**S18-23**

**John’s Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern Section**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Slaves, Violence, Ethics, and Interpretation
Jean-Pierre Ruiz, Saint John's University, Presiding
Craig R. Koester, Luther Seminary
Roman Slave Trade and the Critique of Babylon in Revelation 18 (25 min)
Stewart Moore, Yale University
With the Sword of His Mouth: Graphic Depictions of Violence in Revelation and Other Post-70 C. E. Apocalypses (25 min)
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Pieter G. R. De Villiers, University of the Free State
The Ethical Implications of Violent and Vengeful Language in Revelation 18 (25 min)

Susan E. Hylen, Vanderbilt University
Metaphor and Ethics in Revelation (25 min)

Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou, University of San Diego
Dueling Eschatologies: Strategic Positioning to Influence the Interpretation of the Apocalypse in the East (25 min)

Stephen J. Davis, Yale University
Angelic Vision: An Arabic Christian Commentary on Revelation (25 min)

S18-25
Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

W. Randall Garr, University of California-Santa Barbara, Presiding
Reiner de Blois, United Bible Societies
Word Classes in Biblical Hebrew: A Cognitive Approach (30 min)

Christo H. J. van der Merwe, University of Stellenbosch
Reconsidering the Biblical Hebrew Focus Particle Gam (30 min)

Cristian Rata, Torth Trinity, Seoul, South Korea
The qatal in the Book of Job (30 min)

Yoo-Ki Kim, Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary
The Origin of the Biblical Hebrew Infinitive Construct (30 min)

Nicolai Winther-Nielsen, Copenhagen Lutheran School of Theology
Argument Realization in Biblical Hebrew (30 min)

S18-26
Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section
9:00 AM-11:15 AM

Nicola Denzey, Harvard University, Presiding
Michael Kaler, McMaster University and University of Toronto
The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Christ and His Disciples in Gnostic Dialogues (20 min)

Benjamin Dunning, Fordham University
What is this Luminous Woman?: Thinking Sexual Difference in On the Origin of the World (20 min)

Dylan Burns, Yale University
Apophatic Strategies in Allogenes (20 min)

Pamela Mullins Reaves, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
True Testimony: Gnostic Martyrdom and Competing Christian Identities (20 min)

Bas van Os, University of Groningen
The Flesh of Jesus in the Gospel of Philip and the So-Called Eastern School of Valentinianism (20 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

S18-27
National Association of Professors of Hebrew
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Interpretation and Translation

Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College, Presiding
Wilma Ann Bailey, Christian Theological Seminary
The Hebrew New Testament of Franz Delitzsch (40 min)

Frederick E. Greenspahn, Florida Atlantic University
Jewish Biblical Theologies (40 min)

Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College
The Term “Shoah” in the Hebrew Bible: A Teaching Lesson (40 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S18-28
Paul and Politics Group / Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Economy and Slavery

John Lanci, Stonehill College, Presiding
Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California
Ideologies of Work and Slave Labor: Does Gender Make a Difference? (25 min)

Steven J. Friesen, University of Texas at Austin, Brandon Cline, University of Chicago, and Trevor Thompson, University of Chicago
A Resource Scale for Roman Imperial Populations, or, the Further Adventures of Friesen’s Poverty Scale (25 min)

Richard Saller, Stanford University, Respondent (30 min)

Walter Scheidel, Stanford University, Respondent (30 min)

Discussion (40 min)
S18-29
Quran and Biblical Literature Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Muslim Biblical Studies
Peter Wright, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Critical Approaches to the “Farewell Khutba” in Ibn Ishaq’s Life of the Prophet (20 min)
David Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma
A Muslim Rewriting of Psalm 2: Interreligious Resistance and Intrareligious Critique (20 min)
Alan Guenther, Briercrest College
Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's Commentary on the Bible (20 min)
Brannon Wheeler, United States Naval Academy, Respondent (20 min)

S18-30
Sacrifice, Cult, and Atonement Consultation
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: The Interpretation of Sacrifice
Christian Eberhart, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)
James W. Watts, Syracuse University
The Rhetoric of Sacrifice (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Wes J. Bergen, Wichita State University
The Afterlife of Atonement: “Sacrifice” as Cryptic Discourse (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Jamal-Dominique Hopkins, Crichton College
The Heavenly Cult: The View of Sacrifice in the Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Stephen Finlan, Fordham University
Spiritualization of Sacrifice in the New Testament (25 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S18-31
SBL Forum: Women and/in the Bible and/in Popular Culture
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Dan Clanton, Denver, CO, Presiding
Linda Scheating, Gonzaga University
Selling Eve: Genesis 2-3 and Advertising (30 min)
Jane Webster, Barton College
Giving up on Life: Jephthah’s Daughters (30 min)
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College
Apocalyptic String Theory: Death and the End in Recent Fantasy (30 min)
Discussion (60 min)

S18-32
Semiotics and Exegesis Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
David Odell-Scott, Kent State University, Presiding
Ela Nutu, University of Sheffield
Judith and Medusa: Gaze, Text, and Identity (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Bennie H. Reynolds, III, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Symbolism and Realism in the Book of Daniel (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Yung Suk Kim, Virginia Union University
Exploring Theological Themes of Three Figurative Body Discourses in 1 Corinthians (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Alissa Jones Nelson, University of St. Andrews-Scotland
Contrapuntal Hermeneutics: Semantics, Edward W. Said, and a New Approach to Biblical Interpretation (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S18-33
Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Community and Identity: Vows, Oaths, Curses
Charlotte Fonrobert, Stanford University, Presiding (5 min)
Nathaniel Desrosiers, University of Missouri-Columbia
The Early Christian Anti-Oath Polemic and Social Cohesion (30 min)
Kimberly Stratton, Carleton University
Curse Rhetoric and the Politics of Identity in Early Judaism and Christianity (30 min)
David Levinsky, Stanford University
Mediterraneanization: Samson’s Nazarite Vow and Religio-Cultural Change (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)
Business Meeting (25 min)

S18-34
Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Sociological Methods Applied to Israelite Society
Ronald Simkins, Creighton University, Presiding
Heather A. McKay, Edge Hill University
"Used as an Excuse": Biblical Women Facilitate Underhanded Dealings by Their Menfolk (35 min)
S18-35

**Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section**
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Theme: *The Bible in Politics and Fiction*
Kenneth Newport, Liverpool Hope University, Presiding
Yiyi Chen, Peking University
*The Use and Misuse of the Bible by the Taiping Rebellions* (30 min)
Gerald O. West, University of KwaZulu-Natal
*Mbeki’s Bible: The Bible in the South African Public Realm after Liberation* (30 min)
Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University
*A Foreign Policy in Christ?: Assessing Claims that the Bible Influences American Statecraft* (30 min)
Zeba A. Crook, Carleton University
*The Great Betrayer: Portrayals of Judas Iscariot in Modern Fiction* (30 min)
Ann Jeffers, Heythrop College
*From Tradition to Redemption: Images of Eve in Philip Pullman’s Northern Lights* (30 min)
Business Meeting (30 min)

S18-36

**Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: *Job and Biblical Wisdom Literature*
Peter Enns, Westminster Theological Seminary, Presiding
Scott C. Jones, Covenant College
*Of Treasures and Tropes: Job 28 and Gilgamesh* (25 min)
F. Rachel Magdalene, Augustana College
*Law, Death, and Job’s Compositional History* (25 min)
David Penchansky, University of St. Thomas
*The Meaning of the Book of Job* (25 min)
Henrietta L. Wiley, Denison University
*They Save Themselves Alone: Faith and Loss in the Stories of Abraham and Job* (25 min)
Gerald A. Klingbeil, Theological Seminary, Adventist International Institute for Advanced Study
*”Apples of Gold in Settings of Silver”: History in Wisdom Literature?* (25 min)
Greg Schmidt Goering, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
*The Preservation and Transmission of Wisdom in Sirach* (25 min)

S18-37 (=A18-100)

**Women in the Profession: Where We’ve Been, Where We’re Going**
9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Panelists reflect on the successes of the past and the hopes for and challenges of the future.
Co-sponsored by the SBL Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the AAR Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College, Presiding
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University, Panelist
Rita Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good, Panelist
Katie Cannon, Union Theological Seminary-Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Panelist
Elizabeth Clark, Duke University, Panelist
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Panelist
Carolyn Osiek, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Panelist
Rosemary Radford Reuther, Claremont Graduate University, Panelist
Emilie Townes, Yale University, Panelist

S18-38

**SBL Review of Biblical Literature Editorial Board Meeting**
9:30 AM-10:30 AM

S18-50

**Reflections on Brevard Childs (1923-2007)**
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
A panel of scholars, in light of Childs’ death in July 2007, is being assembled that will reflect on the contributions of Brevard Childs’ career. Among the topics to be covered will be his influence on form criticism, reception history, Old Testament introductions, New Testament studies, and theology.

S18-51

**Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics Group**
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: *Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics: Interpreting the Text*
Uriah Kim, Hartford Seminary, Presiding
Chloe Sun, Logos Evangelical Seminary
*From Margin to Center: Joseph’s Navigation and Negotiation of His Own Identity and Its Implications for Asian American Identity* (30 min)
Janette Ok, Princeton Theological Seminary
*The Necessity and Glory of Suffering in Romans 5:1–5: A Korean American Hermeneutic of* (30 min)
Moa Imchen, Graduate Theological Union
*An Ecological Reading of Psalm 8 with New Eyes through Naga Creation Myth* (30 min)
S18-52

 Assyriology and the Bible Section
 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

More than eighty-five years in the making, with 9,107 octavo pages in 18 volumes in print, the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary project ranks among the great lexicographic achievements of the twentieth century. Akkadian, the sole representative of East Semitic, decisively weights biblical Hebrew and imperial Aramaic lexicography due to historical overlap and the sheer magnitude of the text corpus. In this session, Martha T. Roth, the final editor-in-chief of the CAD, will describe the history and scope of the project in conversation with a distinguished panel of Hebrew and Aramaic specialists.

Theme: The Chicago Assyrian Dictionary Project (1921–2007) and the Art of Biblical Research

Steven Holloway, American Theological Library Association, Presiding
Martha T. Roth, University of Chicago
The Chicago Assyrian Dictionary: A Century of Lexicography (45 min)

David J. A. Clines, University of Sheffield
A Hebraist Reads the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary (20 min)

Stephen A. Kaufman, Hebrew Union College
The Significance of the Work of the CAD for Biblical Studies and the Lexicography of the Other Major Ancient Near Eastern Languages (20 min)

Break (5 min)

Baruch A. Levine, New York University
CAD: The Gateway to Expanded Context in Biblical Hebrew Lexicography (20 min)

Edward L. Greenstein, Bar Ilan University
What I Learn from the CAD and What the CAD Can Learn from Me (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S18-53

Bible and Cultural Studies Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Margins, Passages, and Intersections

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Presiding
Fiona Black, Mount Allison University
“Obeah Man Come Back”: Reflections on the Bible, Bahamians, and the “Evil Other” (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Lynne St. Clair Darden, Drew University
The Strangeness of Home: African American Biblical Hermeneutics through the Understanding of Homi Bhabha’s Middle Passage (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Jean K. Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary
Mrs. Pilate: A First-Century Mensahib? A Postcolonial Reading of Matthew 27:19 (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Kathleen Brennan, Texas Christian University, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S18-54

Bible and Visual Art Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Visual Biblical Interpretation

Heidi J. Hornik, Baylor University, Presiding
Zsuzsanna Gulacsi, Northern Arizona University
Dura from the East: Considering Mesopotamian Jewish Biblical Narrative in Light of Third-Century Manichaean and Buddhist Analogies (30 min)

Don Polaski, College of William and Mary
The Scribe Makes a Blurred Copy: Ezra, Mimicry, and Imperial Discourse (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Richard G. Walsh, Methodist University
“Realizing” Paul’s Call: Caravaggio and Paxton’s Frailty (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

For more information about the Bible and Visual Art Section, see our web site at http://filebox.vt.edu/users/malbon/BibleandVisualArt/index.html.

S18-55

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Brian Blount, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Presiding
Peter Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist
Cornel West, Princeton University, Panelist
Fernando Segovia, Vanderbilt University, Panelist

Kathleen Brennan, Texas Christian University, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S18-56

Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section / Literature and History of the Persian Period Group
1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Ezra, Nehemiah, and Context(s)

Jacob Wright, University of Heidelberg, Presiding
Deirdre N. Fulton, Pennsylvania State University
Post-Exilic Biblical Genealogies: Exclusive or Inclusive? (30 min)

Don Polaski, College of William and Mary
The Scribe Makes a Blurred Copy: Ezra, Mimicry, and Imperial Discourse (30 min)
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Joshua Berman, Bar Ilan University
The Rhetorical Purpose of Aramaic Narrative in Ezra 4:8–6:18 (30 min)

Diana Edelman, University of Sheffield
Ezra 1-6 as Utopian Literature (30 min)

Ken Ristau, Pennsylvania State University
Nehemiah 5 and the Economic Conditions in Yehud (30 min)

S18-57

Computer Assisted Research Section
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Theme: Pedagogical Resources for Teaching the Bible
Robert Duke, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
Robert R. Cargill, University of California-Los Angeles
The Archaeology of Qumran: The Digitally Reconstructed Settlement and a Proposed Occupation Model (30 min)
Mark Goodacre, Duke University
The Future of the New Testament Gateway (30 min)
Joel Harlow, Reformed Theological Seminary
Planning and Designing Distance Courses: A Crash Course in the Basics (30 min)
Elizabeth Ann Pollard, San Diego State University
Raising the Stakes: Witchcraft on Wikipedia (30 min)

S18-58

Contextual Biblical Interpretation Consultation
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Community, Place, and Power
Daniel Patte, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Yung Suk Kim, Virginia Union University
Rereading Basileia and Dikaiosune from a Communal Perspective (Matthew 6:25–34) in a Korean and African-American Context (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
James P. Grimshaw, Carroll College-Waukesha
Resisting the Food Regime in the First Gospel (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Robun Park, Vanderbilt University
Scare and Scarcity: Reading Inter(con)textually of Spirit and Inheritance in Romans 8:12–17 (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Louise Lawrence, Exeter University
Texts of Land, Sea, and Hope: Contextual Bible Study in the South West of England (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Derek M. H. Tovey, St. John's College
Doxa (glory) and Mana: An Exploration of Concepts with Reference to the Use of Doxa in John's Gospel (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S18-59

Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti Consultation
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Ancient Medical Texts and the New Testament
Troy Martin, Saint Xavier University, Presiding
Loveday C. A. Alexander, University of Sheffield
Canon and Exegesis in the Medical Schools of Antiquity (25 min)
Rainer Hirsch-Luipold, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen
Physical, Spiritual, and Mental Illness: Rufus of Ephesus' De Melancholia and the New Testament (25 min)
Annette Weissenrieder, University of Heidelberg
The Concept of the “Inner Human Being” in Light of Philosophical-Medical Concepts and (Early) Christianity (25 min)
Break (5 min)
Teun Tieleman, University of Utrecht
The Body and the Head in the New Testament (With Special Reference to 1 Corinthians and Colossians) (25 min)
Hans Dieter Betz, University of Chicago, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (25 min)

S18-60

Digging up New Horizons: The Work of Eric M. Meyers
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Co-hosted by the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Schools of Oriental Research
C. Thomas McCollough, Centre College, Presiding (5 min)
Douglas R. Edwards, University of Puget Sound
Archaeology and the Galilee: Eric Meyers and the Setting of New Paradigms (30 min)
Carol Meyers, Duke University
Grinding to a Halt: Gender and the Technology of Flour Production in Roman Galilee (30 min)
Sean Freyne, Trinity College, Dublin
_The Contribution of Eric Meyers’ Work to the Study of the Historical Jesus_ (30 min)

Eric Meyers, Duke University, Respondent (25 min)

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**S18-61**

**Early Christian Families Group**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Defining Ancient Families

J. Albert Harrill, Indiana University, Presiding

Morten Hoerning Jensen, University of Aarhus

*Family Life and Family Dwellings in First-Century Rural Galilee* (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Zsuzsanna Varhelyi, Boston University

*Family Values* in the First- and Second-Century Greek East of the Roman Empire (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Mariko Yakiyama, Claremont Graduate University

*The Emergence of Non-Sexual Affection among Married Couples in the Second- and Third-Century Christian Literature* (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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**S18-62**

**Early Jewish Christian Relations Section**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: From Palestine to Syria: Jews, Christians, and Context

Lynn Cohick, Wheaton College, Presiding

Steven Fine, Yeshiva University

*“Israelite”-Christian Relations in Late Antique Palestine: Samaritan, Jewish, and Christian Schools during the Fourth-Sixth Centuries C. E.* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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**S18-63**

**Formation of the Book of Isaiah Group**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyun Chul Paul Kim, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, University of Aberdeen

*A Synchronic or a Diachronic Reading of Isaiah 40-55: Does it Differ?* (30 min)

Matthew R. Schlimm, Duke University

*The Necessity of Newness in Isaiah 65:16b-25: Why the Book of Isaiah Requires a New Creation* (30 min)

Jake Stromberg, Oxford University

*The “Root of Jesse” in Isaiah 11:10: Post-Exilic Judah, or Post-Exilic Davidic King?* (30 min)

Annemarieke van der Woude, Radboud University Nijmegen

*“Is There a Fifth Servant Song?”: On the Anonymity of the Servant in Second Isaiah* (30 min)

Craig D. Bowman, Rochester College

*Yahweh, A Lion against Zion: Isaiah 31:4-5* (30 min)

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**S18-64**

**Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Group**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: The Transformation of Feminist Biblical Studies

Esther Fuchs, University of Arizona

*Gender and Biblical Studies: Recent Theoretical Trends* (20 min)

Judith McKinlay, University of Otago

*Feminist Postcolonialism: Is Stalking Colonial Leopards in the Biblical Texts a Different Approach?* (20 min)

Renate Jost, Augustana University

*Gender and Sexuality in the Book of Judges* (20 min)

Madipoane J. Masenya, University of South Africa

*Making Africa Visible: Re-Reading Some Wisdom Texts the Bosadi Way* (20 min)

Break (10 min)

Roland T. Boer, Monash University

*Marxism and Masculinities* (20 min)

Susanne Scholz, Merrimack College and Dora R. Mbuwayesango, Hood Theological Seminary

*Biblical Feminisms: The Next Generation* (20 min)

Rebecca Raphael, Texas State University-San Marcos

*Whoring after Cripples: On the Intersection of Gender and Disability Imagery in Jeremiah* (20 min)

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**S18-65**

**Hebrew Bible and Political Theory Consultation**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Steven Grosby, Clemson University, Presiding

Rob Barrett, Durham University

*YHWH’s Threats against Israel in Deuteronomy: A Modern Nation-State Analogy* (30 min)

David A. Bosworth, Barry University

*Did King David Read Machiavelli?* (30 min)
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Margaret S. Odell, Saint Olaf College
Consent as Rebellion: Thomas Hobbes's Biblical Critique of Political Consent (30 min)

Aaron Koller, Yeshiva University
Swords into Plowshares and Nations into States: Isaiah 2/Micah 4 in the Contexts of Assyrian Hegemony and Political Theory (30 min)

Taylor D. Halverson, Brigham Young University
Did Northern Israel Collapse because It Failed to Evolve from Charismatic to Bureaucratic Leadership?: Weberian Categories Provide New Views from Old Eyes (30 min)

S18-66

Hellenistic Judaism Section / Josephus Group
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Josephus
Tessa Rajak, University of Reading, Presiding
Fabian Eugene Udoh, University of Notre Dame
Joseph as a Prototype of the Enslaved: Philo (De Iosepho) and Josephus (Antiquities of the Jews 2.39-90) (20 min)

Jason von Ehrenkrook, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Statuses, Space, and the Poetics of Idolatry in Josephus' “Jewish War” (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)
Break (10 min)
Kenneth R. Atkinson, University of Northern Iowa
Queen Salome Alexandra’s Neglected Contributions to Hellenistic Judaism (20 min)

Jan W. van Henten, University of Amsterdam
Herod as Tyrant: Assessing Josephus’ Parallel Passages (20 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)
Everyone is invited to the business meeting at the end of the session to discuss future directions for the Hellenistic Judaism Section.

S18-67

History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Anthropological Approaches to Rabbinic Literature
Natalie Dohrmann, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Jordan D. Rosenblum, Brown University
“One Food”: Early Rabbinic Commensality Regulations and Identity Construction (20 min)

Yair Furstenberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Greco-Roman Religious Concepts in Rabbinic Law: The Case of Idolatry Annulment (20 min)

Matthew A. Kraus, Wright State University
Zechariah's Blood and the Destruction of the Temple: An Anthropological Reading of Lamentations 23 (20 min)

Naftali Cohn, University of Pennsylvania
Constructing the Temple in a Rabbinic Image: A Literary-Anthropological Reading of the Mishnah’s Ritual Narratives (20 min)

Madeline Kochen, University of Michigan Law School
Marcel Mauss and the Study of Talmudic Property Law (20 min)

David Kraemer, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S18-68

History of Interpretation Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Jewish and Christian Exegesis
Laura Lieber, Middlebury College, Presiding
Bogdan Bucur, Marquette University
Wirkungsgeschichte of Matthew 18:10 (25 min)

Phillip Michael Sherman, Maryville College
Babel in Another Voice: Praising the Generation of the Dispersion (25 min)

Robert Williamson, Jr., Emory University
“Falling Down with Open Eyes”: Balaam, Bestiality, and the Impossibility of Gentile Prophecy (25 min)

Kelly Whitcomb, Graduate Theological Union
Your Brother’s Blood Cries Out to Me: A Medieval Rus’ Interpretation of the Cain and Abel Story (25 min)

Mark Gignilliat, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University
Die Zeit der Erwartung: Karl Barth’s Christological Understanding of the Nature and Role of the Old Testament as Christian Scripture (25 min)

S18-69

Israelite Religion in Its West Asian Environment Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Gods and Goddesses of Canaan and Israel
Daniel Belnap, University of Chicago
What’s For Dinner?: Feasting and the Establishment of Order in the Baal Myth (25 min)

Brian Doak, Harvard University
A Re-Evaluation of the Iconographic Motifs of the Ta'anach Cult Stand (25 min)

Shawna Dolansky, Northeastern University
Text and Context: Considerations on the Iconography of Goddesses in Ancient Israel (25 min)
S18-70
John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Reading and Responding to the Apocalypse's Violence
David Barr, Wright State University, Presiding (10 min)
Juan Hernández, Jr., Bethel College
Whitewashing the War-Waging Angels of the Apocalypse (25 min)
Lynn Huber, Elon College
Reading Revelation's Violence in the Visions of Hildegard and Hadewijch (25 min)
Break (10 min)
Judith L. Kovacs, University of Virginia
Opening the Seven Seals: Interpretations Ancient and Modern (25 min)
Laura Copier, University of Amsterdam
"Preposterous Violence": End of Days and Revelation (25 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S18-71
Meals in the Greco-Roman World Seminar
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Rethinking Eucharistic Origins: The Work of Andrew McGowan
Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College, Presiding
Andrew B. McGowan, University of Melbourne
Rethinking Eucharistic Origins (15 min)
This paper has been distributed in advance to seminar members and will be summarized at the beginning of the session. We will reserve time at the end of the session for questions from the floor.

S18-72
National Association of Professors of Hebrew
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Theme: The Hebrew Verb: Advances in Linguistics and Pedagogy
Pamela Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding (10 min)
Barry L. Bandstra, Hope College
Multi-Functionality of the Biblical Hebrew Verb: Theory and Pedagogy (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Naama Zahavi-Ely, College of William and Mary
Teaching the Biblical Hebrew Verb (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
John A. Cook, Eisenbrauns
What's a Subjunctive?: Teaching Verb Modality to Elementary Hebrew Students (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Jeremy Thompson, University of Stellenbosch
Properly "Phrasing" Verbal Instruction in Biblical Hebrew (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Sheri Klouda, Taylor University
The Poetic Verb in Biblical Hebrew: Research, Reflection, and Pedagogy (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S18-73
New Testament Textual Criticism Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Honoring the Work of William L. Petersen
AnneMarie Luijendijk, Princeton University, Presiding
Peter Williams, University of Aberdeen-Scotland, Panelist (30 min)
Ulrich Schmid, Free University, Amsterdam, Panelist (30 min)
Lucas Van Rompay, Duke University, Panelist (30 min)
Bart Ehrman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Panelist (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S18-74
Paleographical Studies in the Ancient Near East Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: New Inscriptions, New Methods, and Reflections on Literacy
Christopher Rollston, Emmanuel School of Religion, Presiding (5 min)
Esther Eshel, Bar Ilan University
The Corpus of Hellenistic Inscriptions from Maresha (30 min)
Ryan Byrne, Rhodes College
Habeas Corpus!: Ossuaries, Palaeography, and Prosopography in the New World Order (30 min)
Christopher A. Rollston, Emmanuel School of Religion
Literacy in Ancient Israel: The Old Hebrew Epigraphic Evidence (30 min)
Aaron Demsky, Bar Ilan University
From Writing Exercise to Literary Composition: The Book of Lamentations (25 min)
## S18-75

**Paul and Scripture Seminar**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Theme: Scripture and Righteousness in Romans  
Mark Given, Missouri State University, Presiding  
Douglas Campbell, Duke University  
*Tit for Tat: A Rhetorical and Apocalyptic Analysis of Paul's Intertextuality in His Justification Texts (10 min)*  
Neil Elliott, Augsburg Fortress Press  
*A Blasphemed among the Nations (10 min)*  
Diana M. Swancutt, Yale University  
*O Dikaios Ek Pistews Zesetai in Intercultural Translation: “Living Justly” as Paul's Jewish Paidea to Roman Greeks (10 min)*  
Discussion (120 min)  
Papers will be summarized, not read. Papers will be available in advance of the meeting at http://www.westmont.edu/~fisk/paulandscripture/Papers.html.

## S18-76

**Pentateuch Section**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Theme: New Perspectives on the Entanglement of Pentateuch and Deuteronomistic History  
Marc Brettler, Brandeis University, Presiding  
Konrad Schmid, University of Zurich  
*The Emergence and Disappearance of the Separation between Pentateuch and Deuteronomistic History in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Studies (30 min)*  
Thomas C. Römer, University of Lausanne  
*How Many Books (teuchs): Pentateuch, Hexateuch, Deuteronomistic History, or Enneateuch? (30 min)*

## S18-77

**Poster Session**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Audrey West, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Presiding  
Robin Branch, Crichton College, Presiding  
John Hull, Bethany College and Katrina Hull, Boston University  
*Laypersons’ Ratings of Passages Attributed to and Not Attributed to Jesus (30 min)*  
Lee Irons, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*Romans 2:13: Is Paul Coherent? (30 min)*  
Pandora L. Patton, University of the Nations Jerusalem  
Pesher Habakkuk: Identities in Formation among the Believing Groups (30 min)

## S18-78

**Qumran Section**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Theme: Qumran Texts and Contexts  
Lawrence H. Schiffman, New York University, Presiding  
Steve Delamarter, George Fox University  
*Refining Sociological Models for Understanding Scribal Practices in the Biblical Dead Sea Scrolls (30 min)*  
Eibert Tigchelaar, Florida State University  
*Reading the Wiles of the Wicked Woman (4Q184 1) in Its Manuscript Context (30 min)*

## S18-79

**Quran and Biblical Literature Section**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Kathryn Kueny, Fordham University, Presiding  
Brannon M. Wheeler, United States Naval Academy  
Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Luther College, University of Regina  
*A Synoptic Tool for Comparison of the Bible and the Qur’an (20 min)*  
Erica Martin, Graduate Theological Union  
Qur’anic Noahs (20 min)  
Nevin El-Tahry, University of Toronto  
The Qur’anic Talut and the Rise of the Ancient Israelite Monarchy: An Intertextual Reading (20 min)  
Discussion (70 min)

## S18-80

**Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Consultation**  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Theme: From Eudocia to Mary Baker Eddy: Female Interpreters from Late Antiquity to the Nineteenth Century  
Nancy Calvert-Koyzis, McMaster University, Presiding  
Brian Sowers, University of Cincinnati  
*Retelling and Misreading Jesus: Eudocia’s Homeric Cento (30 min)*
S18-81
Scripture as Artifact Consultation
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Theme: The Ancient and Early Medieval World
Brian Malley, University of Michigan—Ann Arbor
Text, Artifact, and Meanings (25 min)
Larry W. Hurtado, University of Edinburgh
Early Christian Manuscripts of Biblical Texts as Artifacts (30 min)
Stephen Reed, Jamestown College
Physical and Visual Features of Dead Sea Scroll Scriptural Texts (25 min)
Break (10 min)
Eduard Iricinschi, Princeton University
“A Thousand Books Will Be Saved”: Manichean Manuscripts and Religious Propaganda in the Roman Empire (25 min)
Thomas J. Kraus, Willibald Gluck Gymnasium
“He that Dwelleth in the Help of the Highest”: Septuagint Psalm 90 and the Iconographic Program on Byzantine Armbands (25 min)
Dorina Miller Parmenter, Syracuse University
The Bible as Icon: Myths of the Divine Origins of Scripture (25 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S18-82
Semiotics and Exegesis Section
1:00 PM-2:45 PM
Song-Mi (Suzie) Park, Harvard University
Genesis 30:25-43: Transformation and Demarcation of Jacob’s “Flocks” (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Zeev Elitzur, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Is the Medium the Message?: Developments of the Attitude towards Scripture in Late Antiquity (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Business Meeting (30 min)

S18-83
Social Scientific Criticism of the New Testament Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Social-Cultural Context of the New Testament
Alicia Batten, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding (5 min)
Harry O. Maier, Vancouver School of Theology
“Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Hearts”: Roman Imperial Military Iconography, Moral Transformation, and the Construction of Christian Identity in Colossians (30 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Richard L. Rohrbaugh, Lewis and Clark College
Foreignizing Translation (30 min)

S18-84
Society for Pentecostal Studies
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Charismatic Perspectives on the Hebrew Bible
J. Ayodeji Adewuya, Church of God Theological Seminary, Presiding
Lee Roy Martin, Church of God Theological Seminary
Tongues of Angels, Words of Prophets: Means of Divine Communication in the Book of Judges (50 min)
April Westbrook, Vanguard University of Southern California
“Why Are You Here, Elijah?”: Divine Dialogue as Admission Torah in 1 Kings 19:9–18 (50 min)

S18-85
Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Theme: Wisdom Literature in Egypt and in Israel
Richard Clifford, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Presiding (5 min)
Susan Tower Hollis, SUNY Empire State College
Ancient Egyptian Instructional Literature in Its Social Setting: Instructional Texts and Rites of Passage (40 min)
Richard Parkinson, British Museum
“A Few Fine Words”: The Purpose and Reception of Wisdom Texts in Ancient Egypt (40 min)
Bernd U. Schipper, University of Bremen
In Search of Wisdom: The Wisdom Tradition in the Hebrew Bible in the Light of the Ancient Near East (40 min)
Michael V. Fox, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Amenemope in Israel (40 min)
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### S18-86

**Writings from the Ancient World Editorial Board Meeting**
3:00 PM-4:30 PM

### S18-101

**Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section**
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Sandra Gravett, Appalachian State University, Presiding
Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Luther College, University of Regina
**Teaching with the Bible in One Hand and the Qur'an in the Other (35 min)**
Arnold Betz, Doane College
**The Sensory Safari and the Ethics of Reading (35 min)**

### S18-103

**Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics Group**
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: *Theory and Practice*
Jeffrey Kuan, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Rajkumar Boaz Johnson, North Park University Theological Seminary
**Use of the Old Testament in Indian Christian Theology with Focus on Some Recent Trends (30 min)**
Surekha John Nelahala, Drew University
**Autobiography as a Method and Motif: Towards Dalit Feminist Hermeneutics (30 min)**
Thanh V. Nguyen, Catholic Theological Union
**Reading “The Friend at Midnight” (Luke 11:5–8) from an Asian Perspective (30 min)**

### S18-104

**Assessing the Legacy of Robert W. Funk**
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Andrew Scrimgeour, Drew University, Presiding
Kent Richards, Society of Biblical Literature
**Introduction (5 min)**
Lane McLaughlin, Willamette University
**Greek Grammar (20 min)**
James Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
**Hermeneutics (20 min)**
Bernard Brandon Scott, Phillips Theological Seminary
**Parables (20 min)**
John Dominic Crossan, DePaul University
**Historical Jesus (20 min)**

### S18-105

**Bible and Cultural Studies Section**
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: *Borderland Readings*
Jason Coker, Drew University, Presiding
Leticia A. Guardiola-Saenz, Drew University
**A Cultural Reading of the Prologue of John: Race, Hybridity, and Interdependency (25 min)**
Gregory Cuellar, Texas A&M University
**The Vision of Exile in Second Isaiah and Mexican Immigrant Corridos (25 min)**
Discussion (20 min)
Athena E. Gorospe, Asian Theological Seminary
**From Marginality to Liminality: Moses’ Reverse Migration and the “Journey of Achievement” of Filipino Migrants (25 min)**
Robert D. Maldonado, California State University-Fresno
**Rais/zing Walls on la Frontera: Is there No Sin in Malintzin or a Bomb in Gilead? (25 min)**
Discussion (30 min)

### S18-106

**Bible and Visual Art Section**
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: *Text and Image/Faith and Unfaith*
Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding
Harris Lenowitz, University of Utah
**Contributions of Hebrew Script to Reading Artworks (30 min)**
Alice M. Sinnott, University of Auckland  
Colin McCahon's Biblical Interpretations (30 min)

Debra Band, Honeybee in the Garden, LLC  
I Will Wake the Dawn: Crafting a Visual Interpretation of Psalms (30 min)

John Harvey, University of Wales  
Visual Blasphemy: Definitions and Defamations (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

For more information about the Bible and Visual Art Section, see our web site at http://filebox.vt.edu/users/malbon/BibleandVisualArt/index.html.

S18-107
Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory Consultation  
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Myth and History
Susan Ackerman, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Marvin A. Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology  
Myth and History in Ezekiel's Oracle Concerning Tyre (Ezekiel 26-28) (30 min)

Herbert Basser, Queen's University  
Ancient Interpretations of the Mythic Structures of Sacred History (30 min)

James E. Miller, Madison, WI  
Classical Greek Demythologizing (30 min)

Kune Biezeveld, Leiden University  
Beyond the Dichotomy between Myth and History (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)
Business Meeting (15 min)

S18-108
Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section  
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: The Poetics of Israel's Cry to the Lord
Carol J. Dempsey, University of Portland, Presiding
Mark J. Boda, McMaster University

“Uttering Precious Rather than Worthless Words”: Divine Patience and Impatience with Lament in the Prophetic Corpus (25 min)

LeAnn Snow Flesher, American Baptist Seminary of the West at the Graduate Theological Union  
Prayers of Lamentation in the Proto- and Apocalyptic Literature of the Hebrew Bible (25 min)

Joshua Berman, Bar Ilan University  
Lamentations 1 as the Drama of Spiritual Rehabilitation (25 min)

Andrew Davies, Mattersey Hall  
My God ... Why?: Criticising the Actions and Inaction of God in the Psalms (25 min)

Hee Suk Kim, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
A Critique against the Lord?: Reading Psalm 80 in the Context of Vindication (25 min)

Jason Radine, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
Hear this Word that I Take up over You in Lamentation (Amos 5:1): Lamentation Themes in the Book of Amos (25 min)

“Across” or “By” the Jordan: Biblical Criticism from a Geographer’s Viewpoint (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)
Megan Bishop Moore, Wake Forest University  
The Archaeology of the Ancient Near East: Israel as a Case Study? (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

S18-110
Biblical Law Section  
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: The Law in Deuteronomy
Cheryl Anderson, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

William S. Morrow, Queen's Theological College  
“To Set the Name” in the Deuteronomic Centralization Formula: Assyrian Borrowing or Native Development? (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Break (10 min)

Diana Lipton, King's College London  
Terms of Endearment: A (Very) Fresh Look at Biblical Law (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Peter Zaas, Siena College  
Matthew's Birth Story: An Early Milepost in the History of Jewish Marriage Law (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Papers for the open session will be read partially or fully with 20-25 minutes to allow for at least 10 minutes of discussion. Copies of the full papers are available in advance of the meeting (from October 15) through the Biblical Law section's website: www.biblicallaw.org. (The abstracts of the papers will be available on the website beginning in April.)
**S18-111**

**Biblical Lexicography Section**  
4:00 PM–6:30 PM  
Theme: Issues in Lexicography: Evidence from Later Sources  
James Aitken, University of Cambridge, Presiding  
Greek Lexicography (25 min)  
Cameron Boyd-Taylor, University of Cambridge  
Evidence from the Margins (25 min)  
Julia Krivoruchko, University of Cambridge  
Judeo-Greek Biblical Glossaries as Lexicographical Sources (25 min)  
John A. L. Lee, Macquarie University-Sydney  
The First Lexicon of the New Testament (1514): Sources and Methodology (25 min)  
David A. Lambert, Yale University  
The Semantics of Voluntarism at Qumran and in the Bible (25 min)  
Al Wolters, Redeemer University College  
The Meaning of Tsanterot (Zechariah 4:12) (25 min)

**S18-113**

**Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti Consultation**  
4:00 PM–6:30 PM  
Christopher Mount, DePaul University, Presiding  
Donald Dale Walker, University of Wyoming  
Second Sophistic and the Epistle of Jude (20 min)  
Trevor Thompson, University of Chicago  
“This Book Has Been Forged!”: Interpolation, Mutilation, and Forgery in the Transmission and Publication of the Hippocratic Corpus and the Works of Galen (20 min)  
Katherine Veach, Vanderbilt University  
A Happy Tragedy: Luke’s Jericho Exchange as a Retelling of Euripides’ Bacchae (20 min)  
Mary Ann Tolbert, Pacific School of Religion, Panelist (17 min)  
Ernest M. Ezeogu, Spiritan International School of Theology, Nigeria, Panelist (17 min)  
Robert Tannehill, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Panelist (17 min)  
Wai Ching Wong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Panelist (17 min)  
R. S. Sugirtharajah, University of Birmingham, Respondent (17 min)  
Fernando Segovia, Vanderbilt University, Respondent (17 min)  
Discussion (31 min)

**S18-114**

**Deuteronomistic History Section**  
4:00 PM–6:30 PM  
Theme: Redaction of the Book of Kings  
A. Graeme Auld, University of Edinburgh, Presiding  
Philipppe Hugo, University of Fribourg  
Text History as a Research Tool on Literary Development in the Books of Kings: The Case of 1 Kings 17-19 in the Masoretic Text and Septuagint (10 min)  
Francesca Stavrakopoulou, University of Exeter  
Ideological Dynamics in Kings: Identity and Religious Practice (10 min)  
Dagmar Pruin, Humboldt University  
Mapping the Simultaneity of Randomness: Announcement and Fulfilment in the Narratives about the Omride Dynasty (10 min)  
Jeffrey C. Geoghegan, Boston College  
The Preexilic Redaction of Kings and Priestly Authority in Jerusalem (10 min)  
Michael Pietsch, University of Hamburg  
Prophetess of Doom: Hermeneutical Reflections on the Huldah Oracle (2 Kings 22) (10 min)  
Klaus-Peter Adam, University of Marburg  
“Break your Treaty…!”: Implicit Judgements in the Sources of the Book of Kings (10 min)  
Discussion (90 min)

**S18-115**

**Early Jewish Christian Relations Section**  
4:00 PM–6:30 PM  
Theme: Texting the Jew: Reading “Judaism” in “Christian” Texts  
Tim Horner, Villanova University, Presiding  
Will Rutherford, Villanova University  
Becoming Christian in Asia Minor: Reimagining the Role of “Judaism” in Shaping “Christian” Identity at Philadelphia and Magnesia (20 min)  
Nicole Wilkinson Duran, Villanova University, Panelist (17 min)  
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, Panelist (17 min)  
Mary Ann Tolbert, Pacific School of Religion, Panelist (17 min)  
Ernest M. Ezeogu, Spiritan International School of Theology, Nigeria, Panelist (17 min)  
Robert Tannehill, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Panelist (17 min)  
Wai Ching Wong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Panelist (17 min)  
R. S. Sugirtharajah, University of Birmingham, Respondent (17 min)  
Fernando Segovia, Vanderbilt University, Respondent (17 min)  
Discussion (31 min)
Megan Nutzman, University of Chicago
Mary in the Temple: A New Look at Jewish Women in the Protevangelium of James (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

Claire Clivaz, University of Lausanne
"Only It Was Never Said by Christ, 'And the Angel, which Spoke within Me, Said unto Me"': Forgotten Perception of Jesus (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

Susanna Drake, Duke University
Sexing the Jew: How Origen Reads Jewishness (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

Richard A. Layton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The "Jews" in Origen's Commentary on John and the Homilies on John of John Chrysostom (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

Robert Williamson, Jr., Emory University
“Set Me as a Seal upon Your Heart”: Divinity and Femininity in Jewish Interpretation of the Song of Songs (30 min)

S18-117
God in Public?
4:00 PM-5:00 PM
N. T. Wright, Durham Cathedral
God in Public? The Bible and Politics in Tomorrow's World (45 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S18-118
Greco-Roman Religions Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Mythmaking, Fictionalising, Entextualizing: Creative Moments in Graeco-Roman Religious Reality
James Hanges, Miami University, Presiding
Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa
Myth, Fiction, Text: Reading "Religion" between the Lines (15 min)
Nancy A. Evans, Wheaton College
From Mad Ritual to Philosophical Inquiry: Ancient and Modern Fictions of Continuity and Discontinuity (15 min)
Tennyson Wellman, University of Pennsylvania
Paradise or Akoe?: Or, Making a Tradition of an Ass (15 min)
Gail Evelyn Armstrong, Brown University
Sacrificial Iconography: Creating History, Making Myth, and Negotiating Ideology on the Ara Pacis (15 min)
Pieter J. J. Botha, University of South Africa
The Quotidian of Mythology: Aspects of Place and Visual Environment in Redescribing Greco-Roman Antiquity (15 min)
Daniel Ullucci, Brown University
Before Animal Sacrifice: A Myth of Innocence (15 min)
Willi Braun, University of Alberta, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (45 min)
Papers will only be summarized. They will be available beforehand electronically from 15 October 2007 at either http://post.queensu.ca/~rsa or http://www.unisa.ac.za or http://vandenhevers.users.lantic.net or can be requested from Gerhard van den Heever at vandenhevers@lantic.net or vdeega@unisa.ac.za. It is strongly recommended that colleagues interested in the discussion download the papers before the Annual Meeting.

S18-119
Historical Jesus Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Rene A. Baergen, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto
Jesus "By the Sea": Galilean Regionalism and the Historical Jesus (30 min)

Tobias Hagerland, Goteborg University
Blasphemy or Prophecy?: Assessing the Historicity of Mark 2:6–7 (30 min)

Suzanne Watts Henderson, Salem College
The Messianic Community: The Mission of Jesus as Collective Christology (30 min)

Thomas Kazen, Stockholm School of Theology
Scripture, Interpretation, or Authority?: Tracing the Motives in Jesus’ Conflicts on Legal Issues (30 min)

Halvor Moxnes, University of Oslo
Shifting Paradigms in Historical Jesus Research: From Unique Personality to Charismatic Movement (30 min)

S18-120
Israelite Prophetic Literature Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Intertextuality in the Israelite Prophets
Stuart Lasine, Wichita State University, Presiding

Christopher B. Hays, Emory University
Prophecy, Intertextuality, and the Comparative Method (35 min)
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Jeremy Smoak, University of California-Los Angeles
Building Houses and Planting Vineyards: The Late Inner-Biblical Discourse of an Ancient Israelite Wartime Curse (35 min)

Douglas Watson, Emory University
Beyond the Marriage Metaphor: Jeremiah’s Use of Hosea (35 min)

Shawn Zelig Aster, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Isaiah 2:2–4 and Micah 4:1–5: The Vision of the End of Days as a Reaction to Assyrian Power (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S18-121

Israelite Religion in Its West Asian Environment Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Between Human and Divine
Jonathan Greer, Pennsylvania State University
Drinking the Dregs of the Divine: Neo-Assyrian Libation Rituals and Israelite Religion (25 min)

Nili S. Fox, Hebrew Union College
Divine Design, Tattooed Images: The Prohibition of Leviticus 19:28 and Beyond (25 min)

Anne Marie Kitz, Kenrick School of Theology
Cursing, “Leprosy,” and the Wrath of Yahweh (25 min)

Theodore J. Lewis, Johns Hopkins University
The Effective Power of Words: Incantations in Ancient Israel (25 min)

Robert S. Kawashima, University of Florida
“You Shall Love the Lord Your God”: On the Interpellation of the Ancient Israelite Subject (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S18-122

Making the Text Speak to the Future
4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Robert Hodgson, American Bible Societies, Presiding
Anthony Pym, Universitat Rovira i Virgili
Bible Translation and the Philosophy of Dialogue: Making the Text Speak to the Future (45 min)

S18-123

Midrash Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Nehemia Polen, Hebrew College
Derashah as Performative Exegesis in Tosefta and Mishna (25 min)

Alex P. Jassen, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
The Origins of the Flood in Second Temple and Rabbinic Interpretation (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Eszter K. Fuzessy, University of Chicago
“Dialogues between Sages and Outsiders to the Tradition”: Creation of Difference as a Literary Method of Religious Polemics in Rabbinic Literature (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S18-124

National Association of Professors of Hebrew
4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Theme: Assessing Proficiency in Biblical Hebrew
Helene Dallaire, Denver Seminary, Presiding (5 min)

Jennifer Quast, Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion
Defining Proficiency in Biblical Hebrew (30 min)

Donald R. Vance, Oral Roberts University
The Role of Institutional Objectives in Evaluating Proficiency in Classical Hebrew: Two Case Studies (30 min)

Miles V. Van Pelt, Reformed Theological Seminary
Assessing Proficiency in Biblical Hebrew: Seminary and the Pastor (30 min)

Discussion (40 min)

S18-125

New Testament Textual Criticism Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Memorial Session in Honor of Bruce Metzger
Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Bart Ehrman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Panelist (25 min)

Gordon Fee, Regent College, Panelist (25 min)

Michael Holmes, Bethel University, Panelist (25 min)

J. M. Roberts, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (25 min)

Harold Scanlin, United Bible Societies, Panelist (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)
### S18-126

**Panel Discussion of Border Crossings: Cross-cultural Hermeneutics. Essays presented in Honor of R. S. Sugirtharajah (Orbis, 2007), ed. by D. N. Premnath**

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Devadasan N. Premnath, St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, Presiding (10 min)

Norman Gottwald, Pacific School of Religion, Panelist (15 min)

Daniel Smith-Christopher, Loyola Marymount University, Panelist (15 min)

Stephen B. Reid, Bethany Theological Seminary, Panelist (15 min)

Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University, Panelist (15 min)

Elaine Wainwright, University of Auckland, Panelist (15 min)

Response by Volume Contributors (30 min)

Discussion (35 min)

### S18-127

**Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds Group**

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

David Martinez, University of Chicago, Presiding

Don Barker, Macquarie University-Sydney

*How Big and How Old is Papyrus Oxyrhynchus 1353?* (30 min)

Peter Arzt-Grabner, Universitaet Salzburg

"I Was Intending to Visit You, but ...": Clauses Explaining Delayed Visits and Their Importance in Papyrus Letters and in Paul (30 min)

Annette Bourland Huizenga, University of Chicago

*Advice to the Bride: Moral Exhortation for Young Wives in Two Ancient Letters* (30 min)

### S18-128

**Philo of Alexandria Group**

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

**Theme: Philo in Context**

Hindy Najman, University of Toronto, Presiding

Julia Annas, University of Arizona

*Philo and Plato's Laws* (35 min)

Robert A. Kraft, University of Pennsylvania

*Looking for Philo's Abraham in All the Wrong Places* (35 min)

Allen Kerkeslager, Saint Joseph's University

*Rome as an Alternative to Alexandria in the Early Transmission of Philo's Works and Philonism* (35 min)

C. T. Robert Hayward, University of Durham

*Philo, Jerome, and Jewish Exegesis of Genesis 49:14–15* (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

### S18-129

**Prophetic Texts and Their Ancient Contexts Group**

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

**Theme: Constructs of Prophecy in the Latter Prophets and in Daniel**

Martti Nissinen, University of Helsinki, Presiding

Jill Middlemas, University of Oxford

*The Shape of Things to Come?: Editorial Strategies in the Early Persian Period* (30 min)

Christoph Levin, University of Münich

*Zephaniah: How this Book Became Prophecy* (30 min)

David L. Petersen, Emory University

*Israel and the Nations in the Later Latter Prophets* (30 min)

Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, University of Aberdeen

*Ezekiel the Man, the Prophet, the Priest, and the Watchman* (30 min)

Lester L. Grabbe, University of Hull

*Daniel: Sage, Seer... and Prophet?* (30 min)

### S18-130

**Psychology and Biblical Studies Section**

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

**Theme: The Aha! of a Ha!: Psychological Insights into Biblical Humor**

Matthew Goff, Florida State University, Presiding (5 min)

Howard R. Macy, George Fox University

*Psychological Roots of the Bible's Humor* (20 min)

Jesper Svartvik, Lund University

"Those Who Passed by Derided Him": *Scornful Laughter as a Moral Criterion* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Adrien J. Bledstein, Chicago, IL

*Laughter in the Book of Job?* (20 min)

Michael Willett Newheart, Howard University

*Cleaning the Lepered Skins: A Pun-Filled Perspective on Luke 17:11–19* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

J. Harold Ellens, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Papers for this session will be available at the PsyBibs website, [http://psybibs.org](http://psybibs.org).

### S18-131

**Q Section**

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Harry Fleddermann, Alverno College, Presiding (5 min)

Yair Furstenberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*The Rhetoric of Anti-Pharisaic Polemics: The Form of Q Woe-Sayings in Light of a Parallel Dispute* (25 min)

Joseph Verheyden, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

*The Judgement of Israel in Q* (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Raimo Hakola, University of Helsinki

*The Q People and Burdens Hard to Bear: Polemic against the Pharisees and the Lawyers in Q 11:39–52* (25 min)
SUNDAY EVENING

Ken Olson, Duke University
The Mechanics of Composition on the Two Document Hypothesis and Farrer Theories: Similarities and Differences (25 min)

Steve Black, Toronto School of Theology

Discussion (10 min)

S18-132

Qumran Section
4:00 PM-6:00 PM
Theme: The Dead Sea Scrolls at Sixty: The San Diego Natural History Museum Exhibition
Esther Chazon, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Presiding (15 min)
Moshe J. Bernstein, Yeshiva University
Three Ways of Interpreting the Bible at Qumran (35 min)
James C. VanderKam, University of Notre Dame
In Those Days (35 min)
Carol Newsom, Emory University
Communion with the Angels at Qumran (35 min)

S18-133

Quran and Biblical Literature Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Approaches to Biblical Genealogy in Muslim Societies
John Kaltner, Rhodes College, Presiding
Arnold Franklin, Hunter College
Sharif of the Jews: The Importance of Davidic Ancestry in the Medieval Islamic World (20 min)

Carol Bakhos, Princeton University
Ishmael’s Genealogy in Judaism and Islam (20 min)

Sarah Savant, Aga Khan University
Genealogical Representation amidst Iran’s Conversion to Islam (20 min)

Zoltan Szombathy, Eotvos Lorand University
Ham and His Offspring: The Genealogies of Africans in Muslim Cultures (20 min)

Discussion (70 min)

S18-134

Reading, Theory and the Bible Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Bible Bending
Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, Presiding
Michelle Krejci, University of Sheffield
Bible Bending: Examining the Hows and Whys of Biblical Rhetoric (30 min)

Caroline Vander Stichele, University of Amsterdam
Read It as a Woman, Write It Like a Man: Gender and the Production of Knowledge (30 min)

Adam Kotsko, Chicago Theological Seminary
Philosophical Reading beyond Paul: Jean-Luc Nancy on the Epistle of James (30 min)

Jan William Tarlin, Capital University
The Voice of the Infinite Circle: The Vanishing Subject of the Elijah Cycle (30 min)

Charles Rix, Drew University
Moses and YHWH: Suffering Faces of a Text in Pain (30 min)

Stephen L. Cook, Virginia Theological Seminary
Interpreting Sacrifice and Atonement in the Scriptures of Reverence (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Ayse Tuzlak, University of Calgary
The Primordial Cloth and the Civilized Ox: Sacrifice and Labour in the Pentateuch (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Mark F. Whitters, Eastern Michigan University
“You Are What You Wear”: The Dress and Identity of Jesus as High Priest in John’s Apocalypse (25 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S18-136

Synoptic Gospels Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Empire and Post Colonial Hermeneutics
Shawn Kelley, Daemen College, Presiding
Warren Carter, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
Matthew and Empire (30 min)

Stephen D. Moore, Drew University
An SS Officer at the Foot of the Cross?: Mark, Empire, and Judaism (30 min)

Laura S. Nasrallah, Harvard University Divinity School
Luke-Acts and the Empire of God (30 min)

Sze-Kar Wan, Andover Newton Theological School, Respondent (15 min)

Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)
S18-137
Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Ezekiel and Its Reception History
Tamar Kamionkowski, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Presiding (5 min)
Robert A. Harris, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
The Reception of Ezekiel among Twelfth-Century Northern French Rabbinic Exegetes (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Andrew Mein, Westcott House
Ezekiel’s Women in Christian Interpretation (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Michael Lieb, University of Illinois at Chicago
“Above Top Secret”: The Prophecy of Ezekiel, the Nation of Islam, and the Advent of the “Mother Plane” (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S18-138
Wisdom and Apocalypticism in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Robert Doran, Amherst College, Presiding
Benjamin Wright, Lehigh University, Panelist (20 min)
Catherine Murphy, Santa Clara University, Panelist (20 min)
Werner Kelber, Rice University, Panelist (20 min)
George Nickelsburg, University of Iowa, Panelist (20 min)
Break (5 min)
Richard Horsley, University of Massachusetts Boston, Respondent (25 min)
Discussion (40 min)

S18-139
The Media, Scholars and Sensational Finds
4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Jonathan Reed, University of La Verne, Panelist
Eric Meyers, Duke University, Panelist
James Barat, Film Director, Panelist
Ross Kraemer, Brown University, Panelist

S18-140
Writings from the Greco-Roman World Editorial Board Meeting
4:30 PM-6:00 PM

S18-141 (=A18-300)
The Tenure Book(s): How to Strategize Your Publications to Increase Your Chances of Tenure and Promotion
4:30 PM-6:30 PM
In the good old days, tenure was a given if you pumped out a few well-received articles. Now, the expectation is sometimes for junior scholars to write two books and several articles, all of which need to make an impact in their field and be timed appropriately to help their tenure bids. As the bar is raised ever higher, how can junior faculty strategize their publications to further the goal of tenure? In this session, scholars from three different types of institutions will speak to the tenure expectations in their schools, while two editors from university presses will discuss the changing demands for the scholarly book in the marketplace. Questions addressed will include the following: How have scholarly expectations changed about the number and nature of pre-tenure publications? Do I need to publish a second book, and what does the second book have to be? How is it possible to publish two highly academic books when many prestigious university presses are seeking to acquire commercially appealing books over limited-audience scholarly monographs? How should I time my tenure book (or books) for maximum impact? How much is a revered university press imprimatur worth in getting tenure? Does an edited anthology count toward tenure? As always for the PW session, forty-five minutes will be allotted for audience questions.
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Jana Riess, Publishers’ Weekly, Presiding
Lauren Winner, Duke University, Panelist
David Weaver-Zercher, Messiah College, Panelist
Henry Carrigan, Northwestern University Press, Panelist
Sharmila Sen, Harvard University Press, Panelist

Tour (=A18-301)
Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at San Diego Natural History Museum
4:45 PM-8:00 PM
Separate registration required. See our website at www.sbl-site.org/pdf/dsstourform.pdf.

S18-142 (=A18-326)
Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East Section
5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Hermeneutics and Pastoral Theologies of Disability
Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Kerry Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University, Panelist (15 min)
F. Rachel Magdalene, Augustana College, Panelist (15 min)
SUNDAY EVENING

S18-143

Book Review: *Celebrating the Torah: A Women’s Commentary* (URJ Press, 2007), ed. by Tamara Cohn Eskenazi and Andrea Weiss

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Tamara Eskenazi, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (California Branch), Presiding
Andrea Weiss, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (New York Branch), Panelist
Carol Meyers, Duke University, Panelist
Judith R. Baskin, University of Oregon, Panelist
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College, Panelist
Sue Levi Elwell, Union for Reform Judaism, Panelist
Hara Person, URJ Press, Panelist
Edward Greenstein, Bar Ilan University, Respondent
Carole Newsom, Emory University, Respondent
Discussion

S18-144

Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

John Fitzgerald, University of Miami, Presiding
Walter Scheidel, Stanford University
*The Ancient Economy Since Moses Finley* (40 min)

S18-145

Ideological Criticism Section

7:00 PM-9:30 PM

“Trading the Future” is a video essay or hybrid documentary by B. H. Yael that questions the inevitability of apocalypse and its repercussions on environmental urgencies. Starting with a personal account addressing the Christian narrative for the end of times, the video draws connections to Jewish and secular apocalypticism and questions our ready acceptance of a cataclysmic end. The video also challenges the philosophical and practical underpinnings of science and progress, the market place, and the symbolic of death while proposing possible alternatives in activism, biodiversity, and the idea of natality.

*Documentary: “Trading the Future” by B. H. Yael*

Janet Ross, McMaster University, Presiding
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Panelist
Lee Quinby, City University of New York, Panelist
B. H. Yael, Ontario College of Art and Design, Respondent
Break (10 min)
Film Viewing (60 min)

S18-146

International Members Reception

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

John Ashton, Oxford, UK
The Concept of “Mystery” in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Fourth Gospel

George J. Brooke, University of Manchester
*The Scrolls and the Luke/John Overlaps*

Brian Capper, Canterbury Christ Church University
*John, Qumran, and Virtuoso Religion*

Jorg Frey, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität
*The Spirit-Paraclete in John: Qumran Parallels and Early Christian Background and Theological Function*

Hannah K. Harrington, Patten University
*Purification in John in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls*

Loren Stuckenbruck, Durham University
*Prayer for One’s Descendants and Jesus’ Prayer in John 17*

S18-147

John, Jesus, and History Group / Johannine Literature Section

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Theme: John and Qumran: Sixty Years of Discovery and Dialogue

Mary Coloe, Australian Catholic University, Presiding
Paul N. Anderson, George Fox University
*John and Qumran: Discovery and Interpretation over Sixty Years* (20 min)

James H. Charlesworth, Princeton Theological Seminary
*To What Extent and Through What Means Have Qumran Unique Terms and Concepts Influenced the Johannine Community?* (20 min)

Eileen Schuller, McMaster University
*Reflections on John and Qumran* (20 min)

Discussion (60 min)

John Ashton, Oxford, UK
*John, Qumran, and Virtuoso Religion*

Jorg Frey, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität
*The Spirit-Paraclete in John: Qumran Parallels and Early Christian Background and Theological Function*

Hannah K. Harrington, Patten University
*Purification in John in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls*

Loren Stuckenbruck, Durham University
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S18-148
Panel Discussion of A People’s History of Christianity series (Fortress Press, 2006-2007)
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Denis R. Janz, Loyola University of New Orleans, Presiding
Richard Horsley, University of Massachusetts, Panelist
Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University, Panelist
Mary Farrell Bednarowski, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Panelist
Discussion (25 min)
Michael Williams, University of Washington
Summation of Discussion (10 min)
Books by Panelists:
N.T. Wright, Judas and the Gospel of Jesus: Have We Missed the Truth about Christianity? (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006).

S18-149
Retired Members Reception
7:00 PM-8:00 PM

S18-150
Books on the Gospel of Judas: An Evening with the Authors
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Michael Williams, University of Washington, Presiding
Marvin Meyer, Chapman University, Panelist (5 min)
Gregor Wurst, University of Augsburg, Panelist (5 min)
Bart Ehrman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Panelist (5 min)
James Robinson, Claremont Graduate University, Panelist (5 min)
N. T. Wright, Durham Cathedral, Panelist (5 min)
Gerd Luedemann, Georg-August-Universität, Panelist (5 min)
Elaine Pagels, Princeton University, Panelist (5 min)
Karen King, Harvard University, Panelist (5 min)
Stanley Porter, McMaster Divinity College, Panelist (5 min)
Simon Gathercole, University of Cambridge, Panelist (5 min)
April DeConick, Rice University, Panelist (5 min)
Discussion (25 min)
Michael Williams, University of Washington
Summation of Discussion (10 min)
Books by Panelists:
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

S19-1
SBL Women Members’ Breakfast, Hosted by CSWP
7:00 AM-9:00 AM
Come Luddites! Come Geeks! Meet other women scholars and teachers and share informal conversation about the challenges and opportunities of what has become a pervasive aspect of both teaching and scholarly presentation. Find a flagged table where you can discuss such topics as blogging, threaded discussions, art on the web, powerpoint, distance learning, or technology-enhanced presentations. Or just come to meet your friends, your mentors, or our travel grant recipients. Make sure you bring your business cards or address labels to share. A continental breakfast is provided. All women members of the SBL are invited.
During the breakfast Sharon H. Ringe will be honored for her role as mentor. Theme: Technology and the Profession
Claudia Camp, Texas Christian University, Presiding

S19-2
SBL Book Series Editors Meeting
8:00 AM-9:00 AM

S19-3
African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Transgressing Boundaries
Wilda Gafney, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Presiding
Stacy Davis, Saint Mary’s College
Assimilation 101?: The Curse of Canaan and Nella Larsen’s Passing (30 min)
Robert Wafawanaka, Virginia Union University
Crossing Boundaries: The Exile of the Jews as a Formation Paradigm (30 min)
MONDAY MORNING

A. J. Evans, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University
African-American Intra-Community Social Justice: A Reading of Nehemiah 5:1–13 (30 min)

Theodore Burgh, University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Is God Funky or What? (30 min)

Love L. Sechrest, Fuller Theological Seminary
Race Traitor and Anti-Semite?: Paul and the Jewishness of Jesus in 2 Corinthians 5:16–17 (30 min)

S19-4
Assyriology and the Bible Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
In the Wake of the Goddesses: Women, Culture and the Biblical Transformation of Pagan Myth was among the first sustained attempts to negotiate the manifold roles of Sumerian and Assyro-Babylonian goddesses and their (non)counterparts in the biblical tradition; it continues to be widely cited to this day. Papers in two sessions (one open, one by invitation) will address gender and divinity in Mesopotamia and the Bible in conversation with the work of the late Tikva Frymer-Kensky (1943–2006), including such topics as mother-goddesses, sex-goddesses, goddesses and state-sponsored cultus, Yahwism and gender, gender-equality in the Bible, Asherah, the arts of civilization as mediated by women and goddesses, woman as metaphor in the Bible, and sexuality as the unfinished task of monotheism.

Theme: The Legacy of Tikva Frymer-Kensky
Steven Holloway, American Theological Library Association, Presiding
Meira Kensky, University of Chicago
In the Wake of my Mother (15 min)

S19-5
Best Practices in Teaching Workshop
9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Theme: Teaching the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Introduction Course
David Baker, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)
Anathea Portier-Young, Duke University, Panelist (15 min)
Carleen Mandolfo, Colby College, Panelist (15 min)
Sam Meier, Ohio State University, Panelist (15 min)
John Walton, Wheaton College, Panelist (15 min)
Discussion (25 min)
Four experienced teachers from a variety of institutional settings will share syllabi, goals, classroom strategies, teaching tips, etc. Packets of material will be distributed.

S19-6
Bible in Ancient and Modern Media Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
This session will examine the implications of performance for how we engage the biblical text. First-Century Mediterranean culture was primarily oral; as a result, written texts would have been experienced by the majority of people as oral performance. This invites reflection on how the experience and interpretation of orally performed text differs from the experience and interpretation of written text. In this session, professional storyteller Pam Faro (M.Div. Iliff, specializing in cross-cultural storytelling) will perform a major section from the Gospel of Mark. Panelists will consider, e.g., how the structure of the text informs performance, what elements are necessary to make performance an act of communication, how the interaction between performer and audience impact performance, how performance alters our experience of text [for further information see articles by David Rhoads posted at academic.she. edu/btb/vol36/btb06.html]. This will be followed by a general discussion of the implications of performance criticism for exegesis of the biblical text.

Theme: Performance Criticism
Kristin Zingler, Harvard University, Presiding
Pam Faro, Storyteller
Performance of the Gospel of Mark (60 min)
S19-7
Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
LeAnn Snow Flesher, American Baptist Seminary at the Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Naama Zahavi-Ely, College of William and Mary
The Poetics of Vocabulary and Morphology in Biblical Hebrew Poetry (25 min)
John J. Schmitt, Marquette University
What if Israel never Became a Woman? (25 min)
Paul R. Raabe, Concordia Seminary
Puzzling over Prophetic Poetry: Isaiah 18 (25 min)
David T. Tsumura, Japan Bible Seminary
Vertical Grammar of Parallelism in Hebrew and Ugaritic Poetry (25 min)
Kevin Chau, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Untangling Metaphors and Text-Critical Problems in Jeremiah 6:27–30 (25 min)
Jennifer Pfenniger, University of Toronto
The Art of Beholding: Song of Songs According to Lexical Recurrences within the Hebrew Text (25 min)
Avraham Faust, Bar Ilan University
The Extent and Intensity of Sennacherib’s Campaign to Judah (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Jonathan Kaplan, Harvard University
The Mesha Inscription and Iron Age II Water Systems: A Revised Proposal (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Brad Crowell, University of Toledo
Was there Wisdom in Edom? (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Harold Betton, New Light Baptist Church
Postexilic Judaism and a Silent Persian Crown: Did the Satrapy System Usurp the Judean-State Dilemma in the Post-Nehemiah 12 Period (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S19-8
Biblical Lands and Peoples in Archaeology and Text Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Ann E. Killebrew, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding
Nathan MacDonald, University of St. Andrews-Scotland
Feasting Fit for a King: The Role of Feasting in the Development of the Israelite Monarchy (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Amir Eitan, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
The Rise of “Israel”: Common Denominator of “Mixed Multitude” (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Saul M. Olyan, Brown University
Disability in the Prophetic Utopian Vision (25 min)
Stephen L. Cook, Virginia Theological Seminary
Incapacity and Submergence in Ezekiel 24:15-27: The Death of Ezekiel’s Wife and His Release from Speechlessness (25 min)
Martin C. Albl, Presentation College
“For Whenever I am Weak then I am Strong”: Paul’s Letters and Disability Studies (25 min)

S19-9
Christian Theology and the Bible Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Calvin and the Bible
Russell Reno, Creighton University, Presiding (10 min)
Donald McKim, Germantown, TN, Panelist (15 min)
R. Holder, Saint Anselm College, Panelist (15 min)
David Steinmetz, Chapel Hill, NC, Panelist (15 min)
Randall Zachman, University of Notre Dame, Panelist (15 min)
Barbara Pitkin, Stanford University, Panelist (15 min)
Discussion (45 min)

S19-10
Construction of Christian Identities Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Non-Canonical Texts and the Birth of Christianity
Mauro Pesce, University of Bologna, Presiding (5 min)
Luigi Walt, University of Bologna
A Non-Canonical Jesus in Paul? (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Brent C. Landau, Harvard University
The Unknown Apostle: A Pauline Agraphon in Clement of Alexandria’s Stromateis (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Benjamin Dunning, Fordham University
“Liken Yourselves to Strangers”: Debating Outsider Identity in the Apocryphon of James (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
David Creech, Loyola University of Chicago
Not as Moses Said: Identity Formation through the Rejection of Scripture (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S19-11
Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Disability in the Prophets and Early Christian Texts
Jeremy Schipper, Siena College, Presiding
Saul M. Olyan, Brown University
Disability in the Prophetic Utopian Vision (25 min)
Stephen L. Cook, Virginia Theological Seminary
Incapacity and Submergence in Ezekiel 24:15-27: The Death of Ezekiel’s Wife and His Release from Speechlessness (25 min)
Martin C. Albl, Presentation College
“For Whenever I am Weak then I am Strong”: Paul’s Letters and Disability Studies (25 min)
Nicole Kelley, Florida State University
Epilepsy in Late Antique Christian Writings (25 min)
Jon Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Respondent (25 min)
Discussion (25 min)
S19-12
Disputed Paulines Section  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Theme: Gender Issues in the Disputed Paulines
Margaret MacDonald, St. Francis Xavier University, Presiding
Troy W. Martin, Saint Xavier University
Male Headship in Pauline Texts (25 min)
B. J. Matthews, Durham University 
Christian Maturity in Ephesians and Colossians: Distinctly Masculine or Gender-Relativised in Christ? (25 min)
Ben Witherington, Asbury Theological Seminary
Pedagogical Problems in the Pastorals: 1 Timothy 2:8–15 (25 min)

Break (10 min)

Kenneth L. Waters, Azusa Pacific University
Revisiting Virtues as Children: 1 Timothy 2:15 as Centerpiece for an Egalitarian Soteriology (25 min)
Lloyd K. Pietersen, University of Bristol
Women as Gossips and Busybodies: Another Look at 1 Timothy 5:13 (25 min)

Gail Streete, Rhodes College, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (25 min)

S19-13
Early Jewish Christian Relations Section  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Rethinking Jewish-Christian Relations in Syria
Adam Becker, New York University, Presiding (5 min)

Charlotte Fonrobert, Stanford University
Purification and Baptism: Enacting the Borders of Judaism and Christianity in Syria (20 min)

Lucas Van Rompay, Duke University
Jewish and Syriac-Christian Biblical Interpretation: Gemeentlichkeiten and Differentiation (Fourth-Seventh Centuries C. E.) (20 min)

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)

John G. Gager, Princeton University
Christians and Jews in the Late Antique Synagogue (20 min)

Christine Shepardson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Reading Regional “Realities”: Fourth-Century Judaizers in Antioch and Edessa (20 min)

Judith Lieu, Cambridge University, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S19-15
Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Section  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Engaging the Bible in a Gendered World: An Introduction to Feminist Biblical Interpretation in Honor of Katharine Doob Sakenfeld
Joseph Kozar, University of Dayton, Presiding
Jean Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary, Panelist
Richard Weis, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Panelist
Valerie Bridgeman-Davis, Memphis Theological Seminary, Panelist
Sharon Ringe, Wesley Theological Seminary, Panelist
Linda Day, Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Respondent
Carolyn Pressler, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Respondent

S19-16
Function of Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphal Writings in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Consultation  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Theoretical Issues
Lee Martin McDonald, Acadia Divinity College, Presiding
James A. Sanders, Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center
Non-Masoretic Literature in Early Judaism and Its Function in the New Testament (20 min)

Craig Evans, Acadia Divinity College, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (5 min)

James H. Charlesworth, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Book of the People from the People of the Book (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Lee Martin McDonald, Acadia Divinity College
What Do We Mean by “Canon”?: A Look at Some Ancient and Modern Questions (20 min)
Loren Johns, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Ken M. Penner, Acadia Divinity College
Citation Formulae as Indices to Canonicity in Early Jewish and Early Christian Literature (20 min)
Jonathan Soyars, Princeton Theological Seminary, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Sarah L. Schwarz, Haverford College
Pseudepigrapha among the Pagans?: Exploring the Boundaries of Audience (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S19-17
Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: The Topos on Household Management
L. Michael White, University of Texas at Austin, Presiding
Karin Lehmeier, University of Giessen
Re-Reading Xenophon and Aristotle: The First Aristotelian Treatise on Household Management and Its Use of Greek Tradition (30 min)
Voula Tsouna, University of California, Santa Barbara
Philemon, On Property Management (30 min)
Ilaria Ramelli, Catholic University of Milan
Roman Stoicism and Household: Hierocles, Musonius, and the Christians (30 min)
Ronald F. Hock, University of Southern California
Household Management in the Greek Novels (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S19-18
History of Interpretation Section / Quran and Biblical Literature Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Contextualized Interpretations in Jewish and Muslim Exegesis
Alan M. Cooper, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Deuteronomy 32 as the Road Map of Jewish History (25 min)
Mariano Gomez-Aranda, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
Abraham ibn Ezra and the Midrashic Interpretations on the Book of Esther: Two Perspectives in Contrast (25 min)

S19-19
Ideological Criticism Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: The Bible and the Ideology of Violence after 9/11
Jan William Tarlin, Capital University, Presiding
Simon Staffell, University of Sheffield
Angels and Antichrists: Popular Culture and Biblical Architectures of Enmity (30 min)
Hyo Lee, Shenandoah University
Neither in Mount Gerizim nor in Jerusalem, but in Spirit and Truth (30 min)
Shelina Kassam, University of Toronto
Apocalypse Now: Hegemonic Discourse, Veiling, and Everyday Violence in the Post 9/11 World (30 min)
Erin Runions, Pomona College, Respondent (30 min)
Business Meeting (30 min)
This session will reflect on the appropriation of biblical scripture in both the rationalization of and the resistance to the use of violence to defend national, religious, or ethnic communities from what they perceive to be threats to their existence.

S19-20
Ideology, Culture, and Translation Consultation
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Scott Elliott, American Bible Society, Presiding
Anthony Pym, Universitat Rovira i Virgili
Who Translates?: On Formation of a Professional Interculture in Sixteenth-Century Missionary Mexico (35 min)
Bill Mitchell, United Bible Societies
The Bible in the History of Peru (25 min)
Steven M. Voth, United Bible Societies
Bible Translation and Masculinity in Latin America (25 min)
Break (15 min)
Christina Petterson, Macquarie University-Sydney
Configuring the Language to Convert the People: The Greenlandic Bible Translations (25 min)
Jason Coker, Drew University
Postmodern Contextual Translation: A Proposal/Question (25 min)

S19-21
International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Cameron Boyd-Taylor, University of Cambridge
Echoes of the Septuagint in Byzantine Judaism (30 min)
W. Edward Glenny, Northwestern College-St. Paul
Syria and Samaria in Septuagint Amos (30 min)
Sung Uk Lim, Graduate Theological Union
Jonah’s Transformation and Transformation of “Jonah” from the Bakhtinian Perspective of Authoring and Re-Authoring (30 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Business Meeting (45 min)
S19-22
John, Jesus, and History Group / Johannine Literature Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: The Past, Present, and Future of Johannine Studies, Part I: The Fourth Gospel as/in History
Craig Koester, Luther Seminary, Presiding
D. Moody Smith, Duke University
The Problem of History in John (10 min)
Craig S. Keener, Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University
Genre, Sources, and History (5 min)
J. Louis Martyn, Union Theological Seminary
The Johannine Community among Jewish and Other Early Christian Communities (10 min)
Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa
Reading History in the Fourth Gospel (5 min)
Urban C. Von Wahlde, Loyola University of Chicago
The Road Ahead: Reflections on Johannine Scholarship (10 min)
Felix Just, Santa Clara University
Combining Key Methodologies in Johannine Studies (5 min)
Peder Borgen, University of Trondheim
The Scriptures and the Words and Works of Jesus (10 min)
Michael Labahn, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Living Words and the Bread of Life (5 min)
John F. O'Grady, Barry University
Into the Whirlwind: The Prologue and Chapter 17 of John (10 min)
Dorothy Ann Lee, United Faculty of Theology
The Prologue and Jesus’ Final Prayer (5 min)
Discussion (50 min)
Break (10 min)

S19-23
Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Biblical Hebrew in Typological Perspective
Robert D. Holmstedt, University of Toronto
The Biblical Hebrew Relative Clause in Typological Perspective (30 min)
John A. Cook, Eisenbrauns
The Hebrew Participle in Typological Perspective (30 min)
Richard C. Benton, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Niphal and Hitpael in Typological Perspective (30 min)
Elitzur Avraham Bar-Asher, Harvard University
Marginal Predicative Possessive Constructions in Biblical Hebrew (30 min)
Cynthia L. Miller, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Biblical Hebrew Ellipsis in Typological Perspective (30 min)

S19-24
Literature and History of the Persian Period Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Local Governance and Diaspora Communities in the Persian Empire
David Vanderhooft, Boston College, Presiding
Annalisa Azzoni, Vanderbilt University
Evidence of Foreigners from the Persian Heartland (25 min)
John Ashton, Oxford, UK
Second Thoughts on the Fourth Gospel (10 min)
Wendy North, Durham University
Why Should Historical Criticism Continue to Have a Place in Johannine Studies? (5 min)
Nicholas Perrin, Wheaton College
“Angered” or “Moved”?: Mark 1:41 in Light of Mark’s Exodus Motif (15 min)
Vicki Cass Phillips, West Virginia Wesleyan College
Jesus, Anger, and Impurity: Investigating Mark 1:40–45 (15 min)
Leroy Andrew Huizenga, Wheaton College
Mark 14:62 in Light of Markan Narrative Dynamics (15 min)
The papers will be summarized, not read. Papers may be obtained for reading in advance by e-mail request to the chair, Tom Shepherd, at toshephe@ucollege.edu.
S19-26

National Association of Professors of Hebrew
9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Timothy David Finlay, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
Brian L. Webster, Dallas Theological Seminary
TekScroll: An Interactive Program for Learning Biblical Hebrew (35 min)
David E. S. Stein, Redondo Beach, CA
The Grammar of Social Gender in Biblical Hebrew (35 min)
John F. Hobins, Trinity United Methodist Church
How Well Do You Know Biblical Hebrew?: Reflections on the Pedagogy of Menahem Mansoor (35 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S19-27

Paul and Politics Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Politics and Poverty
Ray Pickett, Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, Presiding
Troels Engberg-Pedersen, Copenhagen University
How Can an Apocalypticist Have a Directly Political Agenda? (25 min)
Jacob Cherian, Princeton Theological Seminary
Paul, Poverty, and “Equality”: A Plutocritical Reading of 2 Corinthians 8:1–15 (25 min)
Break (10 min)
Jessica Van Denend, Taycheedah Correctional Institution
The People versus the State: Understanding Romans 13:1–7 in a Maximum Security Women’s Prison (30 min)
Noelle Damico, University of the Poor School of Theology
Poor People Read Paul (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S19-28

Pauline Epistles Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Paul and Empire
Alexandra Brown, Washington and Lee University, Presiding
John M. G. Barclay, Durham University
Why the Roman Empire was Insufficient to Paul (40 min)
N. T. Wright, Bishop of Durham
Paul’s Counter-Imperial Theology (40 min)
Robert Jewett, University of Heidelberg, Respondent

S19-29

Pauline Soteriology Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: The Book of Isaiah and Pauline Soteriology
A. Katherine Grieb, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding
J. Ross Wagner, Princeton Theological Seminary
“How Is the Day of Salvation”: Paul and Isaiah as Heralds of the Gospel (40 min)
Francis Watson, University of Durham
The Hermeneutics of Salvation: Paul, Isaiah, and the Servant (40 min)
Break (5 min)
Joel Marcus, Duke University, Respondent (10 min)
Christopher Seitz, University of St. Andrews-Scotland, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (45 min)

S19-30

Pseudepigrapha Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
John C. Reeves, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Presiding
Peter T. Lanfer, University of California-Los Angeles
Paradise in the Pseudepigrapha (25 min)
The Parascriptural Dimensions of Biblical Women
Vered Hillel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Women’s Genealogies in Hellenistic Literature: The Descent of Bilhah (25 min)
Mary Bader, College of Wooster
Dinah in the Pseudepigrapha (25 min)
Rivka Nir, Open University of Israel
Asebeth as the “Prototype of the Church of the Gentiles” (25 min)
Troy A. Miller, Crichton College
Surrogate, Slave, and Deviant?: “Hagar” in Jewish Interpretive Traditions and Paul’s Use of the Figure in Galatians 4:21–31 (25 min)

S19-31

Psychology and Biblical Studies Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: From Anger to Atonement, Inadequacy to Grace: Emotional Transference and Transformation in the Bible
Dereck Daschke, Truman State University, Presiding (5 min)
Deena Grant, New York University and Hofstra University
Human Anger in Biblical Literature (20 min)
Robin Gallaher Branch, Crichton College
The Power of Anger: Tiptoeing Around Xerxes (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Angella Son, Drew University
Inadequate Innocence, Audacious Inadequacy (20 min)
Dan Merkur, University of Toronto
The Transference onto God (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Benjamin Abelow, Great Neck, NY, Respondent (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)

Papers from this session will be available on the PsyBibs website, http://psybibs.org.
S19-32

Qumran Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Eileen Schuller, McMaster University, Presiding
Armin Lange, University of Vienna
In the Second Degree (30 min)
Bennie H. Reynolds III, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
4QApocryphon of Jeremiah C and the Problem of Genre (30 min)
Albert Hogeterp, Catholic University of Leuven
Resurrection and Biblical Tradition: The Relation between the Pseudo-Ezekiel Fragments and Ezekiel 37 Reconsidered (30 min)
Hanne von Weissenberg, University of Manchester
The Centrality of the Temple in 4QMMT (30 min)
Stephane Saulnier, University of Notre Dame
X and Duqah in Some Calendrical Scrolls: Are We any Closer to an Identification? (30 min)

S19-33 (=A19-112)

Reading, Theory, and the Bible, Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: After “After Theory”?
Hugh Pyper, University of Sheffield, Presiding
Yvonne Sherwood, University of Glasgow and Stephen D. Moore, Drew University
After “After Theory” and Other Apocalyptic Concepts in Literary and Biblical Studies (30 min)

Jennifer Bird, Vanderbilt University and Joseph A. Marchal, California State University-Northridge
After the Eagleton has Landed: Assessing an Encounter Between Biblical Studies and Critical Theories of Interpretation (30 min)
Timothy K. Beal, Case Western Reserve University
The End of the Word as We Know It, and I Feel Fine: The Bible in the Twilight of Print Culture (30 min)
Regina Schwartz, Northwestern University
Theories of Justice (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S19-34

Rhetoric and the New Testament Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
C. Jan Swearingen, Texas A&M University, Presiding
Giovanni Battista Bazzana, University of Milan
The Laborer Is Worth His Wage: A Socio-Rhetorical Analysis of Q 10:7 (30 min)
Barbara Hawk, Baylor University
Synkrisis of the Parents of John and Jesus in Luke (30 min)
Carl Toney, Loyola University Chicago
Paul’s Rhetorical Strategy in Romans 14-15 (30 min)
Timothy W. Seid, Earlham School of Religion
The Rhetorical Function of Comparison in Hebrews (30 min)
Andrew W. Pitts, McMaster Divinity College
Hellenistic Schools in Jerusalem and Paul’s Rhetorical Education (30 min)

S19-35 (=A19-119)

Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Constructions of Masculinity in Christian and Jewish Antiquity
Cynthia Baker, Santa Clara University, Presiding (5 min)
Halvor Moxnes, University of Oslo
Where Is Masculinity?: Kingdom of Heaven and Construction of Masculinity in Matthew 19 (25 min)
Stephanie Cobb, Hofstra University
“They Were Absent from the Flesh”: Masculinity, Martyrdom, and Pain (25 min)

Caroline T. Schroeder, Stanford University
Queer Eye for the Ascetic Guy?: Homoeotronics, Children, and the Making of Monks (25 min)
Daniel Boyarin, University of California-Berkeley
Rabbi Yohanan and Resh Lakish: On the Cultural Backgrounds of a Talmudic Story (25 min)
Dale Martin, Yale University, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (25 min)

S19-36

Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Power Structures in Ancient Israel
Heather McKay, Edge Hill University, Presiding
Doris J. Garcia-Mayol, Seminario Intercultural Mayense
Prophecy and Identity Formation: A Frame Analysis of Judean Oracles against Foreign Alliances (35 min)
Mark A. Christian, Sewanee, The University of the South
Priestly Power that Empowers: Cross-Denominational Alliance and “Popular Religious Groups” in Israel (35 min)
Roger S. Nam, University of California-Los Angeles
“Let Me Give You a Gift!”: The Economics of Polanyian Reciprocity in the Book of Kings (35 min)
John R. Jackson, Milligan College
Management and Labor: The Irony of Qoheleth’s Lament over the Fate of his “Labor” (35 min)

S19-37
Society for Pentecostal Studies
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: A Panel Discussion of Robby Waddell, The Spirit of the Book of Revelation (JPTS 30; Dec, 2006)
John Thomas, Church of God Theological Seminary, Presiding
Richard Bauckham, University of St. Andrews-Scotland, Panelist (20 min)
Ronald Herms, Northwest University, Panelist (20 min)
Frank D. Macchia, Vanguard University, Panelist (20 min)
Robby Waddell, Southeastern University, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (70 min)

S19-38
Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Consultation
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: J. Z. Smith’s To Take Place: Toward Theory in Ritual After Twenty Years
Pamela Eisenbaum, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Richard D. Hecht, University of California, Santa Barbara, Panelist (15 min)
Christine Thomas, University of California-Santa Barbara, Panelist (15 min)
Steven Weitzman, Indiana University at Bloomington, Panelist (15 min)
Burton Mack, Claremont Graduate University, Panelist (15 min)
Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (75 min)

S19-39
Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section
9:00 AM-12:15 PM
Brian Schultz, Fresno Pacific University
Numbers 24:24: An Ever-Evolving Oracle (35 min)

Lamont T. Conyers, Liberty Theological Seminary
A Textual Critical Solution of Psalm 18/2 Samuel 22 (35 min)

Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa
The Elohist Psalter and the Writing of Divine Names at Qumran (35 min)

Steve Delamarter, George Fox University
More Ethiopian Manuscripts in North America (35 min)

David Ben-Gad Hacohen, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Biblical Criticism from a Geographer’s Viewpoint (35 min)

Business Meeting (10 min)

S19-40
Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: The Book of Proverbs
Christine Yoder, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding
Hee Suk Kim, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Is It Democratization?: The Identity of the Audience in Proverbs 1-9 in Relationship to the Expressions “My Son,” “Sons,” and “Humanity” (25 min)

Samuel L. Adams, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education
Rethinking the Use of Yahweh-Language in Proverbs (25 min)

Paul Overland, Ashland Theological Seminary
Summons: The Rhetoric of Attention-Getting Devices as Segment Markers in Proverbs (25 min)

Knut M. Heim, The Methodist Church and The Queen’s Foundation
Variant Repetition in Proverbs and the Nature of Biblical Parallelism (25 min)

Sun Myung Lyu, Vernon Hills, IL
The Rhetoric of Desire and Choice in the Book of Proverbs (25 min)

Eve Levavi Feinstein, Harvard University
Praise of Perfection: Wisdom and Passion in Proverbs 31:10–31 and the Song of Songs (25 min)

S19-41
SBL Forum Advisory Board Meeting
9:30 AM-10:30 AM

S19-42
SBL Journal of Biblical Literature Editorial Board Meeting
11:45 AM-12:45 PM

S19-43
Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Luncheon and Panel Discussion
12:00 PM-1:30 PM
Theme: Hiring and Retaining Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minority Faculty: Institutional Strategies and Challenges
Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University, Presiding
Maxine Clarke Beach, Drew University, Panelist
Barbara Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary, Panelist
Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Panelist
William McKinney, Pacific School of Religion, Panelist
**MONDAY AFTERNOON**

**Tour (=A19-200)**

**Sacred and Religious Sites of San Diego Bus Tour**
1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Peter W. Williams, Miami University of Ohio, and Jeanne H. Kilde, University of Minnesota, Presiding
Separate registration required.

**S19-51**

**First Esdras Consultation**
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
David Noel Freedman, University of California-San Diego, Presiding (25 min)
Ralph W. Klein, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
The Rendering of 2 Chronicles 35-36 in 1 Esdras (25 min)
Lester L. Grabbe, University of Hull
The Origins of 1 Esdras: Redivivus Noch Einmal (25 min)
Tessa Rajak, University of Reading and Yale University
1 Esdras in the Hands of Josephus (25 min)
James C. VanderKam, University of Notre Dame
Literary Questions between Ezra, Nehemiah, and 1 Esdras (25 min)
Lisbeth S. Fried, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Why the Story of the Three Youths in 1 Esdras? (25 min)

**S19-52 (=A19-203)**

**Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section**
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Teaching Reflectively in Theological Contexts: A Panel Discussion among Theological Disciplines
Mary Hess, Luther Seminary, Presiding
Matthew Skinner, Luther Seminary, Panelist
Stephen Brookfield, University of Saint Thomas, Panelist
Rolf Jacobson, Luther Seminary, Panelist
Janet Ramsey, Luther Seminary, Panelist
Alvin Luedke, Luther Seminary, Panelist
Frieder Ludwig, Luther Seminary, Panelist
David Lose, Luther Seminary, Panelist
This will be an interactive session, where the panel will also involve participants in discussion of several issues: modeling pastoral leadership to learners; building trust with learners when a clear imbalance of power exists between faculty and students; negotiating the complex dynamics of team-teaching; balancing one’s commitment to truth-telling with a commitment to encouraging students to question received truth; teaching through discussion; engaging learners through the use of humor and self-disclosure; fostering transformative learning within classrooms; teaching in the face of racial, gender, and class diversity; and teaching responsively in ways that acknowledge and build on mistakes.

**S19-53**

**Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Section**
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Realism in Ancient Narrative
Ruben Dupertuis, Trinity University, Presiding
Chris Shea, Ball State University
The Mythical Map II: Geographical Realism in Ancient Novelistic Narratives (25 min)
Anne Moore, University of Calgary
Cantankerous Grandmothers: Anna in the Protevangelium of James (25 min)
A. J. Droge, University of Toronto
Did “Luke” Write Anonymously? (25 min)
Anna C. Miller, Harvard University
Democracy, Love, and Resistance: The Civic Ekklesia in the Romance “Chaereas and Callirhoe” (25 min)
Eros in the Apocryphal Acts
J. R. C. Cousland, University of British Columbia
Sexuality and Subversion in the Acts of Thomas (25 min)
John Marshall, University of Toronto
Trophy Wives of Christ: Tropes of Seduction and Conquest in the Apocryphal Acts (25 min)

**S19-54**

**Aramaic Studies Section**
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Michael Segal, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
From Joseph to Daniel to Antiochus: The Literary Development of Daniel 2 (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Robert R. Phenix, Jr., Saint Louis University
Investigation of Ezra 4:12 in Light of Syntax of Aramaic of Ezra (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Alejandro F. Botta, Southern Methodist University
Looking for Some Satisfaction: Egyptian Antecedents of ybbl by+ (20 min)
**S19-55**

**Assyriology and the Bible Section**

*1:00 PM-3:30 PM*

**Theme:** In the Wake of the Goddesses (1992): The Legacy of Tikva Frymer-Kensky, and Beyond

Joann Scurlock, Elmhurst College, Presiding

John Gee, Brigham Young University

An Egyptian Version of Atrahasis? (25 min)

Cynthia R. Chapman, Oberlin College

Natal Siblings and the Brokering of Marriage in the Ancient Near East (25 min)

David B. Weisberg, Hebrew Union College

Notes on Nebuchadnezzar's 37th Year (25 min)

Karen Sonik, University of Pennsylvania

Mother, Goddess, Monster: Tiamat and the Monstrous Feminine in Mesopotamia (25 min)

Aliza Schachter, University of Pennsylvania

Princess as Political Pawn (25 min)

Elna K. Solvang, Concordia College, Moorhead

The First Orientalist?: Fantasy and Foreignness in the Book of Esther (25 min)

Andrew Adam, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Presiding

Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa, Panelist (25 min)

Arthur Dewey, Xavier University, Panelist (25 min)

Tat-Siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Panelist (25 min)

Bernard Scott, Phillips Theological Seminary, Panelist (25 min)

Jeffrey Staley, Seattle University, Respondent (10 min)

Richard Walsh, Methodist College, Respondent (10 min)

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**S19-56 (=A19-218)**

**Bible and Cultural Studies Section**

*1:00 PM-3:30 PM*

**Theme:** Critical Cultural Studies of Western Law and Political Theology

Robert A Yelle, University of Memphis, Presiding

Christian Beattie, Roehampton University

“Justice Enacted Not These Human Laws” (Antigone): Religion, Natural Law, and Women’s Rights

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University

The Politics of Sacredness: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Narrative of “Inherent Human Dignity”

Patrick Riches, University of Nottingham

The Theo-politics of Nomos (Toward a Sapiential Legality)

Erin Runions, Pomona College

Theologico-political Resonance: Carl Schmitt between the Neocons and the Theonomists

Bruce Rosenstock, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Respondent

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**S19-57**

**Bible in Ancient and Modern Media Section**

*1:00 PM-3:30 PM*

Jesus, the Gospels, and Cinematic Imagination is intended to be a teaching tool for those who wish to use film in the classroom. The book focuses on the eighteen “Hollywood” films that are currently available on DVD (1905-2004) and includes plot summaries, a “Gospel Parallels” for the eighteen films, a listing of DVD chapters, and description of DVD “Extras.” Panelists will discuss the book from the perspectives of the Bible in non-print media, teaching, and cultural criticism.


Andrew Adam, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Presiding

Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa, Panelist (25 min)

Arthur Dewey, Xavier University, Panelist (25 min)

Tat-Siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Panelist (25 min)

Bernard Scott, Phillips Theological Seminary, Panelist (25 min)

Jeffrey Staley, Seattle University, Respondent (10 min)

Richard Walsh, Methodist College, Respondent (10 min)

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**S19-58**

**Bible Translation Section**

*1:00 PM-3:30 PM*

**Theme:** The Translator’s Intent

Lenart de Regt, United Bible Societies, Presiding

Sung Uk Lim, Graduate Theological Union

Jonah’s Transformation and Transformation of “Jonah” from the Bakhtinian Perspective of Authoring and Re-authoring (30 min)

Alena Nye-Knutson, University of Virginia

Septuagint versus Targum: Defining Translation (30 min)

Kent P. Jackson, Brigham Young University

The Bible Translations of Noah Webster, Alexander Campbell, and Joseph Smith: Three Nineteenth-Century American Bible Translations in Context (30 min)

Colin Yuckman, United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington

The Cultural Hermeneutics of the NRSV Translating Committee (30 min)

Steven M. Voth, United Bible Societies

Towards an Ethic of Bible Translation (30 min)
S19-59

Biblical Lands and Peoples in Archaeology and Text Section
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Ann E. Killebrew, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding
Adam Kolman Marshak, Yale University
Glorifying the Present through the Past: Herod the Great and His Jewish Royal Predecessors (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Patrick Scott Geyer, University of San Diego
Foods from the Cellars of First-Century Gamla (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Jonathan David Lawrence, Canisius College
Water, Water, Everywhere: Jewish and Christian Bathing Practices in India (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
R. Steven Notley, Nyack College
The Myth of an Essene Quarter in Jerusalem (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

S19-60

Biblical Law Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Sources of Law in the Torah
Richard Averbeck, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Presiding
Baruch J. Schwartz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Sabbath in the Torah Sources (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Shalom E. Holtz, Yeshiva University
Recovering Biblical Courtroom Vocabulary: Arguing the Case for Adversarial “Yahad” (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
David P. Wright, Brandeis University
The Compositional Logic of the Talion, Miscarriage, and Slave Laws of Exodus 21:22–27 (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Mark Leuchter, Hebrew College
The Manumission Laws in Leviticus and Deuteronomy: The Jeremiah Connection (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Papers for the open session will be read partially or fully within 20-25 minutes to allow for at least 10 minutes of discussion. Copies of the full papers are available in advance of the meeting (from October 15) through the Biblical Law section's website: www.biblicallaw.org. (The abstracts of the papers will be available on the website beginning in April.)

S19-61

Character Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Group
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
M. Daniel Carroll R., Denver Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
Jacqueline Lapsley, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
R. Steven Notley, Nyack College
The Myth of an Essene Quarter in Jerusalem (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Bruce Birch, Wesley Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
Stephen Fowl, Loyola College in Maryland, Panelist (25 min)
Timothy Beach-Verhey, Davidson College, Panelist (25 min)
Discussion (45 min)

S19-62

Christian Apocrypha Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Christopher Matthews, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Presiding
Antti Marjanen, University of Helsinki
Does the Gospel of Judas Rehabilitate Judas Iscariot? (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Edward Dixon, Emory University
A Hope for Status Inversion in the Acts of Thomas (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Derek S. Dodson, Baylor University
Dream Magic: The Dream of Pilate’s Wife and the Accusation of Magic in the Acts of Pilate (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Jennifer A. Glancy, Le Moyne College
Mary in Childbirth (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Paul G. Schneider, University of South Florida
A Johannine Trajectory for the Lord’s Secret Sacrament (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S19-63

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Christology, Violence, and Resurrection
Alan Padgett, Luther Seminary, Presiding
Michael J. Gorman, Saint Mary’s Seminary and University
Paul, the Resurrection, and the End of Violence (20 min)
Sarah Morice Brubaker, University of Notre Dame
Christ’s Resurrected Body as Key to a Nonviolent Theology of Location (20 min)
Joseph A. Bracken, Xavier University  
Christology, Violence, and Resurrection  
(20 min)
Kevin Hart, University of Virginia  
Response (20 min)

S19-64
Construction of Christian Identities Section  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Edmondo Lupieri, University of Udine, Presiding (5 min)
Bruce J. Malina, Creighton University  
The Identity of Jesus: Identity in Anti-Introspective Cultures. Or: Who Do They Say that I am: Tell Me Quickly (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Adriana Destro, University of Bologna and Mauro Pesce, University of Bologna  
When Jesus Became a Christian (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Break (10 min)
Larry W. Hurtado, University of Edinburgh  
Reflections on the Relevance of Early Jesus Devotion for the Identity of Jesus (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Panel Discussion of Jesus the Israelite was Neither a Jew Nor a Christian. On Correcting the Nomenclature, by John H. Elliott
Dennis Duling, Canisius College, Panelist (10 min)
Claudio Gianotto, University of Torino, Panelist (10 min)
John Elliott, University of San Francisco, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Business Meeting (10 min)

S19-65
Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East Section  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: The Ideology of Disability in Second Temple Judaism
David Stewart, Southwestern University, Presiding
Thomas Cason, Florida State University  
Erasure, Reformulation, and Punishment: Rhetorical Strategies for Representing Male Disability in Second Temple Judaism (25 min)
Micah Kiel, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Tobit’s Theological Blindness (25 min)
Rebecca Raphael, Texas State University-San Marcos  
A Place at the End: Disability in Prophetic and Apocalyptic Eschatology (25 min)
Yonder M. Gillihan, Boston College  
“Comprehensive Coverage” in the Dead Sea Scrolls Sect: The Ideology of Care in the Damascus Rule and the Rule for the Congregation (25 min)
Eibert Tigchelaar, Florida State University, Respondent (25 min)
Discussion (25 min)

S19-66
Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: The Craft of Memory in Late Antique Religions
Georgia Frank, Colgate University, Presiding (5 min)
Arthur Urbano, Providence College  
Tracing the Lines: Porphyry, Eusebius, and the Renewal of Platonism (25 min)
Paul Dilley, Yale University  
Hagiography, Commemoration, and the Ritual Production of Kinship (25 min)
Nicola Denzey, Harvard University  
Crafting Memory in the Roman Catacombs (25 min)

S19-67
Graduate Biblical Studies: Ethos and Discipline Seminar  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
This panel will discuss the institutional and intellectual changes necessary to prepare graduate biblical education for the future and it will do so from the perspective of the minoritized.
Theme: The Future of Biblical Studies
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding
Abraham Smith, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Panelist
Sze-kar Wan, Andover Newton Theological School, Panelist
Kent Richards, Society of Biblical Literature, Respondent

S19-68
Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity Section  
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Stoicism and Early Christianity
Troels Engberg-Pedersen, Copenhagen University, Presiding
George H. van Kooten, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen  
The Godlikeness of the Human Mind as an Incentive to Morality in Hellenistic Philosophy (30 min)
Gail Evelyn Armstrong, Brown University  
“Ta Stoicheia”: Galatians and Hellenistic Moral Philosophy (30 min)
MONDAY AFTERNOON

J. Albert Harrill, Indiana University
*The Structured Self in Stoicism and 2 Peter: The Eschatological Destruction of “the Ignorant and Unstable” in Light of Stoic Moral Philosophy* (30 min)

Stephanie Cobb, Hofstra University
*Stoicism and the Problem of Pain in Early Christian Martyrdom* (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

**S19-69**

**History of Interpretation Section**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Pre-Modern and Modern Social and Political Contexts for Biblical Interpretation

D. Jeffrey Bingham, Dallas Theological Seminary, Presiding

Jeffrey L. Morrow, University of Dayton
*The Politics Behind Thomas Hobbes’s Early Modern Biblical Criticism* (25 min)

Ed Noort, University of Groningen
*Händel, Joshua, and Violence* (25 min)

J. David Pleins, Santa Clara University
*Darwin on Genesis: Rethinking Darwin’s Impact on the Interpretation of the Creation Story* (25 min)

Dan W. Clanton, Jr., Denver, CO
*Biblical Interpretation and Christian Domestic Terrorism: The Exegetes of Reverend Michael Bray and Reverend Paul Hill* (25 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

**S19-70**

**International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Ken M. Penner, Acadia Divinity College
*Peculiarities of the Codex Vaticanus Manuscript of Isaiah* (30 min)

Robert J. Littman, University of Hawaii
*Some New Lines of the Septuagint* (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Larry Perkins, Northwest Baptist Seminary
*Proper Names, the Article, and the English Translation of Kyrios in the Greek Exodus* (30 min)

Armin Lange, University of Vienna
*“Considerable Proficiency” (Letter of Aristeas 121): The Relationship of the Letter of Aristeas to the Prologue of Ecclesiasticus* (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

**S19-71**

**John, Jesus, and History Group / Johannean Literature Section**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: The Past, Present, and Future of Johannean Studies, Part II: The Sources and Structure of John’s Narrative

Jan van der Watt, University of Pretoria, Presiding

Thomas L. Brodie, Dominican Biblical Centre, Limerick
*Three Revolutions, a Funeral, and Glimmers of a Challenging Dawn* (10 min)

John M. Painter, Charles Sturt University
*The Signs of the Messiah and the Quest for Eternal Life* (10 min)

Paul N. Anderson, George Fox University
*From One Quest to Another: The Johannean Conception of Authentic Faith as a Response to the Divine Initiative* (5 min)

Catrin Williams, University of Wales
*John’s Engagement with Sources* (5 min)

Robert T. Fortna, Vassar College
*The Gospel of John and the Signs Gospel* (10 min)

Tom Thatcher, Cincinnati Christian University
*The Fourth Gospel in First Century Media Culture* (5 min)

Gilbert Van Belle, Catholic University of Leuven-Belgium
*Tradition and the Leuven Hypothesis* (10 min)

Peter J. Judge, Winthrop University
*The Leuven Hypothesis in C/catholic Perspective* (5 min)

Francis J. Moloney, Salesians of Don Bosco
*Into Narrative and Beyond* (10 min)

Mary L. Coloe, Australian Catholic University
*Beyond the Beyond* (5 min)

Break (10 min)

Discussion (65 min)

**S19-72**

**Latter-day Saints and the Bible Consultation**

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Pivotal Passages in the Old Testament

Jared Ludlow, Brigham Young University, Presiding

David R. Seely, Brigham Young University
*Latter-day Saints and the Five Books of Moses* (20 min)

Margaret Barker, Cambridge University
*Melchizedek, Priest of God Most High* (35 min)

Dana M. Pike, Brigham Young University
*Exploring the Biblical Phrase "God of the Spirits of All Flesh" (Numbers 16:22)* (25 min)

Dana M. Pike, Brigham Young University
*Eve’s Role as a “Help” (‘ezer) Revisited* (20 min)

Alden Thompson, Walla Walla College
Sacred Time in the Pentateuch (20 min)
S19-74
Methodological Reassessments of the Letters of James, Peter, and Jude Consultation
1:00 PM-3:45 PM
Theme: Jude and 2 Peter: Discussion of Papers
Betsy Bauman-Martin, Saint Norbert College, Presiding
Gene L. Green, Wheaton College
Intertextuality and Sociology in Early Christianity: A Study of 2 Peter and Jude (30 min)
Jeremy F. Hultin, Yale University
Bourdieu Reads Jude (30 min)
Break (5 min)
James C. Miller, Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology
Social Identity and 2 Peter (30 min)
Dennis Sylva, Saint Francis Seminary
The Visualization of “Knowledge” in Second Peter: A Study in Socio-Rhetorical Interpretation’s Rhetorographical Blending (30 min)
Discussion (20 min)
Business Meeting (20 min)
Each paper will be discussed by the panel of presenters first and then by the audience. For copies of the papers please contact Robert Webb at webbr@mcmaster.ca. (Note: if you have received papers in the last two years from this consultation, there is no need to request them again. They will be sent to you.)

S19-76
Pentateuch Section / Deuteronomistic History Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
David Petersen, Emory University, Presiding
Danny Mathews, Interpretation/Union-Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Education
“A New King Arose over Egypt Who Did Not Know Joseph”: The Joseph Novella as Prologue to the Moses Biography (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Richard J. Clifford, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
Is “the Joseph Story” a Misnomer for Genesis 37-50? (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Nathan Lane, Baylor University
YHW’s Mercy and Wrath: The Contribution of Exodus 34:6-7 to the Canonical Shape of the Torah (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Mark A. Christian, Sewanee, The University of the South
Integrating the Alien (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S19-77
Performance Criticism of Biblical and Other Ancient Texts Consultation
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Performance Criticism
Glenn Holland, Allegheny College, Presiding
Elizabeth Reitz Mullenix, Miami University of Ohio
Performing Theory and Theorizing Performance: A Contextual Look at Performance Studies Across the Disciplines (25 min)

S19-78
Pseudepigrapha Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Addressing the Challenges of the Commentaries on Early Jewish Literature Series (Walter de Gruyter)
John Levison, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding
Dale Allison, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Panelist (15 min)
David E. Aune, University of Notre Dame, Panelist (10 min)
Randall Chesnutt, Pepperdine University, Panelist (10 min)
John Endres, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Panelist (10 min)
Judith H. Newman, University of Toronto, Panelist (15 min)
## S19-80

**Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Consultation**  
1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Theme: Forces to be Reckoned with: Nineteenth-Century Female Interpreters of the Bible

- **Christiania De Groot**, Calvin College, Presiding  
- **J. Glen Taylor**, Wycliffe College  
- **Bill Flick**, Reformed Theological Seminary  
- **Alison Edgerton**, University of Rochester  
- **Khiok Khng Yeo**, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

### Panelist Responses

- **Beth Bidlack**, University of Chicago  
  Olympia Brown: Reading the Bible as a Universalist Minister and Pragmatic Suffragette (30 min)

- **J. Harold Ellens**, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
  Grace Theology in Psychotherapy (20 min)

- **Agnes Choi**, University of Toronto  
  An Island Unto Herself?: The Male and Female Influences on Lucy Meyer and the Chicago Training School (30 min)

- **Beron Peng Yi Lee**, Grace College  
  A Clergyman’s Daughter Battles for the Bible (30 min)

### Discussion (25 min)

### Business Meeting (30 min)

#### Papers from this session will be available at the PsyBibs website, http://psybibs.org.

## S19-81

**Ritual in the Biblical World**  
1:00 PM–3:30 PM

- **Risto Uro**, University of Helsinki, Presiding  
- **Ada Taggar-Cohen**, Doshisha University  
  The “Procreation”–Festival to the Goddess Katahha in [Hattusha]: An Initiation Rite for a Hittite Crown Prince? (IBoT 1.29) (25 min)

- **Barbara Mei Leung Lai**, Tyndale Seminary  
  Fostering a “Whole-Brained” Scholastic Experience in Classroom Teaching (20 min)

- **Russell C. D. Arnold**, DePauw University  
  “And They Answered and Said”: Reading Ritual Practice at Qumran (25 min)

- **Teresa L. Reeve**, Andrews University  
  Divine Ritualizing and the Transformation of Paul in Acts 9 (25 min)

### Discussion (40 min)

#### Papers will be summarized at the session; they are available previous to the meeting (from 1. October) under http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/religious_studies/sbl2007.

## S19-82

**Romans through History and Cultures Group / Bible in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions Consultation**  
1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Theme: Greek Fathers’ Readings of Romans

- **Vahan Hovhanessian**, St. Nersses Theological Seminary, Presiding  
- **Bruce Lowe**, Macquarie University-Sydney  
- **Daniel Patte**, Vanderbilt University, Respondent (15 min)

### Panelist Responses

- **Stelian Tofana**, Babes Bolayi University  
  The Interdependency between Destiny and Humankind and Creation According to Romans 8:18–23: An Orthodox-Patristic Perspective (20 min)

### Discussion (40 min)

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Jonathan D. Schwiebert, Washington University  
Beyond Victor Turner: Theorizing the Process in Pauline Baptism (25 min)

Jason T. Lamoreaux, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University  
Artemis in Philippi: Women, Ritual, and Christianity (25 min)

Discussion (25 min)
S19-83

Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section / Book of Psalms Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Psalms in Judaism and Christianity: Studies in the History of Interpretation of the Psalter
Esther Menn, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Presiding
Medieval Jewish Psalms Interpretation
Adele Berlin, University of Maryland College Park, Panelist (30 min)
Alan Cooper, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Panelist (30 min)
Moshe Bernstein, Yeshiva University, Respondent (10 min)
Heidelberg Psalms Project
Manfred Oeming, University of Heidelberg, Panelist (20 min)
Andreas Wagner, University of Heidelberg, Panelist (20 min)
Joachim Vette, Ruprecht-Karls Universität, Heidelberg, Panelist (20 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S19-84

Synoptic Gospels Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Mark Matson, Milligan College, Presiding
Robin Griffith-Jones, Temple Church Going back to Galilee to See the Son of Man: Mark’s Gospel as an Upside-Down Apocalypse (30 min)
Rafael Rodriguez, Johnson Bible College Elijah and Elisha on the Tip of Jesus’ Tongue (30 min)
Christopher Hays, University of St. Andrews-Scotland
Hating Wealth and Wives: An Examination of Discipleship Ethics in the Third Gospel (30 min)
Matthias Klinghardt, TU Dresden Germany
The Marcionite Gospel and the Synoptic Problem (30 min)

S19-85

The Biblical Scholar as....: Careers Outside the Classroom
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Alice Hunt, Associate Dean, The Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Panelist (15 min)
George I. Paganelis, Curator, Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection California State University, Sacramento Library, Panelist (15 min)
John Kutsko, Acquisitions Editor, Abingdon Press, Panelist (15 min)

S19-86

Ugaritic Studies and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy Section
1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Anson F. Rainey, Tel Aviv University Redefining Ancient Hebrew (25 min)
Robert D. Holmstedt, University of Toronto The Relative Clause in Northwest Semitic Inscriptions (25 min)
David T. Tsumura, Japan Bible Seminary Is Albright’s Emendation of KTU 1.23:64 Correct?: Revisiting the “Seven” Good Gods of Fertility in Ugarit (25 min)
Grace Jeongyeon Park, University of California, Los Angeles KTU 1.23: Outback into Sown (25 min)
Katie M. Heffelfinger, Emory University Like the Sitting of a Mountain: The Significance of Metaphor in KTU 1.101’s Description of Ba’al (25 min)

S19-87

Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Section / Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Cavan Concannon, Harvard University, Presiding
Elizabeth Penland, Yale University and Smith College Sexualized Torture in Eusebius’ Martyr Narratives (20 min)
Jan W. van Henten, University of Amsterdam Martyrs and Power: Barbarism in Multiple Perspective (20 min)
Kimberly Stratton, Carleton University Ambivalence and Justification: Problematizing Torture in Antiquity (20 min)
Philip Sellew, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (30 min)
S19-88

Women in the Biblical World Section
1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Theme: Female Prophets and Their History of Interpretation
Mary Ann Beavis, St. Thomas More College, Presiding
Joy A. Schroeder, Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University
Domesticating Deborah: Disputes about Women's Religious Leadership in Early Christian Interpretations of Judges 4-5 (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Rachel Ben Dor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Devorah: A Hornet or a Honeybee? Disputes about Women's Leadership in Rabbinic Literature (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Wil Gafney, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
"Women-Prophets Will Inherit the Earth": Female Prophets in Mesopotamia and Biblical Israel (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Steve Cook, Vanderbilt University
Women Prophets in Ancient Israel: Gone with the Men? (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
N. Clayton Croy, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Mantic Mary: The Virgin Mother as Prophet in Luke 1:26–56 (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S19-101

African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Panel Discussion: Strategies of Africana Reading and Interpretation (120 min)
Hugh Page, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Rodney Sadler, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education at Charlotte
Madipoane Masenya, University of South Africa
Randall C. Bailey, Interdenominational Theological Center
Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University Divinity School
Business Meeting (30 min)

S19-102 (=A19-306)

Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: The Place of Theories of Myth in Biblical Studies
Neal Walls, Wake Forest University, Presiding
Robert Segal, University of Aberdeen
The Indispensability of Theories of Myth to Biblical Studies
Adela Collins, Yale University, Respondent
Peter Machinist, Harvard University, Respondent
David L. Miller, Syracuse University, Respondent
Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside, Respondent

S19-103

Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Kevin Chau, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Presiding
Charles L. Ehols, University of Cambridge

The Contribution of Heroic Poetry to the Identification of a New Genre in the Hebrew Bible (25 min)
Lisa M. Wolfe, United Theological Seminary
"Your Neck Is Like the Tower of David": Biblical and Contemporary Flattery (25 min)
Paul Niskanen, University of Saint Thomas
The Poetics of Adam: The Creation of Adam in the Image of Elohim (25 min)
Guadalupe Seijas de los Rios-Zarzosa, Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Francisco J. del Barco, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Series of Woes in Preexilic Prophecy: A Study on Syntax and Semantics (25 min)
John F. Hobbins, Trinity United Methodist Church
The Phenomenon of Parallelism in Ancient Hebrew Verse: A Review of Recent and Ongoing Research (25 min)
Business Meeting (25 min)
Cornelia Wunsch, School of Oriental and African Studies
Caring for Women’s Needs: Legal and Economic Realities in Sixth-Century (B. C. E.) Babylonia (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
The last thirty minute discussion session will be devoted to reflections on the Life and Work of Tikva Frymer-Kensky.
Discussion (30 min)

S19-105

Biblical Lexicography Section
4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Theme: Semantic Domains and Lexicography
Erik Eynikel, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, Presiding
A. Dean Forbes, Palo Alto, CA
Semantic Roles in Biblical Hebrew: "When to Split and When to Quit" (30 min)
Sean A. Adams, McMaster Divinity College
Barr, Lexicography, and Semantic Domains: Some Issues and Refinement of Semantic Domain Theory for the Development of Lexicons (30 min)
Randall Buth, Biblical Language Center, Jerusalem and Sharon Alley, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Lexicography of the First Century: Two Approaches to a Semantic Domain (30 min)
Alexandra Anne Thompson, University of Cambridge
Response from a Fifth–Fourth-Century B. C. E. Perspective (30 min)
David E. S. Stein, Redondo Beach, CA
The Noun ‘ish in Biblical Hebrew: A Term of Affiliation (30 min)
Aaron Koller, Yeshiva University
Lexicography of Realia: Two Examples from the Semantic Field of Blades (30 min)

S19-106

Christian Apocrypha Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Abraham Terian, St. Nersess’ Armenian Seminary
The Armenian Gospel of the Infancy (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Claire Clivaz, University of Lausanne
Madness, Philosophical, or Mystical Experiment?: A Weird Text, Recognitions 2:61-69 (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Päivi Vähäkangas, University of Helsinki
The Doctrine of Creatio ex Nihilo in Pseudo-Clementine Literature (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Caleb Webster, Claremont Graduate University
Taking Over Thomas: The Subversion of Judas Didymus Thomas in the Edessene Abgar Tradition (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S19-107

Christian Theology and the Bible Section
4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Theme: Reading Scripture with the Church
Kathryn Greene-McCreight, St John's Episcopal Church, Presiding (10 min)
David Ford, University of Cambridge
Panelist (20 min)
Amy Laura Hall, Duke University, Panelist (20 min)
Andrew Adam, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Respondent (15 min)
Stephen Fowl, Loyola College in Maryland, Respondent (15 min)
Francis Watson, University of Aberdeen - Scotland, Respondent (15 min)
Kevin Vanhoozer, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Respondent (15 min)

S19-108

Computer Assisted Research Section
4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Theme: Standards and Structures: Let’s Not Reinvent the Wheel
Heleina Haskins, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding
Patrick Durusau, Snowfall Software
Standards, Scholars, and Archiving (30 min)
Sean Boisen, Logos Research Systems
Integrating Greek and English Digital Resources (30 min)
James Libby, Decision Support Sciences
An Introduction to the Use of Advanced Data Reduction Approaches to Address Longstanding Issues in Biblical Studies (30 min)

S19-109

Didache in Context Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Didache: Text and Composition in a Changing Community
Jonathan A. Draper, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Presiding
Clayton N. Jefford, Saint Meinrad School of Theology
Nancy Pardee, Saint Xavier University, Respondent (10 min)
William Varner, Master’s College and Seminary
The Didache as a Christian Enchiridion (25 min)
Break (10 min)
Dietrich-Alex Koch, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
The Eucharistic Prayers in Didache 9 and 10 and the Riddle of Didache 10:6 (25 min)
Huub van de Sandt, Tilburg University
Why is the Eucharist Referred to as a “Sacrifice” in Didache 14? (25 min)
John Clabeaux, Pontifical College Josephinum, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (20 min)
S19-110

Disputed Paulines Section
4:00 PM-6:45 PM
James Aageson, Concordia College-Moorhead, Presiding
Matthew E. Gordley, Regent University
The Colossian Hymn and the Imperial Cult (25 min)
Daniel C. Claire, Catholic University of America
The Gifts of the Divine Warrior: Ephesians 4:7–11 (25 min)
Minna Shkul, University of Wales Lampeter
Contested Reputations and Revealing the Eternal Plans of God: Communal Legitimation in Ephesians (25 min)
Break (10 min)
Jonathan Hall, University of Virginia
The Influence of Isaiah 57 on Ephesians 2 (25 min)
Julien C. H. Smith, Baylor University
Ethical Exhortation, Identity Formation, and Authority: The Function of the Two Ways Form in Barnabas 18-21 and Ephesians 4:17–5:21 (25 min)
Marianne Bjelland Kartzow, University of Oslo and A. Rebecca Solevag, University of Oslo
Who Loves the Pastorals and Why? (25 min)

S19-112

Graduate Biblical Studies: Ethos and Discipline Seminar
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Kent Richards, Society of Biblical Literature, Presiding
Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College, Panelist
R. S. Sugirtharajah, University of Birmingham, Panelist
Elisabeth Schuessler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Respondent
C. D. Elledge, Gustavus Adolphus College
Rewriting the Sacred: Some Problems of Textual Authority in Light of the Rewritten Scriptures from Qumran (20 min)
Brent Strawn, Emory University, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (5 min)
David A. deSilva, Ashland Theological Seminary
"Like Noble Athletes of Piety": 4 Maccabees as Source of Inspiration for Ignatius, Martyrydom of Polycarp, and Origens Exhortatio (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Jeremy F. Hultin, Yale University
Jude and 1 Enoch (20 min)
Leslie Walck, Colfax Lutheran Church, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Simon Lee, Harvard University
Competition between the Holy Scriptures of the Lord and the Oral Traditions: Examination of the Transfiguration Account in Acts of Peter (Second Century C. E.) (20 min)
Henry Rietz, Grinnell College, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Stephen J. Shoemaker, University of Oregon
Between Scripture and Tradition: The Marian Apocrypha of Early Christianity (20 min)
George Zervos, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S19-113

Hellenistic Judaism Section / First Esdras Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Philosophy and Wisdom in Hellenistic Judaism
Allen Kerkeslager, Saint Joseph’s University, Presiding
Discussion (25 min)
Break (10 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S19-114

Ideological Criticism Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Ideology, Activism, and Biblical Interpretation II
Randall Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding
Alicia Batten, Pacific Lutheran University
Reading the Bible in Occupied France: André Trocmé and Le Chambon (30 min)
Avaren E. Ipsen, University of California-Berkeley
Widows and Prophets: Sexual Moral Economy in the Elijah/Elisha Cycle (30 min)
Raj Nadella, Union Theological Seminary-Virginia
Special Economic Zones as Latifundialization: A Rereading of the Parable of Tenants in Indian Context (30 min)
Jin Young Choi, Vanderbilt University
Like Dogs under the Table: A Minority Reading of the Bible with Bourdieu and Certeau (30 min)
Alice W. Hunt, Vanderbilt University
No More Double-Speak: The Bible and Immigration (30 min)
This session will address the use of the Bible to support or oppose activism on issues of social justice, war, the ‘isms’ (including racism, classism, sexism), economic justice, etc.
International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: The Septuaginta-Deutsch Project
Wolfgang Kraus, University of the Saarland
Presentation of Septuaginta-Deutsch (Part I) (20 min)
Martin Karrer, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal
Presentation of Septuaginta-Deutsch Part II (20 min)
Martin Roesel, University of Rostock
The Greek-German Pentateuch in Retrospect (20 min)
Siegfried Kreuzer, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal, Barmen School of Theology
The Historical Books: Their Characteristics in the Septuagint and Its Revisions and in Septuaginta-Deutsch (20 min)
Martin Meiser, Universität des Saarlandes
The Septuagint of Samuel: Observations in Exegesis and Theory (20 min)
Florian Wilk, Georg-August Universität-Göttingen
Translating and Annotating the Septuagint of Isaiah in Septuaginta-Deutsch: A Preliminary Evaluation (20 min)

Septuaginta-Deutsch (LXX.D) started in 1999. The aim is to be a two volume work: One with the translation and a second with linguistic, lexical, theological and historical annotations. The Hebrew vonlage (when there is one existing) is always taken into consideration. The differences between the Hebrew and the Greek text are printed in italics in the translation volume and explained in the accompanying volume. The textual basis of LXX.D is the Septuaginta Gottingensis as far as it has appeared. For the other books we use the revised edition of A. Rahlfs (the revision by R. Hanhart appeared in 2006). There are some 80 contributors for the translation and the accompanying volume working in small teams on the books of the LXX plus ten advisors (scholars working in the fields of History, Greek language, Old and New Testament Theology, Orthodox Studies, Judaic Studies). ten co-editors are responsible for the different parts of the LXX such as Pentateuch, historical books, minor Prophets, and so on. There are two editors-in-chief, Martin Karrer from Wuppertal (formerly teaching New Testament in Koblenz, now since 2004) from Saarbrücken, both New Testament scholars who initiated the project. The main sponsors are the protestant church of the Rhineland and the German Bible Society. Every year there is a conference for the members of the project, the outcome of which are several research volumes. Two of them appeared in the BWANT Series (Stuttgart: Kohlhammer) Im Brennpunkt: Die Septuaginta I (2001) and II (2004). The last one was: Septuagint Research. Issues and Challenges in the Study of the Greek Jewish Scriptures, ed. by W. Kraus and G. R. Wooden, SBL/SCS 53, Atlanta/Leiden: SBL/Brill 2006. Three more volumes are in print and will appear this year.

S19-116
Jewish Christianity Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Charlotte Fonrobert, Stanford University, Presiding
Definitions, Sources, and Aims: Daniel Boyarin, University of California-Berkeley, Panelist (25 min)
Oskar Skarsaune, Norwegian School of Theology, Respondent (5 min)
Matt Jackson-McCabe, Niagara University, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (15 min)
On Paul and His Competitors: Mark Nanos, Rockhurst University and University of Kansas, Panelist (25 min)
Reidar Hvalvik, Norwegian School of Theology, Respondent (5 min)
Jerry Sumney, Lexington Theological Seminary, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (15 min)
On Ebionites, Nazarenes and Their Literature: Joseph Verheyden, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Panelist (25 min)
Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki, Respondent (5 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S19-117
John, Jesus, and History Group / Johannine Literature Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: The Past, Present, and Future of Johannine Studies, Part III: Johannine Hermeneutics and Theologies
Jeffrey Staley, Seattle University, Presiding
R. Alan Culpepper, Mercer University Pursuing the Elusive (10 min)
Stan Harstine, Friends University To What End Methodology? (5 min)
Sandra M. Schneider, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley Reflecting on Thirty Years (10 min)
Colleen Conway, Seton Hall University Ideologies Past and Present (5 min)
D. A. Carson, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Reflections on a Johannine Pilgrimage (10 min)
Andreas J. Kostenberger, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Progress and Regress in Recent Johannine Scholarship (5 min)
Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University Reflections on Absence and Irruption (10 min)
Francisco Lozada, Jr., Brite Divinity School Toward an Interdisciplinary Approach to Johannine Studies (5 min)
Carsten Claussen, University of Munich Johannine Exegesis in Transition (10 min)
Robert Kysar, Emory University What’s the Meaning of This? (10 min)
David Rensberger, Interdenominational Theological Center Is “History” History? (5 min)
Break (10 min)
Discussion (55 min)
MONDAY EVENING

S19-118

Methodological Reassessments of the Letters of James, Peter, and Jude Consultation
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Letter of 2 Peter
Peter Davids, St. Stephen's University, Presiding (5 min)
Terrance Callan, The Athenaeum of Ohio
Rhetography and Rhetology of Apocalyptic Discourse in 2 Peter (30 min)
Ruth Anne Reese, Asbury Theological Seminary
Narrative Method and the Second Epistle of Peter (30 min)

Break (5 min)

Robert Paul Seesengood, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
“Irrelevant Animals”: Hybridity, Alterity, and Name-Calling in 2 Peter 2: A Postcolonial Reading (30 min)
Duane F. Watson, Malone College
A Comparision of Rhetorical and Socio-Rhetorical Criticism in Relation to 2 Peter (30 min)

Discussion (20 min)
Please read the papers in advance, for they will not be read in the session. Each paper will be discussed by the panel of presenters first and then by the audience. For copies of the papers please contact Robert Webb at webbr@mcmaster.ca. (Note: if you have received papers in the last two years from this consultation, there is no need to request them again. They will be sent to you.)

S19-119

Pauline Soteriology Group
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Divine and Human Agency in Pauline Theology
Douglas Campbell, Duke University, Presiding
Susan Eastman, Duke University
Philippians 2: Divine and Human Agency in Christ's Story (40 min)
J. Louis Martyn, Union Theological Seminary
The Newly-Created Moral Agent in Paul (40 min)

Break (5 min)
Alan Torrance, University of St. Andrews, Respondent (10 min)
Telford Work, Westmont College, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (45 min)

Copies of John Dillon's sample commentary will be available about two weeks before the meeting from the Chair, David Runia (runia@queens.unimelb.edu.au).

S19-120

Philo of Alexandria Group
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Interpreting Philo's De Abrahamo
Annewies van den Hoek, Harvard University, Presiding
John Dillon, Trinity College, Dublin
A Sample Commentary on Philo De Abrahamo 119–132 (25 min)
Erich Gruen, University of California-Berkeley, Respondent (15 min)
Ellen Birnbaum, Cambridge, MA, Respondent (15 min)
David T. Runia, University of Melbourne
The Place of De Abrahamo in Philo’s Oeuvre (25 min)
James R. Royse, San Francisco State University
The Text of Philo’s De Abrahamo (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Papers for this session will be available at the PsyBibs website, http://psybibs.org.

S19-121

Psychology and Biblical Studies Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Psychology and the Bible in Practice: Congregation and Community
Jill McNish, Montclair, NJ, Presiding (5 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Beth Bidlack, University of Chicago
Differentiating Elijah: A Study of 1 Kings 19 (20 min)

Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, Wesley Theological Seminary and Michael S. Koppel, Wesley Theological Seminary
Reading with Rahab: Liminality and Interpathy in Joshua 2 (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Papers for this session will be available at the PsyBibs website, http://psybibs.org.

S19-122

Q Section
4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: The Mark-Q Overlaps
Paul Foster, University of Edinburgh, Presiding (5 min)

Mark Goodacre, Duke University
Taking Leave of Mark-Q Overlaps: Major Agreements in Matthew 3:7-12 // Mark 1:7-8 // Luke 3:7-9, 15-17 (25 min)

Linden Youngquist, Iowa Wesleyan College
Q+ and the Preaching of John: Raising the Questions (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)
Break (5 min)
Harry Fleddermann, Alverno College  
John’s Preaching in Q and the Synoptics  
(25 min)

Timothy A. Friedrichsen, Catholic University of America  
The Preaching of John the Baptist in Mark and Q (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

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S19-123

Qumran Section  
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Methods and Theories in the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls

Martin G. Abegg, Trinity Western University, Presiding

James R. Davila, University of St. Andrews-Scotland  
Counterfactual History and Other New Methodologies (25 min)

Jonathan Klawans, Boston University  
The Study of Qumran Doctrines: Methodological Reflections (25 min)

Maxine L. Grossman, University of Maryland  
Gendered Sectarians: Some Methodological Thoughts on Gender and the Dead Sea Scrolls (25 min)

Eyal Regev, Bar-Ilan University  
Sectarianism in Qumran: A Comparative Approach (25 min)

Ross Kraemer, Brown University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (35 min)

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S19-125

Ritual in the Biblical World Consultation  
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Review of Bridging the Gap: Ritual and Ritual Texts in the Bible, by Gerald A. Klingbeil (Eisenbrauns, 2007)

Jonathan Schwiebert, Washington University, Presiding

Roy Gane, Andrews University, Panelist (25 min)

Richard DeMaris, Valparaiso University, Panelist (25 min)

Ronald Grimes, Wilfrid Laurier University, Panelist (25 min)

Gerald Klingbeil, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Respondent (30 min)

Discussion (45 min)

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S19-127

Synoptic Gospels Section  
4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: Disputed Characters in the Synoptic Tradition

David Landry, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

Bruce W. Longenecker, University of St. Andrews, Scotland  
The Parable of the Samaritan and the Inn-Keeper (Luke 10:30–35) (30 min)

Matthew S. Rindge, Emory University  
“Lazarus and the Rich Man”: The Economics of (Mis)Reading a Parable (30 min)

Justina P. Farrell, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Peter “Gets Some Exorcise” in Mark 8:27–33: Suffering, Discipleship, and Exorcism (30 min)

Susan Miller, University of Oxford  
Mary Magdalene: Conflicting Interpretations of Luke 8:1–2 (30 min)

Joel F. Williams, Columbia International University  
Jesus’ Love for the Rich Man (Mark 10:21): A Disputed Response toward a Disputed Character (30 min)

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S19-128

Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section / International Organization for Masoretic Studies  
4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Textual Criticism and the Masorah

Daniel Mynatt, Anderson University (SC), Presiding
MONDAY EVENING

Carmel McCarthy, University College Dublin
Masoretic Insights into the Text of Deuteronomy (35 min)

Phillip S. Marshall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Deuteronomy 32:43 and Textual Criticism: New Proposals for an Old Puzzle (35 min)

Maria-Teresa Ortega-Monasterio, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
All that Glitters Is Not Gold: The Masorah of Spanish Bible Manuscripts and Its Peculiarities (35 min)

Stephen C. Daley, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
Conjectural Emendations in Bible Translations: Past, Present, and Future (35 min)

Harold P. Scanlin, United Bible Societies
II.B.17: A Manuscript Ascribed to the Scribe of the Aleppo Codex (35 min)

Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Review of Joel Kaminsky, Yet I Loved Jacob: Reclaiming the Biblical Concept of Election (Abingdon, 2007).
Tamar Kamionkowski, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Presiding
Benjamin Sommer, Northwestern University, Panelist (20 min)
Jacqueline Lapsley, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)
Ellen Frances Davis, Duke University, Panelist (20 min)
Joel Lohr, Durham University, Panelist (20 min)
Patrick Miller, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)
Joel Kaminsky, Smith College, Respondent (30 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S19-130
Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Anna Miller, Harvard University, Presiding
Jennifer A. Glancy, Le Moyne College
The Law of the Opened Body: Tertullian on the Nativity (20 min)
Susanna Drake, Duke University
Violence against Women and the Discourse of Alterity in Early Christianity (20 min)
Todd Russell Hanneken, University of Notre Dame
Wars from Heaven and Soldiers from Earth: Three Jewish Responses to Violence (20 min)

Steven Weitzman, Indiana University at Bloomington
Rethinking “Mimetic Rivalry” in First-Century Judaism (20 min)

Shawn Kelley, Daemen College
“And There Will Be Terrors And Great Signs From Heaven”: Biblical Scholarship, Violence, and Genocide (20 min)

Jennifer Barbour, Oxford University
“A Time for War”: Literary Allusion in Qoheleth 9:11–18 (25 min)

T. A. Perry, University of Connecticut
Qohelet and the French School: Levinas, Neher, Blanchot (25 min)

David A. Lambert, Yale University
Caring for Parents as a Wisdom Ideal (25 min)

J.R. Dodson, University of Tübingen
Sophia and the Gang: An Investigation of Lady Wisdom in Light of Other Personifications in the Wisdom of Solomon (25 min)

S19-132
Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section

4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Theme: Qoheleth and Biblical Wisdom Literature
Victor Hurowitz, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Presiding
Thomas M. Bolin, Saint Norbert College
Revisiting Qohelet and the Greeks (25 min)

David U. B. Liu, Duke University
Qohelet's Iterations (25 min)

Jennifer Barbour, Oxford University
“ ‘Em, Can’t Live without ‘Em: Dialectical Responses to Heroic Violence in the Editorial Structure of the Book of Judges (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)
S19-133
SBL Research and Publications Committee Meeting
4:30 PM-6:00 PM

S19-134
Book Review: Pauline Christology: An Exegetical-Theological Study (Hendrickson, 2007) by Gordon D. Fee
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Shirley Decker-Lucke, Hendrickson Publishers, Presiding
Douglas Moo, Wheaton College, Panelist
Ralph Martin, Azusa Pacific University, Panelist
Cynthia Kittredge, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Panelist
Michael Gorman, Saint Mary’s Seminary and University, Panelist
Gordon Fee, Regent College, Respondent

S19-135
Wayne Meeks and the Study of Paul: From the First to the Second Edition of The Writings of St. Paul—and Beyond to a “Third Edition”
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Troels Engberg-Pedersen, Copenhagen University, Presiding
John Fitzgerald, University of Miami, Panelist
John Barclay, Durham University, Panelist
Dale Martin, Yale University, Panelist
Margaret Mitchell, University of Chicago, Panelist
Alan Segal, Barnard College, Columbia University, Panelist
Wayne Meeks, Yale University, Respondent
Discussion

S19-136
FILM: The Mystery of Paul
8:30 PM-10:30 PM
Title: “The Mystery of Paul” (France, 1999; 105 min., color)
Director: Abraham Ségal (director of “The Abraham File”)
Language: English, French, Hebrew, and Italian, with English sub-titles
This documentary in the style of a road movie explores the seemingly contradictory life and legacy of Saul of Tarsus, a Jewish zealot, who became the Christian apostle Paul on the road to Damascus.
Who really was this man, whose deeds and messages, even after he became an apostle, appear to be contradictory? What is his legacy? And how was his world, at the beginning of the first century, similar to ours as we enter the third millennium?
The charismatic French actor Didier Sandre investigates, traveling to some of the most vibrant places in the modern world, from Jerusalem to Manhattan, questioning leading Jewish and Christian theologians of many denominations (including UC Berkeley historian Daniel Boyarin), as well as ordinary people and agnostic historians.

S19-137
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Join us for a discussion of Jesus of Hollywood, including film clips from the book and favorite film clips of the panelists.
W. Barnes Tatum, Greensboro College, Panelist
Paula Fredriksen, Boston University, Panelist
Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa, Panelist

S19-138
Book Review Session: Christopher R. Seitz, Prophecy and Hermeneutics: Toward a New Introduction to the Prophets (Baker, 2007)
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Gary Anderson, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Martti Nissinen, University of Helsinki, Panelist
David L. Petersen, Emory University, Panelist
Christopher Seitz, University of St. Andrews-Scotland, Respondent

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

S20-1
SBL Program Unit Chairs Breakfast/Meeting
7:30 AM-8:30 AM

S20-2
Book of the Twelve Prophets Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
G. Andrew Tooze, Pfeiffer University
Condemnation of the Priests in Hosea and Malachi: An Intertextual Connection (30 min)
Jeffrey R. Stackert, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Altar Asylum and the Divine Avenger in Amos 9:1–4 (30 min)
Tim Meadowcroft, Bible College of New Zealand
The Lineage of Haggai: Intertextuality in the Haggai Narrative (30 min)
Bradley R. Trick, Duke University
The Piercing of the Prophet in Zechariah 13:3: A Just or Unjust Execution? (30 min)
Martin Proebstle, Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen
The Reception of the Israelite Credo in the Twelve (30 min)
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Christian Apocrypha Section
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Theme: Passion/Resurrection Narratives
Ann Graham Brock, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Tony Chartrand-Burke, York University
Heresy Hunting in the New Millennium
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Traditions and Their Disruption
in the Christian Apocrypha
(10 min)
Pierluigi Piovanelli, University of Ottawa
Respondent (10 min)
Tony Chartrand-Burke, York University
Discussion (10 min)
Judith Hartenstein, Philipps Universität-Marburg
Non-Canonical Appearance Stories and the Development of the Resurrection Tradition
(25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Cornelia Horn, Saint Louis University-Dumbarton Oaks
Qur'anic Perspectives on Jesus’ Life and Death in the Light of the Transmission and Reception History of Apocryphal Christian Literature
(25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Timothy P. Henderson, Marquette University
The Gospel of Peter and Early Objections to the Resurrection of Jesus
(25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

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Christian Theology and the Bible Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: New Proposals in Christian Theology and Bible
Stephen Fowl, Loyola College in Maryland, Presiding (10 min)
Mark Elliott, University of St. Andrews-Scotland
Theological Insights on and from Leviticus 1-7
(30 min)
Gregory W. Lee, Duke University
Calvin and the New Perspective: Covenant as Ground for a Nuanced View of the Law
(30 min)
Break (10 min)
Clayton Libolt, River Terrace Church
A Conversation with Nicholas Wolterstorff’s Divine Discourse
(30 min)
George C. Heider, Valparaiso University
Atonement and the Gospels
(30 min)

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Deuteronomistic History Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Judah Kraut, University of Pennsylvania
Deciphering the “Shema”: A New Approach to Deuteronomy 6:4
(25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Sara J. Milstein, New York University
“When There Was No Judge in Israel”: The Deuteronomist’s Transformation of Israel’s Heroes into Judah’s Judges
(25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
John T. Willis, Abilene Christian University
The Strategic Rhetorical Position of 2 Samuel 7 in the Deuteronomistic History
(25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Patricia Dutcher-Walls, Vancouver School of Theology
Queen Mothers and Royal Politics of the Seventh Century B. C. É.
(25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Saint Olaf College
Jezebel and the Deuteronomists Who Created Her
(25 min)
Break (5 min)

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Greco-Roman Religions Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Hybridization and Creolization in the Greek and Roman Worlds
Nancy Evans, Wheaton College, Presiding
James Constantine Hanges, Miami University
Hybridity and the Roman Mystery Cult of Palaimon at Isthmia
(25 min)
Barbette Stanley Spaeth, College of William and Mary
The Epigraphical Evidence for the Prevalence of Roman Cult in Ancient Corinth
(25 min)
Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound
Ludi and the Development of Roman Identity
(25 min)
Bradford A. Kirkegaard, University of Pennsylvania
Aphrodite at Aphrodisias: A Case Study in Greco-Anatolian and Roman Hybridization
(25 min)
Discussion (20 min)
Business Meeting (15 min)

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Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology Section
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Theme: Archaeology, Texts, and Inscriptions
Max van de Wiel, Tilburg University
Job 29: The Search for an Integration of Archeological and Semantic Data in a Cognitive Study
(25 min)
Simcha Shalom Brooks, London, UK
New Insight into Gibeon as a Center of Worship at the Time of Saul
(25 min)
William D. Barker, University of Cambridge
Slaying the Hero to Build the Temple: A New Assessment of the Tell Asmar Cylinder Seal
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Ralph K. Hawkins, Bethel College
Gilgal or Gilgalim?: Fortified Encampments in the Israelite Settlement
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Meir Lubetski, City University of New York, Bernard M. Baruch College
Decoding the Epigraphy and Icons of an Egyptian-Inspired Hebrew Seal Impression (25 min)

Carl E. Savage, Drew University
Sacred Space at the Gate: The High Places at the Gate of Et-Tell/Bethsaida (25 min)

Zvi Lederman, Tel Aviv University and Shlomo Bunimovitz, Tel Aviv University
The Hanan Clan: Epigraphic Evidence for Iron Age Canaanite Continuity in the Northern Shephelah of Judah (25 min)

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Hellenistic Judaism Section / Pseudepigrapha Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Exemplarity and Perfection in Hellenistic Judaism
Erich Gruen, University of California-Berkeley, Presiding
Annette Yoshiko Reed, McMaster University
The Construction and Subversion of Patriarchal Perfection (20 min)

Andrei Orlov, Marquette University
Enoch and the Anthropos: Restoration of the Glory of Adam in 2 (Slavonic) Enoch (20 min)

William Adler, North Carolina State University
Exemplary figures in the Palaea Historica (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)
Break (5 min)

Hindy Najman, University of Toronto
Education and Transformation in 4 Ezra (20 min)

Benjamin G. Wright, III, Lehigh University
Ben Sira on the Sage as Exemplar (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S20-9

John, Jesus, and History Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Jesus and John 13-21
Jaime Clark-Salles, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Presiding (10 min)

Mark A. Matson, Milligan College
The Historical Plausibility of John's Passion Chronology: A Reconsideration (35 min)

Jeffrey Paul Garcia, Nyack College
See My Hands and Feet: Fresh Light on a Johannine Midrash (35 min)

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Mark Group
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Textual Beginnings and Endings in Mark
Tom Shepherd, Union College, Presiding
Dean B. Deppe, Calvin Theological Seminary
Markan Christology and the Omission of youi theou in Mark 1:1 (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Clinton Wahlen, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
The Freer Logion and Early Eschatological Reflection (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Marie Noonan Sabin, Bristol, ME
A New Ending for Mark? (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Business Meeting (15 min)

The papers will be summarized, not read. Papers may be obtained for reading in advance by e-mail request to the chair, Tom Shepherd, at toshephe@ucollege.edu.

S20-11

Methodological Reassessments of the Letters of James, Peter, and Jude Consultation
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Letter of Jude: Discussion of Invited Papers
John Kloppenborg, University of Toronto, Presiding
Betsy J. Bauman-Martin, Saint Norbert College
Postcolonial Perversions in the Epistle of Jude (30 min)

J. Daryl Charles, Union University
Polermic and Persuasion: Literary-Rhetorical Perspectives on the Epistle of Jude (30 min)

S20-12

Midrash Section
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Theme: Modes of Interpretation in Syriac, Rabbinic, and Islamic traditions
Robert R. Phenix, Jr., Saint Louis University
The Sermons on Joseph of Balai of Qennešrin (Early Fifth Century C. E.) as a Witness to the Transmission History and Interpretive Development of Joseph Traditions (30 min)

Discussion (10 min)
### S20-13

**New Historicism and the Hebrew Bible Group**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Harold C. Washington, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding**

**Jacob Erickson, Yale University**

*The Ambiguity of Jehu: A Reexamination of Sanctioned Violence in 2 Kings 9-10 (30 min)*

**C. Shaun Longstreet, University of California, Irvine**

*Recentering Esther: Identity Politics in Jerusalem at the End of the Persian Period (30 min)*

**Robert D. Miller, II, Mount Saint Mary's Seminary**

*New Cultural History and the Zion Hymns as Constructive of Identity (30 min)*

**Chesung Ryu, Graduate Theological Union**

*The Silence of Jonah: A Postcolonial Reading (30 min)*

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### S20-14

**Pentateuch Section**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Theme: The Former Prophets in the Pentateuch and the Pentateuch in the Former Prophets**

**Konrad Schmid, University of Zurich, Presiding**

**Marc Brettler, Brandeis University**

*The Voice is (Nearly) the Voice of the Deuteronomist: The Deuteronomistic Editing of the Enneateuch (30 min)*

**Thomas B. Dozeman, United Theological Seminary**

*The Golden Calf in the Enneateuch (30 min)*

**Albert De Pury, University of Geneva**

*Undoing P: The Corrective and Restraining Trends in the Reception of P (30 min)*

**Suzanne Boorer, Murdoch University**

*The Envisioning of the Land in the Priestly Material: Fulfilled Promise or Future Hope? (30 min)*

Discussion (30 min)

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### S20-15

**Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Consultation**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Theme: Communal Religious Experiences in Paul's Churches**

**Rodney Werline, Barton College, Presiding**

**Nicola Roddy, Creighton University**

*“Fill Your Stomach with It”: Hierophagy as Religious Experience (25 min)*

**Dan W. Clanton, Jr., Denver, CO**

*The Hairy Situation at Corinth: Androgyny and Eschatology in 1 Corinthians 11:2–16 (25 min)*

**Bert Jan Lietzert Peerbolte, Protestant Theological University**

*Baptism in Paul: A Life Changing Experience? (25 min)*

**Rollin Ramsaran, Emmanuel School of Religion**

*Religious Experience “In Christ”: A Modest Pauline Appraisal (25 min)*

Break (5 min)

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### S20-16

**Romans through History and Cultures Group**
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Theme: Focal Points in Readings of Romans: Eschatology, Apocalyptic, Messianism**

**Cristina Grenholm, Karlstad University, Presiding**

**Alf Christophersen, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität**

*Erik Peterson's Concept of Eschatology (20 min)*

**William S. Campbell, University of Wales Lampeter**

*Kaesemann on Romans: The End of an Era or the Way to the Future? (20 min)*

**Douglas Harink, The King’s University College**

*“Messianic Time” and Readings of Romans by Giorgio Agamben, Karl Barth, and N. T. Wright (20 min)*

**Hans-Ulrich Weidemann, University of Tübingen, Respondent (15 min)**

**Ian Rock, Codrington College, Respondent (15 min)**

**Kathy Ehrensperger, University of Wales Lampeter, Respondent (15 min)**

Discussion (40 min)

Papers will be summarized; they are available from 1 October under www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/religious_studies/sbl2007.

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### S20-17

**Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section**
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Richard J. Saley, Harvard University**

*Revisiting 4QJeremiah-a,c vis-a-vis 4QJeremiah-b,d (35 min)*

**Rick Van de Water, San Francisco State University**

*Qumran, Masada and the Text of Ezekiel (35 min)*

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Harry F. van Rooy, North-West University
*The Minor Versions and the Text of Ezekiel* (35 min)

Francisco J. del Barco, Universidad Complutense de Madrid and María-Teresa Ortega-Monasterio, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
*Textual Criticism of the Bible during the Spanish Renaissance* (35 min)

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### S20-18

**Bible and American Popular Culture Section**

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Ruben Dupertuis, Trinity University, Presiding

David G. Garber, Jr., McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University
*From Nahum 3 to “Number Six”: The Biblical Motif of the Tortured Woman in American Popular Culture* (30 min)

Jeffrey S. Lamp, Oral Roberts University
*The Sisko, the Christ: A Comparison of “Messiah” Figures in the Star Trek Universe and the New Testament* (30 min)

George Aichele, Adrian College
*The New Polytheism* (30 min)

Heidi Epstein, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan
*Sour Grapes, Fermented Selves: Folk and Grunge Revamp the Shulamite* (30 min)

Matthew S. Rindge, Emory University
*Oppression and (Limited) Liberation: Constructing a Dialogue between Exodus and Paul Thomas Anderson’s “Magnolia”* (30 min)

David Frankfurter, University of New Hampshire, Respondent (10 min)

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### S20-20

**Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section**

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Juliana Claassens, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Presiding

Samuel Balentine, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Panelist (20 min)

Kathleen O’Connor, Columbia Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)

Daniel Smith-Christopher, Loyola Marymount University, Panelist (20 min)

Cathy Caruth, Emory University, Respondent (25 min)

Tod Linafelt, Georgetown University, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (40 min)

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### S20-21

**Wisdom and Apocalypticism in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Section**

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Peter Machinist, Harvard University, Presiding

Kaisa Vaittinen, University of Helsinki
*Prophecy, Apocalyptic Literature, and Literary Predictive Texts: How to Read and Why?* (20 min)

Matthew Neujahr, Yale University
*Cuneiform Perspectives on Daniel and the Development of the Genre Apocalypse* (20 min)

Paul-Alain Beaulieu, University of Toronto
*The Babylonian Roots of the Motif of the Fiery Furnace in Daniel 3* (20 min)

Matthias Henze, Rice University
*Apocalyptic Appropriation of Ancient Near Eastern Mythology in Daniel 7–12* (20 min)

Bernd U. Schipper, University of Bremen
*Between Tradition and Propaganda: Apocalyptic Literature from Ptolemaic Egypt* (20 min)

John Collins, Yale University, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)
The mission of the Society of Biblical Literature is to foster biblical scholarship. This mission is accomplished through seven strategic goals:

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

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

### Programs and Initiatives

#### Congresses

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

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

#### Annual Meeting

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

#### International Meeting

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

#### Publications and Technology

SBL Publications offers a wide variety of resources for biblical studies specialists as well as students in colleges, universities, and seminaries; leaders in church and synagogue settings; and members of the general public. Books published include major reference works, commentaries, text editions and translations, scholarly monographs, tools for teaching and research, and works of general interest. In addition, the SBL serves as the exclusive distributor of all Brown Judaic Studies volumes and as the North American distributor of works by Sheffield Phoenix Press. The *Journal of Biblical Literature* is one of the oldest and most distinguished journals in biblical scholarship, while the online *Review of Biblical Literature* offers the most comprehensive review of biblical studies publications. The Society also sponsors the online journal *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* and *The Online Critical Pseudepigrapha*. Finally, the Society continues to provide leadership for font development, markup standards, and digitization of primary sources through partnerships with museums and related institutions.

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**Status of Women in the Profession Committee**

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee encourages the participation of women in all areas of biblical studies. In pursuit of this mandate, the committee focuses its efforts in the areas of mentoring, networking, and opening biblical studies to greater participation by women. Funding is given for a limited number of non-North American women to attend congresses.

**Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities Committee**

The Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee has long supported the recruitment and mentoring of racial and ethnic minority students from among the African American, Asian, Hispanic, and Native American populations.

**Student Advisory Group**

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

- facilitate a greater connection between students and the Society with a view toward lifetime membership, volunteer involvement, and leadership
- provide resources and programming specifically geared toward student members
- to develop and groom the next generation of leaders
Career Services
The Society’s Career Services encompasses Openings and an employment center at the Annual Meeting. Openings: Employment Opportunities for Scholars of Religion is published electronically each month and is available through the SBL website at no cost to members. The Employment Information Services Center operates each year at the Annual Meeting and offers a central location for job candidates and institutions to meet, along with other helpful events such as panel reviews of pertinent topics that focus on the “how to” of the application and job-interview process.

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

Regional Scholars Program
The eleven regions identify exemplary new scholars, particularly women and underrepresented minorities, for consideration and selection as one of the Society’s Regional Scholars. A maximum of six regional scholars are selected each year and given stipends to cover a portion of the cost of attending the Annual Meeting.

Religious Leadership Seminars
In partnership with the Louisville Institute, the Society will be offering Religious Leadership Seminars on a regional basis in the coming year. Each of these Seminars will be focused on current topics and will provide an update on the latest scholarship for religious leaders from the local community.

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

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

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

The Development Committee reviews and supports fundraising activities for the Society. Most recently this committee led the SBL’s highly successful 125th Anniversary Campaign. The Society Fund, the annual campaign, is an essential part of the revenue stream for all programs.

The Finance Committee advises the Executive Director in preparing the annual budget for recommendation to the Council and oversees the societal investments.

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

The Research and Publications Committee works with the Editorial Director, reviews publishing activities, recommends policies, and approves editors and editorial boards.

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

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

The Regional Coordinators Committee consists of liaisons from the eleven regions in North America (Pacific Northwest; Mid Atlantic; Pacific Coast; New England; Upper Midwest; Rocky Mountains-Great Plains; Central States; Southwestern; Eastern Great Lakes; Midwest; Southeastern). Coordinators oversee regional activities and award Regional Scholar grants.

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As planning for future meetings moves forward, I welcome comments and suggestions from our members, friends, and associates about the ways the American Academy of Religion can support your work in the study of religion and theology. Please feel free to contact me or other staff colleagues at our Executive Offices. Until then, with every good wish for a productive and enjoyable Annual Meeting, I am

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Plenary Addresses

The Covenant with Black America (A17-132)
Saturday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
Tavis Smiley, Los Angeles, CA

From his celebrated conversations with world figures, to his work to inspire the next generation of leaders, as a broadcaster, author, advocate, and philanthropist, Tavis Smiley continues to be an outstanding voice for change. Smiley hosts the late night television talk show, Tavis Smiley on PBS, and radio show, The Tavis Smiley Show on Public Radio International, making him the first American ever to simultaneously host signature talk shows on both public television and public radio. He also created the Tavis Smiley Foundation, whose mission is to enlighten, encourage and empower black youth, as well as Tavis Smiley Presents, a subsidiary of The Smiley Group, Inc., that brings ideas and people together through symposiums, seminars, forums, and town hall meetings. In addition, he has authored ten books, and he made publishing history when the book he edited, The Covenant with Black America, reached #1 on the New York Times bestseller list.

Presidential Plenary and Awards Ceremony: The Folly of Secularism (A17-404)
Saturday, 7:45 pm-9:00 pm
Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University

Jeffrey Stout is the author of The Flight from Authority, Ethics after Babel, and Democracy and Tradition, as well as co-editor of Grammar and Grace: Reformulations of Aquinas and Wittgenstein. He is now working on a sequel to Democracy and Tradition, tentatively titled Walking in Our Sleep. Stout's interests include theories of religion, religious and philosophical ethics, philosophy of religion, social criticism, political thought, modern theology, and film. He is a contributing editor of the Journal of Religious Ethics.

Isobel Coleman (A17-226)
Sunday, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Isobel Coleman, Council on Foreign Relations

Isobel Coleman, Senior Fellow for US Foreign Policy and Director of the Women and Foreign Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations, will be interviewed by Zayn Kassam, Pomona College. Coleman's forthcoming book, Paradise beneath Her Feet: Islamic Feminism in the Middle East, examines the role of women in bringing reform to the Muslim world—specifically in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, and Afghanistan—and in determining whether these societies can transition to functioning democracies with modern economies. She holds a D.Phil. in international relations from Oxford University and was an adjunct professor at American University. Dr. Kassam is the author of Introduction to the World's Major Religions: Islam, and she has published several articles, lectured widely, and is working on a book on gender issues in the Muslim world. Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University, will preside. The program includes substantial time for questions from the audience.
Plenary Addresses (Cont.)

How Social Justice Got to Me, and Why It Never Left (A18-402)

Sunday, 7:15 pm-8:15 pm
Nicholas Wolterstorff, Yale University

Nicholas Wolterstorff received his B.A. from Calvin College in 1953 and his Ph.D. in philosophy from Harvard University in 1956. Before taking up his current position as Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology at Yale, he taught for thirty years at his alma mater, Calvin College. After concentrating on metaphysics at the beginning of his career, he spent a good many years working primarily on aesthetics and philosophy of art. In more recent years, he has been concentrating on epistemology, philosophy of religion, and political philosophy. In the fall of 1993 he gave the Wilde Lectures at Oxford University, and in the spring of 1995 he gave the Gifford Lectures at St. Andrews University. He has been president of the American Philosophical Association (Central Division) and of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

Religious Mobilizations (A18-403)

Sunday, 8:30 pm-9:30 pm
Charles Taylor, Northwestern University, McGill University

Charles Taylor, Northwestern University and McGill University, is the 2007 Templeton Prize winner for his long-standing efforts to examine the role of spiritual thinking in modern society. His work is a standard in philosophy, theology, and the social sciences, and it provides a map of the central issues of debate in the historical development of the understanding of the self and the relations between the religious and the secular. Taylor argues against the idea that the rational movement that began in the Enlightenment renders morality and spirituality as anachronisms. Problems such as violence and bigotry can only be solved by considering their secular and spiritual dimensions, and wholly depending on secularized viewpoints leads to fragmented, faulty results. Taylor insists that a narrow, reductive sociological approach wrongly denies the full account of how and why humans strive for meaning. Taylor’s latest book, *A Secular Age*, was published by Harvard University Press.

Making Sense by Comprehending Sensibility: A View of Chinese Religions (A19-300)

Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Mu-Chou Poo, Academia Sinica

Mu-chou Poo was born and educated in Taiwan, received a B.A. in History from National Taiwan University in 1975 and a Ph.D. in Egyptology from The Johns Hopkins University in 1984. He is a Research Fellow at the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, and adjunct professor at the Graduate Institute of Religion, National Cheng-chih University, Taipei. He has taught as visiting professor at University of California, Columbia University, Grinnell College, and Hong Kong Chinese University. His research interests include society and religion in ancient Egypt and China. His recent research takes a comparative approach to ancient history and religion. He has published both in Chinese and English. Major English publications include *Wine and Wine Offering in the Religion of Ancient Egypt* (Kegan Paul International, 1995); *In Search of Personal Welfare: A View of Ancient Chinese Religion* (State University of New York Press, 1998); *Enemies of Civilization: Attitudes toward Foreigners in Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, and China* (State University of New York Press, 2005).

Welcoming the Stranger: Why Immigrants Are More Than a Luxury (A19-400)

Monday, 7:15 pm-8:45 pm
Ernesto J. Cortés, Jr., Austin, TX

Ernesto J. Cortés, Jr. serves as Southwest regional director of the Chicago-based Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), and he has worked to organize communities in the poor neighborhoods of Texas and throughout the Southwest. Mr. Cortés founded the first IAF affiliate in Texas, Communities Organized for Public Service (COPS), in his hometown of San Antonio. Possessed of a deep respect for the dignity of the people he seeks to help, he adheres to what he calls the “iron rule” of community activism: Never do for others what they can do for themselves. Rather than seek to impose an outsider’s view of what a community needs, he helps citizens to organize into trusting relationships and to develop the tools they need to exercise power on their own behalf. Ernesto Cortés has successfully translated his passion for justice into helping the politically disenfranchised of all races and faiths discover their political strength.
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Leadership Workshop: The Religion Major and Liberal Education (A16-101)
Friday, 9:00 am-4:30 pm
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and the Teagle Foundation

Amid changing global and academic contexts, what is the nature and role of the religion major? What are its goals, and how do they relate to the goals of a liberal education? How do we know if we are succeeding in meeting these goals? The workshop will bring together a distinguished group of experts to lead a day-long, interactive discussion of the religion major. Through plenaries, panels, and breakout sections, participants will explore and share challenges, best practices, success stories, and failures. The workshop is part of an eighteen-month-long joint AAR/Teagle Foundation project to study the religion major.

The workshop will benefit a range of participants: faculty, administrators, and graduate students. The goal is to bring a diverse group of AAR members together in a lively and open discussion about what it means to major in religion, what our field contributes (and should contribute) to the education of our students, and how we can be better at what we do.

Separate registration is required. Please see page 130 for registration form.

Religion and Media Workshop: Religion and New Media—Old Tools or New Trajectories? (A16-104)
Friday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm

From stone tablets to scrolls, printing presses to the Internet, artists, journalists, and believers of all stripes have used the advanced technology of their age. However, the question arises as to whether these new media are merely tools, or actually arbiters of religious change itself. This day-long workshop begins with questions such as: How is the representation of religion effected in new media incarnations, from the Internet to gaming? How is new media changing traditional journalism, and what are the effects on religion reporting? Could new media even be changing religion itself, in terms of what it means to those who practice it—or even how it is practiced? These are some of the issues covered in presentations by Jeff Sharlet, writer/editor of The Revealer, Harpers, Rolling Stone; Eddo Stern, game designer; Tracy Fullerton, game designer, University of Southern California; Ryan Bolger, co-author, Emerging Churches; and Heidi Campbell, author, When Religion Meets New Media.

Separate registration is required. Please see page 126 for registration form.

Women’s Caucus Workshop (A16-105)
Friday, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm
Sponsored by the Women’s Caucus

Includes three mini-sessions on Strategies for Women in the Profession, Women and Online Teaching, and Women in the Classroom.

EIS Center Orientation (A16-400)
Friday, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Sponsored by the EIS Advisory Committee

The EIS Center orientation will feature a short presentation which will include an overview of the center, an explanation of how to best utilize the center, and a question and answer session. After the presentation, the center will be open for use, with the exception of the Interview Hall. Employers will be able to review candidate credentials, leave messages for registered candidates, and make reservations for booth space. Candidates will be able to pick up their copy of the Annual Meetings Special Edition of Openings and leave messages for employers. The center will also accept on-site registrations at this time. Employers and candidates are encouraged to participate in orientation but are not required to attend.

SPECIAL TOPICS FORUMS

What’s My Job? Academic Citizenship and the Well-Being of Schools, Departments, and Programs (A17-100)
Saturday, 9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee

Professors’ jobs are often described as “three-legged stools” supported by scholarship, teaching, and service. This session reframes “service” as “citizenship” and what it means to be a good citizen of the academy. Topics will include understanding and effectively engaging in shared governance, collaboration and collegiality, and representing the Academy in/to the public. As a special focus, we will ask about the impacts of the growing percentage of part-time and temporary faculty members in our institutions: (e.g., how does this affect the citizenship requirements of the shrinking tenure-line faculty, what citizenship responsibilities accompany part-time and temporary faculty work, what responsibilities do tenure-line faculty have toward part-time and temporary faculty as fellow citizens of our institutions?)
Introduction to the AAR (A17-200)
Saturday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

The American Academy of Religion sponsors a broad umbrella of programs, affiliations, and subgroups: the Theological Programs Initiative, mentoring programs for women and ethnic minorities, the Graduate Student Committee and Student Liaison Group, a multitude of associated regional meetings, the Employment Information Service, and various publishing enterprises, to name just a few. If you’re confused by the AAR’s alphabet soup (TPI, REM, SWP, GSC, SLG, EIS, and more), or if you’ve ever wondered what else the AAR does besides the Annual Meeting, come hear about the wide range of services and opportunities for service offered to all AAR members.

Sustainable Theological Education (A17-201)
Saturday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee, the Theological Education Steering Committee, and SBL

As the declining health of the earth reaches a critical point, religious people from a wide variety of traditions are beginning to respond. It has been forty years since Lynn White issued what many saw as a wake-up call. Institutions of theological education should be providing vigorous, visionary leadership on this issue, but are they? Six of the prophetic voices that have encouraged both churches and seminaries to address the worsening ecological crisis have been asked to reflect on the significant role of theological education in leading the faith community to respond. What leadership can seminaries provide through scholarship, academic programs, community life, building and grounds, and institutional practices?

What unique opportunities and challenges does theological education face in meeting the environmental challenge? Ample time will be allowed for discussion. See www.webofcreation.org for more on this session and what some schools are already doing.

Interdisciplinary, Theoretical, and Ideological Implications of the AAR and SBL Split (A17-300)
Saturday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Program Committee, the Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, and SBL

This session examines the theoretical, ideological, and interdisciplinary implications of the decision to discontinue joint meetings of the AAR and SBL. The four panels reflect on the origin and history of the decades-long relation between these two important professional associations and implications of the upcoming shift in that relationship. This involves discussing the historical development of Religious and Biblical Studies as academic fields and of parallels and contrasts in their methodological and theoretical allegiances.

Race and Environmental Justice (A17-301)
Saturday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

This panel will explore the intersections between race and environmental justice. While the field of environmental ethics often raises themes of sustainable community and nature/animal quality of life, religious and theological perspectives on how racism contributes to environmental injustice are not often addressed. Panelists will discuss theo-ethical perspectives on environmental racism by providing an overview of current discourse in the field. They will also discuss intersections among environmental racism, injustice, and globalization. Methodologies from eco-feminist and eco-womanist perspectives will uncover parallel oppressions faced by women around the globe and endured by the earth. These perspectives, as well as a critical Buddhist ethical response, will offer new constructive models of earth care that can be applied to resist environmental racism.

AAR Program Highlights

Studies of World Religions in Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan (A17-101)
Saturday, 9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee

Visiting scholars participating in the 2007 international focus on China will speak about the state of the field in China in the study of various religious traditions, including Chinese religious traditions, Christianity, and Islam. The participants will include Archie Lee, Weichi Zhou, Yen-zhen Tsai, and Muchou Poo. Kwok Pui Lan and Jin Hee Han will moderate the session.

ATLA Career Alternatives Luncheon: Focus on Religion and Journalism (A17-133)
Saturday, 11:45 am-1:00 pm
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and American Theological Library Association

Students in religion and theology often find creative and rewarding career alternatives to the life of a professor. This year, our ongoing Career Alternatives series focuses on the intersection of religion and the media: what career opportunities exist for people interested in both religion and communicating ideas about religion using the expanding varieties of news media? Come listen to talented and experienced writers discuss their lives in religion and journalism.

AAR student members interested in attending must RSVP online ASAP (first-come, first-served basis) at www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/RSVP/ATLA. Online registration deadline is noon on Wednesday, November 14.
Fifty Years of Women in the AAR and SBL: The Battles of Yesterday and the Challenges of Tomorrow (A18-100)
Saturday, 9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee and SBL Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession
Panelists Rebecca Alpert, Rita Nakashima Brock, Katie Cannon, Liz Clark, Kwok Pui Lan, Carolyn Osiek, Rosemary Radford Reuther, and Emilie Townes reflect on the successes of the past and the hopes for and challenges of the future.

Teaching the Introductory Theology Course in Theological Schools (A18-101)
Sunday, 9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Theological Education Steering Committee

What makes for a good Introduction to Theology course in the context of a theological school? Four theologians in different types of theological schools will share how they structure their courses—syllabi and all—and why they do it that way, what their goals are for the courses, what pedagogical methods they have found most effective, what resources they have found useful, and how they assess whether the courses achieve their goals.

Wabash Center and AAR Student Teacher Luncheon (A18-132)
Sunday, 11:45 am-1:00 pm
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the Wabash Center

The Wabash Center and AAR Graduate Student Committee cordially invites AAR and SBL graduate student members to this lunch gathering with experienced faculty mentors to share in a conversation about teaching. Participation is by advance registration only, limited to the first 50 doctoral student members whose registration the AAR receives at www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/RSVP/Wabash.

The Marty Forum: Robert N. Bellah (A18-200)
Sunday, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

The recipient of the 2007 Martin Marty Award for contributions to the public understanding of religion is Robert N. Bellah, Elliott Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. Bellah has authored or co-authored numerous influential books and articles in the sociology of religion, including Beyond Belief: The Broken Covenant; The New Religious Consciousness; Varieties of Civil Religion and Uncivil Religion; Habits of the Heart; and The Good Society. The Marty Forum provides an informal setting in which Bellah will talk about his work with Randall Balmer, Columbia University, and engage in discussion with the audience.

How to Propose a New AAR Program Unit (A18-277)
Sunday, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Sponsored by the Program Committee

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

A Conversation with Stacey Floyd-Thomas, 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner (A18-229)
Sunday, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

Join us for a conversation with about teaching with Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Brite Divinity School, winner of the 2007 AAR Excellence in Teaching award. Floyd-Thomas will post some of her teaching materials at www.aarweb.org a few weeks before the annual meeting.

The Tenure Book(s): How to Strategize Your Publications to Increase Your Chances of Tenure and Promotion (A18-300)
Sunday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Program Committee, Publishers Weekly, and SBL

In the good old days, tenure was a given if you pumped out a few well-received articles. Now, the expectation sometimes is for junior scholars to write two books and several articles, all of which need to make an impact in their field and be timed appropriately to help their tenure bids. As the bar is raised higher, how can junior faculty strategize their publications to further the goal of tenure? In this session, scholars from three different types of institutions will speak to the tenure expectations in their schools, while two editors from university presses will discuss the changing demands for the scholarly book in the marketplace. Questions addressed will include the following: How have scholarly expectations changed about the number and nature of pre-tenure publications? Do I need to publish a second book, and what does the second book have to be? How is it possible to publish two highly academic books when many prestigious university presses are seeking to acquire commercially appealing books over limited-audience scholarly monographs? How should I time my tenure book (or books) for maximum impact? How much is a revered university press imprint worth in getting tenure? Does an edited anthology count toward tenure? As always for the Publishers Weekly session, forty-five minutes will be allotted for audience questions.

A Conversation with Bill Viola, 2007 AAR Religion and the Arts Award Winner (A18-302)
Sunday, 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Bill Viola is considered a pioneer in the medium of video art and is internationally recognized as one of today’s leading artists. He has been instrumental in the establishment of video as a vital form of contemporary art, and in so doing has helped to greatly expand its scope in terms of technology, content, and historical reach. Viola’s video installations—total environments that envelop the viewer in image and sound—employ state-of-the-art technologies and are distinguished by their precision and direct simplicity. Viola uses video to explore the phenomena of sense perception as an avenue to self-knowledge. His works focus on universal human experiences—birth, death, the unfolding of consciousness—and have roots in both Eastern and Western art as well as spiritual traditions, including Zen Buddhism, Islamic Sufism, and Christian mysticism. Using the inner language of subjective thoughts and collective memories, his videos communicate to a wide audience, allowing viewers to experience the work directly, and in their own personal way.
The European Union commissioned a three-year study (2006-2009) of the impact of teaching about religion in schools across Europe to assess whether learning about religion in specific national contexts promotes dialogue and/or conflict. The study targets students between the ages of 14-16 in eight European countries and focuses on 1) students' perceptions of the role of religion in promoting conflict and/or dialogue and 2) an analysis of observed teaching practices in both dialogue and conflict situations. Wolfram Weisse from the University of Hamburg is the project leader, and the following eight European countries are involved: Estonia, Russia, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands, France, England, and Spain. Professor Weisse will give an overview of the project and highlight the main results from the first year of the study. Diane L. Moore, Harvard University, and a scholar of religion and education from the southern hemisphere will serve as respondents.

** Daoist Studies in China (A19-100) **

Monday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by the International Connections Committee

Leading Chinese and non-Chinese scholars will consider the state of Daoist studies within China and abroad today.

** Teaching with, against, and to Faith (A19-101) **

Monday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

This panel will discuss the impact of faith issues in the religion classroom, in both religious studies and theological settings. The panelists will give short presentations on the question: How does your own, your students', your community's, and your institution's religious commitments or lack thereof influence your teaching? Panelists will also articulate a specific strategy they employ in dealing with faith issues.

** Religion and Education in Europe: The REDCo Research Project (A19-201) **

Monday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by the Religion in the Schools Task Force

Going Public on Religion: Paradise or Pitfall? (A19-202)

Monday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Panelists will discuss their experiences with the news media and mainstream publishing to further our collective reflection on our role as scholars of religion. What does it mean for us to participate in broader public debates about the role of religion in current events and public life? As religious studies scholars are increasingly asked to reach broader audiences, and are sought by the mainstream media and trade presses, what is lost and what is gained? Or, as we learn to talk in sound bites, what perils or pitfalls await us? These are some of the questions that panelists will address in this special topics forum.

How to Publish Your Book: Advice from Oxford University Press and from the Editors of the AAR Book Series and JAAR (A19-301)

Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Publications Committee

Founded on the premise that scholars know best what books are needed in the fields of religion and theology, the AAR publishing program with Oxford University Press produces quality scholarship for religion scholars and their students. OUP is a premier international publisher, and the AAR has published hundreds of titles, many of which have become essential tools in the development of our field and in the training of new scholars. AAR/OUP books are published in five series: Academy Series; Religion, Culture, and History Series; Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series; Teaching Religious Studies Series; and Texts and Translations Series. The JAAR editor will also discuss essay publishing. This panel provides the opportunity to hear from experienced OUP and AAR editors and ask any and all questions you might have about publishing in the AAR/OUP Series. There will also be an opportunity to speak individually with an editor.
Images and Narratives of Violence (A17-204)
Saturday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

The Arts, Literature, and Religion Section’s session on “Images and Narratives of Violence” analyzes the relationship between representations of violence and religious beliefs and practices. Discussing images ranging from photographs from the Revolutionary Association of Women in Afghanistan to the television show 24 and representations of martyrdom, crucifixion, and torture in genres ranging from accounts of the saints to pornography, presenters think about the complex ways in which humans represent and respond to images of suffering bodies and violence, and how religion shapes our viewing and responses to such images.

Chinese Scholarship on the Dunhuang Manuscripts: New Perspectives on Buddhism (A17-205)
Saturday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the Buddhism Section

The cache of more than 40,000 manuscripts discovered near Dunhuang (Gansu province, northwestern China) in the early 1900s casts new light on the complex religious life of a large Buddhist community on the Silk Road that flourished between 400 and 1000 C.E. Despite a century of study, the Dunhuang corpus remains under-studied, even by specialists in Chinese Buddhism. Since 1980, a new generation of scholars in China has pushed the field in new directions. This panel takes the Dunhuang region as an example of one particular Buddhist cultural formation in the medieval period, asking what it can tell us about the study of Buddhism elsewhere. Specific topics include Buddhist congregations of laypeople organized by local monks acting as priests, concepts of morality and karmic retribution that filtered into secular poetry written in the vernacular language, and the intermixing of Buddhist deities and gods deriving from the local pantheon.

Spectacles of Crucifixion (A17-302)
Saturday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Christian Systematic Theology Section and Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Each year the Christian Systematic Theology Section organizes its sessions around a general theme, which this year is Sin, Grace, and Redemption. These interlinked topics include reflection on the death of Jesus Christ, whose crucifixion is central for much Christian thought and culture. Our co-sponsored session with the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section looks at “Spectacles of Crucifixion.” Presenters will discuss various images of Christ's torture, the effects of looking at them, their afterlife in the work of artists ranging from Mel Gibson to Robert Mapplethorpe (by way of Madonna), and their perceived resonance in the photos of torture at Abu Ghrabi.

Embodying Bhakti: Devotional Bodies, Fertile Bodies, and Bodies of Desire (A17-306)
Saturday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Religion in South Asia Section

Hindu traditions provide extensive, elaborate, and multifurcated discourses of the body, and a sustained investigation of these discourses can contribute in significant ways to scholarship on the body in the history of religions as well as in the human sciences generally. This session is concerned with interrogating the manifold ways in which the body has been represented, disciplined, regulated, and cultivated in bhakti (devotional) traditions. The session comprises four papers, together with a response, that examine discursive representations and practices pertaining to embodiment in a variety of bhakti contexts. The four papers employ various methodologies (historical, textual, ethnographic) in order to explore the connections between bhakti and embodiment in diverse religious communities in different historical periods (medieval to contemporary) and different geographic regions in India (Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Tamilnadu) and the diaspora (Cambodia, United States).

Lived Religion in America Revisited: Current Cases and Theoretical Developments (A18-107)
Sunday, 9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Religion and the Social Sciences Section

To mark the tenth anniversary of the publication of Lived Religion in America: Toward a History of Practice, the Religion and Social Sciences Section of the AAR would like to recognize this influential work with a panel that explores recent work that takes a lived religion approach to the study of religion in America. Additionally, we particularly hope that this session will make a contribution toward furthering our theoretical understanding of this approach.
A Book of Signs Over Time: Conversations about the Qur’an with Bruce Lawrence (A18-259)
Sunday, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Sponsored by the Study of Islam Section

The Study of the Qur’an has entered a dynamic phase of scholarship. Without abandoning the traditional areas of strengths in the genre of tafsir, it has recently expanded to include the multiple and fluid ways in which the Qur’an continues to be a presence in the lives of Muslims globally. This panel is a conversation with one of the leading scholars of Islam, Bruce Lawrence, regarding his recent publication titled A Book of Signs Over Time. In this panel, Professor Lawrence will engage a number of leading scholars of Islam about ways of reading and contesting the Qur’an in Islamic(ate) civilizations.

Native, Immigrant, or Refugee? Cultural Identity in a Shifting Environment (A19-105)
Monday, 9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Ethics Section, Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group, and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

San Diego is a city of massive cultural and demographic flow from Latin America and Asia. What are the ethical issues raised by immigration and its impact on the encounter of cultures?

Author Meets Critics: David Kyuman Kim, Melancholic Freedom: Agency and the Spirit of Politics (A19-106)
Monday, 9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Philosophy of Religion Section

The panel considers the challenges in David Kyuman Kim’s book, Melancholic Freedom: Agency and the Spirit of Politics (Oxford, 2007). Melancholic Freedom focuses on the contemporary discourse on agency and the dimensions of this discourse that evoke religious dispositions, attitudes, and experiences that allow us to operate under conditions in which freedom and agency appear as a paradox; that is as both achievement and loss. Through a critical engagement with the work of Judith Butler, Charles Taylor, and Stanley Cavell, Kim argues that late modern and postmodern agency is found in “projects of regenerating agency” or critical and strategic responses to loss. Agency as melancholic freedom begins and endures through the moral and psychic losses associated with a broad range of experiences, including the moral identities shaped by secularized modernity and forms of alienation experienced by those who suffer the indignities of racial, gender, class, and sexuality discrimination and oppression.

America, Amerikkka: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence (A19-110)
Monday, 9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Women and Religion Section and Theology and Religious Reflection Section

The purpose of this panel is to honor the many contributions of Rosemary Radford Ruether in the field of feminist theology, focusing on her most recent book, America, Amerikkka: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence.

“Turning Back” to Conversion: Identity, Space, and Power in Religious Transformation (A19-204)
Monday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the Comparative Studies in Religion Section

The papers for this session all engage the concept of conversion, not assuming that there is some easily recognizable religious category or process to which conversion refers, but indeed, highlighting the fact that the word itself is a site of contestation. The papers all question how the term is used and why the definition of conversion—presumably applicable across traditions—can be so fluid. At the same time, each of these papers demonstrates that the term “conversion” has great currency, by virtue of its acceptance, rejection, or manipulation by religious practitioners. While interrogating the usefulness of conversion as a rubric, we consider the role of spatial metaphors in the negotiation of religious identity and questions of power—chiefly involving ethnicity, race, and gender—related to changes in affiliation. In so doing, we wish to open up a larger discussion regarding what “conversion” takes for granted regarding issues of belief, practice, value, and authority.
Art, Ecology, and Mindfulness: Creative Intersections (A19-303)

Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section

The presentations in this session invite us to a new level of creativity and integration in the teaching of religious studies. Five experienced teachers share their successful use of pedagogical strategies that seek to enlighten students' ecological awareness, bring out students' artistic potential, and cultivate students' inner and relational knowingness through mindfulness practice. The session will include practical “how to” techniques as well as the timely issue of how to assess students' learning in the visual and inner arts. The audience members will be encouraged to participate with their questions and contributions.

Looking for Hope: Feminist and Historical Studies in Memory of Tikva Frymer-Kensky (A19-308)

Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Study of Judaism Section and SBL Biblical Law Section

This session has been organized in memory of Tikva Frymer-Kensky (1943-2006), who was Professor of Hebrew Bible and History of Judaism at the University of Chicago's Divinity School at the time of her death, having earlier taught at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Wayne State University. She was the author of In the Wake of the Goddesses: Women, Culture and the Biblical Transformation of Pagan Myth (1992) and Reading the Women of the Bible: A New Interpretation of Their Stories (2002). Many of her articles were collected in Studies in the Bible and Feminist Criticism (2005), a volume in the Jewish Publication Society's esteemed Scholar of Distinction series. The panelists on this session will assess Frymer-Kensky's contribution to the fields of Biblical studies, feminist theology, and the study of antique religion, as well as reflect on her extensive influence by using her insights to ground their own scholarship.


Monday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Theology and Religious Reflection Section

September 11, 2001 and the so-called “war against terrorism” has reminded American churches and the wider public of the growing need to wrestle with questions about the global responsibilities of the United States and American imperialism. While scholars in religion and the Bible have engaged in rigorous debates on the relations among religion, the Bible, and empire, theologians have been slower in responding to critical challenges posted by the neoliberal economy, empire expansion, war and violence, and escalating militarism. This panel will critically assess the contributions of Empire and the Christian Tradition: New Readings of Classical Theologians, an anthology that seeks to scrutinize classical theological writings through two millennia in their particular historical and theological contexts from the perspectives of empire, globalization, and colonialism and its aftermath.

Teaching with Texts in the History of Christianity: Textbooks and General Histories for a Changing Field (A20-105)

Tuesday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by the History of Christianity Section

This panel will bring together a group of scholars who have recently published textbooks or general histories of Christianity for a lay audience. They will consider the methodological, historical, and pedagogical issues involved in framing the broad field of the history of Christianity in such a format. Panelists will reflect on their experiences and on the state of the field, considering such topics as the role of author and editor, teaching with a textbook, decisions on inclusion and exclusion, and the opportunity to reframe the history of Christianity in light of contemporary concerns and research. Panelists will consider the pedagogical and historical effects of foregrounding theological controversies, institutional structures and authority, “popular” religion, gender, or local and global Christianities. Patricia O'Connell Killen, the AAR's Excellence in Teaching award recipient for 2006, will comment. The session will include ample time for general discussion.
AAR Program Highlights

Arts Series And Tours

Sunday, 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

How do those on the margins of society find faith, sanctuary and community? Through Golden States of Grace: Prayers of the Disinherited, a photo-documentary and traveling exhibit hailed by the Los Angeles Times as “A veritable United Nations of spirituality,” social documentarian Rick Nahmias sums up three years of work documenting eleven different marginalized groups, across eight faith traditions. From the elderly to the executable, sex workers to refugees of genocide, the rural poor to recovering addicts, Golden States of Grace artfully looks at religion from the bottom up, smashing stereotypes and asking questions about who “belongs” in our society and houses of worship. Nahmias will present a multi-media program created exclusively for this event, combining images, audio and music from the project, as well as insight into how the body of work came together logistically and creatively. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation. For more info please visit: goldenstatesofgrace.com.

San Diego Zoo Tour (A17-130)
Saturday, 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Sponsored by the Science, Religion, and Technology Group

The San Diego Zoo is a world-famous destination with more than 4,000 animals and 800 species in residence. The tour offers a great mini-introduction to the zoo’s mammal, bird, and plant collections. It includes a 90-minute private bus tour and one off-exhibit area. The tour is led by a zoo guide and is appropriate for ages 3 and up. Tour fee includes zoo ticket, transportation, and special behind-the-scenes access to the zoo.

San Diego Chinese Historical Museum Walking Tour (A17-131)
Saturday, 10:30 am-1:00 pm

Sponsored by the Chinese Religions Group

The San Diego Chinese Historical Museum is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to collect, preserve, and share the Chinese-American experience and Chinese history, culture, and art to educate the community and visitors. The museum was founded in 1996 by the San Diego Chinese Historical Society. Since opening, the museum has presented more than thirty-nine exhibits highlighting the rich tradition of Chinese culture and history in San Diego and the world. The museum also features a library on Chinese culture and a tranquil garden with a koi pond.

Chinese Dancers (A18-405)
Sunday, 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Join us for an exciting evening featuring a Los Angeles Chinese folk dance troupe. Dancers will perform and information on the dances and their religious connotations will be available.

Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at San Diego Natural History Museum (A18-301)
Sunday, 4:45 pm-8:00 pm

The San Diego Natural History Museum’s exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls is the largest, longest, and most comprehensive ever assembled in any country. Spanning two floors and 12,000 square feet, twenty-seven Dead Sea Scrolls—ten exhibited for the first time—will be on display. The six-month exhibition brings together materials never before shown together: Dead Sea Scrolls from Israel and Jordan reunited for the first time in 60 years, ancient Hebrew codices from the Russian National Library, medieval manuscripts from the British National Library, and modern interpretations of the texts. Tracing the scrolls and their meaning through time, the exhibition connects the ancient world to the modern world. The tour fee includes exhibit ticket, transportation, and a special informational booklet. The exhibit is self-directed and generally takes 90 minutes. Tickets for the tour will be at appointed times between 4:30 pm and 8:30 pm due to exhibit occupancy limitations. You will be contacted to choose an appointment time after your tour reservation form is received.
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**Films**

**Jesus Camp (A16-401)**
Friday, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

This documentary film provides a window into life at the Pentecostal youth camp “Kids on Fire” and by extension also portrays some of the most controversial religious and political aspirations of evangelical Christians in America today. Discussing the making of the film, the directors have expressed their affection for the people they filmed; however, the barrage of heated commentary surrounding the film has raised questions about the objectivity of the filmmakers in their selection and presentation of material. The film therefore provides a window not only into a segment of conservative Christianity but also into the challenges of religious documentary filmmaking. Directed by Rachel Grady and Heidi Ewing, 2006.

**King of Masks (A16-402)**
Friday, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Sponsored by the Daoist Studies Consultation, Confucian Traditions Group, and Women and Religion Section

This touching and provocative film, set in a remote part of China during the 1930s, tells the story of an elderly street performer who makes a marginal living by plying a unique craft which has passed from father to son for generations. Mindful that he has failed his familial duties by having no male heir, the old man reluctantly visits a harrowing black market, where he adopts/purchases a young boy to carry on the family name, as well as the ancient family art of silk masks. However, the boy is hiding a secret, one which challenges the old man's most deeply ingrained beliefs. King of Masks offers an intriguing glimpse into Chinese family values, gender relations, and the sometimes dysfunctional legacy of Confucian ethics. In Mandarin Chinese, with English subtitles. Directed by Tian-Ming Wu, 1996.

**The Revenge of Han Xin: A Daoist Mystery (A17-405)**
Saturday, 8:30 pm-10:00 pm
Sponsored by the Chinese Religions Group

The Revenge of Han Xin: A Daoist Mystery documents a sacrificial ceremony as it is performed today in central Hunan province. It is based on a local epic of Han Xin’s revenge against the first emperor of the Han Dynasty, Gaozu. Han Xin had been a loyal general who aided Gaozu’s rise to power, but the emperor grew jealous of his popularity and had him assassinated for plotting against the throne. The tradition says that upon his death, the sky turned black and his spirit was swept up into the beyond. Han Xin’s apotheosis became one of the great Daoist mysteries of the Hunan region. Directed by Patrice Fava, 2005.

**Magnolia (A17-406)**
Saturday, 9:00 pm-10:30 pm
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Magnolia's moving portrayal of 24 hours in San Fernando suburbia is an unlikely theological gem. Through narrating the converging lives of a dying television producer, his mourning trophy wife and estranged celebrity son, a quiz show presenter and his crack-addicted daughter, a boy genius struggling without his father's love, and a maudlin ex-boy genius with love to give, Magnolia draws out biblically epic themes of sin, regret, hope, reconciliation, and redemption. With its denouement of divine intervention, the film asks questions about the significance of our choices and calls attention to the ways we participate in stories over which we have no control. Directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, 1999.

**Water (A18-406)**
Sunday, 8:30 pm-10:00 pm
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Water (2005) is the third in the elemental trilogy (the first two being Fire and Earth) directed by Deepa Mehta. Based in 1938 India, Water tells the story of the second-class status of widows in Hindu society, delving into the notions of oppression, cultural norms, and Hindu practices. A widow in India during this time period was offered three choices: to throw herself upon her husband's funeral pyre; to marry her husband's brother; or to live the rest of her life in isolation and seclusion. Within the subtext of Water and its portrayal of ancient religious practices, the movie brings forward issues of family economy, greed, and the role women play within and on the fringes of society. Directed by Deepa Mehta, 2005.
AAR Excellence in Teaching Forum (A18-228)
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G.W.F. Hegel, *The Phenomenology of Spirit* (A17-106)
Catherine L. Albanese, *A Republic of Mind and Spirit* (A17-305)
Aaron Stalnaker, *Overcoming Our Evil: Human Nature and Spiritual Exercises in Xunzi and Augustine* (A17-311)
Friederich Schleiermacher, *Glaubenslehre* (A17-321)
Gerald J. Larson and Ram Shankar Bhattacharya, eds., *Yoga: India’s Philosophy of Meditation* (A17-330)
Stephen Schloesser, *Jazz Age Catholicism* (A18-121)
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Stephanie Mitchem, *African American Folk Healing* (A18-316)
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Sunday, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

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Wildcard sessions are one-time sessions proposed by individual AAR members on topics outside of the Annual Meeting program unit structure.

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AAR Program Highlights

Receptions

International Members’ Breakfast (A17-4)
Saturday, 7:45 am-8:45 am

All AAR international attendees are invited to an information session and continental breakfast hosted by the AAR’s International Connections Committee.

Journal of the American Academy of Religion Editorial Board Meeting and Reception (A17-400)
Saturday, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Meeting of the JAAR Editorial Board (5:00 pm-6:00 pm) followed immediately by a reception in honor of the Board and JAAR authors in 2007 (6:00 pm-7:00 pm).

Friends of the Academy Reception (A17-402)
Saturday, 5:45 pm-7:00 pm

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

AAR Racial and Ethnic Minority Members’ Reception (A17-403)
Saturday, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

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

Women’s Caucus Reception (A17-407)
Saturday, 9:00 pm -11:00 pm

The Women’s Caucus and Claremont Graduate University School of Religion welcome all friends to join us in honoring Rosemary Radford Ruether and the panelists from the session on Ruether’s most recent book, America, Amerikkka: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence.

AAR Members’ Reception (A17-408)
Saturday, 9:00 pm -11:00 pm

AAR members are invited to join one another at the AAR Members’ Reception for jazz music and collegiality. Don’t forget the free drink ticket mailed with your name badge!

Student Members’ Reception (A17-409)
Saturday, 9:30 pm -11:00 pm

AAR and SBL student members are invited to drop by for conversation with fellow students. Snacks will be provided. Don’t forget your free drink ticket!

Religion and the Arts Award Inaugural Reception (A17-412)
Saturday, 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

A special reception celebrating the inaugural AAR Award in Religion and the Arts. During this reception, there will be a tribute to Jane Dillenberger, honoring her many contributions as a teacher, author, curator, and advocate of religion and art.

AAR New Members’ Continental Breakfast (A18-1)
Sunday, 7:30 am-8:45 am

New (first-time) AAR members in 2007 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.

Womens’ Caucus/Status of Women in the Profession Mentoring Lunch (A18-131)
Sunday, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women’s Caucus invite women who are graduate students and new scholars to a brown bag lunch with more than thirty womanist and feminist mid-career and senior AAR and SBL scholars. Women will have the opportunity to mentor and be mentored in a context where every question is valued.

AAR Sterling Circle Reception (A18-400)
Sunday, 5:45 pm-6:45 pm

All members who have been with the AAR continuously for at least twenty-five years are part of our Sterling Circle. In honor of your long-term support, John R. Fitzmier, executive director, and Jeffrey Stout, AAR president, invite you to celebrate at an open house.

AAR Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfast (A19-1)
Monday, 7:15 am-8:45 am

Program unit chairs are invited to a continental breakfast, which features a brief meeting on upcoming program initiatives.

AAR Program Unit Chair and Steering Committee Members’ Reception (A19-403)
Monday, 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Program unit chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception in their honor hosted by the Program Committee.

Especially For Students

AAR Students’ Lounge
Saturday-Monday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Student Liaison Group Annual Business Meeting (A17-6)
Saturday, 7:30 am-9:00 am

Student Liaison Group members will gather to discuss business.

ATLA Career Alternatives Luncheon: Focus on Religion & Journalism (A17-133)
Saturday, 11:45 am-1:00 pm

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and American Theological Library Association

This year, our ongoing Career Alternatives series focuses on the intersection of religion and the media. Come listen to talented and experienced writers discuss their lives in religion and journalism.

AAR student members interested in attending must RSVP online ASAP (first-come, first-served basis) at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2007/RSPV/ATLA. Online registration deadline is noon on Wednesday, November 14.
Introduction to the AAR (A17-200)
Saturday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

Come hear about the wide range of programs and opportunities for service offered to all AAR members.

Student Members’ Reception (A17-409)
Saturday, 9:30 pm-11:00 pm
AAR and SBL student members are invited to drop by for conversation with fellow students. Snacks will be provided. Don’t forget your free drink ticket!

Wabash Center and AAR Student Teacher Luncheon (A18-132)
Sunday, 11:45 am-1:00 pm
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the Wabash Center

The Wabash Center and AAR Graduate Student Committee cordially invites AAR and SBL graduate student members to this lunch gathering with experienced faculty mentors to share in a conversation about teaching. Participation is by advance registration only, limited to the first 50 doctoral student members whose registration the AAR receives at www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2007/RSVP/Wabash/.

AAR Awards

Presented prior to the Presidential Address (A17-404), Saturday, 7:45 pm.

Excellence Awards in the Study of Religion

The AAR is pleased to announce the 2007 award recipients for outstanding books in religion:

Analytical-Descriptive Studies


Constructive-Reflective Studies


Historical Studies


Textual Studies


Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion

This year’s award for significant contributions to the public understanding of religion goes to Robert N. Bellah, University of California, Berkeley.

The AAR thanks Sarah Pike, University of California, Chico, chair of the Public Understanding of Religion Committee, and other members of the committee for their contribution to this awards program.

Excellence in Teaching Award

This year’s award for excellence in teaching at the college/university level goes to Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Brite Divinity School.

The AAR thanks Eugene V. Gallagher, chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, and other members of the committee for their contribution to this awards program.

Religion and the Arts Award

The inaugural award for significant achievement in Religion and the Arts goes to Bill Viola, Long Beach, CA.

The AAR thanks the jurors:


The AAR thanks Eugene V. Gallagher, chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, and other members of the committee for their contributions.

2007 Best In-Depth Reporting on Religion Awards

News Outlets with Circulations more than 100,000:

First Place: Jennifer Green, Ottawa Citizen
Second Place: Jennifer Garza, The Sacramento Bee
Third Place: Omar Sacirbey, freelancer, Boston, MA

News Outlets with Circulations less than 100,000:

First Place: Jason Byassee, The Christian Century
Second Place: G. Jeffrey MacDonald, The Christian Science Monitor
Third Place: Adam Parker, The Post and Courier (Charleston, SC)

Opinion Writing:

First Place: Robert Sibley, Ottawa Citizen
Second Place: Asra Q. Nomani, freelancer, Morgantown, WV
Third Place: Kevin Eigelbach, The Cincinnati Post

The AAR thanks S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, chair of the Religion and Arts Award Jury, and jury members for their contributions.

The AAR thanks the jurors:

Ronald Thiemann, Harvard University
Gayle White, reporter at Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Larry Witham, former reporter at The Washington Times

News Outlets with Circulations less than 100,000 and Opinion Writing Contests:

First Place: Robert Sibley, Ottawa Citizen
Second Place: Asra Q. Nomani, freelancer, Morgantown, WV
Third Place: Kevin Eigelbach, The Cincinnati Post

Ronald Thiemann, Harvard University
**RELIGION & MEDIA WORKSHOP**

**Religion and New Media—Old Tools or New Trajectories? (A16-104)**

*Friday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm*

From stone tablets to scrolls, printing presses to the Internet, artists, journalists, and believers of all stripes have used the advanced technology of their age. However, the question arises as to whether these new media are merely tools, or actually arbiters of religious change itself. This day-long workshop begins with questions such as: How is the representation of religion effected in new media incarnations, from the Internet to gaming? How is new media changing traditional journalism, and what are the effects on religion reporting? Could new media even be changing religion itself, in terms of what it means to those who practice it -- or even how it is practiced? These are some of the issues covered in presentations by Jeff Sharlet, writer/editor: *The Revealer, Harpers, Rolling Stone*; Eddo Stern, game designer; Tracy Fullerton, game designer, University of Southern California; Ryan Bolger, co-author, *Emerging Churches*; and Heidi Campbell, author, *When Religion Meets New Media*.

Questions about the workshop should be directed to S. Brent Plate, b.plate@tcu.edu.

Prices: $55 pre-registration, $70 onsite. Registration price includes lunch. Registration deadline is October 31.

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**RELIGION AND MEDIA WORKSHOP**

*Friday, November 16, 2007*

10:00 am–6:00 pm

**Participation is limited to the first 50 registrants.**

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**Register by mail:** Religion and Media Workshop, c/o Experient, Inc., 2451 Enterprise Pkwy E, Twinsburg, OH 44087
CHAIRS WORKSHOP

BEST PRACTICES:
Diversifying Your Faculty — Honest Conversations
An Annual Meeting Chairs Workshop
Friday, November 16, 9:00 am–4:30 pm

Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession

The workshop will cover issues of recruiting majors, recruiting and retaining faculty of color, and realities facing faculty of color. Breakout session topics include helping pretenured faculty; thinking through institutional citizenship and mentoring; and issues from the AAR Career Guide for Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession, upon which the workshop is based. Miguel A. De La Torre, Associate Professor at Iliff School of Theology and editor of the Career Guide, will lead the workshop. The Guide is available online at www.aarweb.org/About_AAR/Committees/Status_of_Racial_and_Ethnic_Minorities/Career_Guide/ and will be distributed to participants in book form.

Leader:
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

Panelists:
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Brite Divinity School
Sharon Watson Fluker, Fund for Theological Education
Edwin Aponte, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Fumitaka Matsuoka, Pacific School of Religion

Breakout Session Leaders:
Akintunde Akinade, High Point University
Edwin Aponte, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary

Preliminary Agenda:

Legal issues, conflicts, and life cycles will be addressed for individual, department, and administration concerns.

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Colleagues in your institution, such as chairs, faculty being developed to assume leadership responsibilities, deans, and other faculty may be interested in attending this workshop. Chairs may want to bring a team of faculty or send a designated faculty person.

Registration includes the entire day of sessions, lunch, and a copy of the Career Guide.

See the registration form on the following page.
**BEST PRACTICES:**
Diversifying Your Faculty — Honest Conversations
An AAR Annual Meeting Chairs Workshop

*Friday, November 16, 9:00 am–4:30 pm*

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For more information, contact Kyle Cole, Director of College Programs, at kcole@aarweb.org or by phone at 1-404-727-1489.

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Participation is limited to the first 75 registrants.
Send your registration form and payment of US$75 before October 31, 2007 (US$100 onsite).
The second and subsequent registrations from the same institution are US$50 each before October 31 (US$65 onsite).
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The Religion Major and Liberal Education
An Annual Meeting Leadership Workshop

Friday, November 16, 9:00 am–4:30 pm

Amid changing global and academic contexts, what is the nature and role of the religion major? What are its goals, and how do they relate to the goals of a liberal education? How do we know if we are succeeding in meeting these goals? This workshop will bring together a distinguished group of experts to lead a day-long, interactive discussion of the religion major. Through plenaries, panels, and breakout sessions, participants will explore and share challenges, best practices, success stories, and failures. The workshop is part of an eighteen month-long joint AAR/Teagle Foundation project to study the religion major.

Leaders and Panelists will include:
Richard Carp, Interdisciplinary Studies, Appalachian State University
Dena Pence, Executive Director of the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Stephen Prothero, Chair of Religious Studies, Boston University, and author of Religious Literacy
Timothy Renick, Chair of Religious Studies, Georgia State University, and principal investigator for the AAR/Teagle initiative on the Religion Major and Liberal Arts

Working Group Members, AAR/Teagle initiative on the Religion Major and Liberal Arts

Preliminary Agenda:

- Introduction: Why Religious Studies?
- Establishing the Religious Studies Major: Stories from the Trenches (interactive session)
- Religious Studies Across the Curriculum: The Interdisciplinary Nature of the Major (panel discussion)
- Lunch
- The Major in Different Institutional Contexts/Different Models for the Major (interactive session)
- What Has Worked? What Has Not? (panel discussion followed by a break-out session)
- Summary: What Have We Learned—as a Discipline and Today?

The workshop will be of benefit to a range of participants: faculty, administrators, and graduate students. The goal is to bring a diverse group of AAR members together in a lively and open discussion about what it means to major in religion, what our field contributes (and should contribute) to the education of our students, and how we can be better at what we do.

*See the registration form on the following page.*
The Religion Major and Liberal Education
An AAR Annual Meeting Leadership Workshop

Friday, November 16, 9:00 am–4:00 pm

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For more information, contact Kyle Cole, Director of College Programs, at kcole@aarweb.org or by phone at 1-404-727-1489.
Friday, November 16

A16-100

Chairs Workshop: Best Practices: Diversifying Your Faculty—Honest Conversations
9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Panelists:
Edwin Aponte, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary
Akintunde Ebunolu Akinade, High Point University
Sharon Watson Fluker, Fund for Theological Education
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Brite Divinity School
Fumitaka Matsuoka, Pacific School of Religion
Separate registration is required. See page 115 for a description.

A16-101

Leadership Workshop: The Religion Major and Liberal Education
9:00 am-4:30 pm
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and the Teagle Foundation
Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University, Presiding
Panelists:
Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University
Nadine S. Pence, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Stephen Prothero, Boston University
Separate registration is required. See page 115 for a description.

A16-103

AAR Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 am-5:00 pm
Jeffrey L. Stout, Princeton University, Presiding

A16-104

Religion and Media Workshop: Religion and New Media—Old Tools or New Trajectories?
10:00 am-6:00 pm
S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Kaley Middlebrooks Carpenter, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Jenna Tiitsman, Auburn Theological Seminary, City University of New York, Presiding
Jeffrey Sharlet, New York University
Eddo Stern, Los Angeles, CA
Tracy Fullerton, University of Southern California
Heidi Ann Campbell, Texas A&M University
Separate registration is required. See page 115 for a description.

A16-105

Women’s Caucus Workshop
12:00 pm-3:00 pm
Sponsored by the Women’s Caucus
Julie J. Kilmer, Olivet College, Presiding
Harriet Luckman, College of Mount St. Joseph, Presiding
Paula Trimble-Familetti, Chapman University, Presiding
Melissa Stewart, Adrian College
Intersections between Women’s Studies and Religious Studies
Barbara J. Searcy, Lee University
Organizing Women’s Groups on College Campuses
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
Online Teaching: What Five Years Have Taught Me
Ruth Fitzgerald, Grand Ledge, MI
Distance Learning—More Than Theology: A Student Perspective
Nancy L. Eiesland, Emory University
Accessing Feminist Theology: The Missing Subjectivity of Women with Disabilities
Kathryn A. Lyndes, Chicago Theological Seminary
Contemporary Strategies for Adjunct Classroom Teaching

A16-106 (=M16-13)

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
9:00 am-11:30 am

A16-107 (=M16-14)

North American Paul Tillich Society
9:00 am-11:15 am
Marcia MacLennan, Kansas Wesleyan University, Presiding
Theme: Paul Tillich and Jewish Thought
Bryan Wagener, Harvard University
Judaism in the Life and Thought of Paul Tillich
Anne Marie Reijnen, Faculté Universitaire de Théologie Protestantante, Brussels, Institut Catholique de Paris
Liberal Theology, Zionism, and Christian Nationalism: A Topical Inquiry into the Dialogue between Paul Tillich and Martin Buber
Stephen Butler Murray, Skidmore College
The Relevance of Paul Tillich to the Future of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue
FRIDAY AFTERNOON

A16-108 (=M16-16)
North American Paul Tillich Society
11:30 am-1:15 pm
Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College, Presiding
Theme: Paul Tillich as Biblical Theologian
Ron MacLennan, Bethany College
Paul Tillich: Biblical Theologian of Connectedness
Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Tillich as a New Testament Theologian?
Matthew Lon Weaver, Duluth, MN
The Existential Reception of Revelation: Paul Tillich as Biblical Theologian

A16-200 (=M16-50)
International Bonhoeffer Society: Editorial Board, Annual Meeting, Board of Directors
1:00 pm-6:30 pm

A16-201 (=M16-53)
North American Association for the Study of Religion
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Theme: Ritual Transformation of Agency
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University and University of Heidelberg
Mimesis, Fractal Dynamics, and Agency in Yoruba Spirit Possessions
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University
Priestly, Institutional, and Material Agency in Roman Catholic Sacramental Practice

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College and Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo
Patronage and Distributed Agency in Brazilian Spirit-possession
Responding:
Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside

A16-202 (=M16-57)
Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
1:00 pm-3:30 pm

A16-203 (=M16-58)
Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
1:00 pm Business Meeting
2:00 pm Eric G. Flett, Eastern University
Persons, Powers, and Pluralities: Thomas F. Torrance’s Trinitarian Ontology of Culture
See www.tftorrance.org for more information.

A16-204 (=M16-60)
North American Paul Tillich Society
2:15 pm-4:00 pm
John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Paul Tillich and Religious Pluralism
Christian Danz, University of Vienna
Christianity and the Encounter of World Religions: The Contribution of Paul Tillich to Current Discussions in the Theology of Religion
John Starkey, Oklahoma City University
The Human Predicament and Salvation in Tillich and Thatamanil
Andrew Yan, Hope College
Paul Tillich’s Encounters with Buddhism: An Implication for His Systematic Theology

Luis Pedraja, Middle States Commission on Higher Education
The Tao of Tillich

A16-205 (=M16-61)
Person, Culture, and Religion Group
2:00 pm-4:00 pm

A16-300 (=M16-103)
North American Association for the Study of Religion
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Theme: Novelty, Presence, and History: Brief Pre-Modern Discourses on Method and Theory
Alison Frazier, University of Texas, Austin
Saintly Presence: The Wager of Latin Hagiography in Renaissance Italy
Nancy Levene, Indiana University, Bloomington
Traces of History in St. Anselm
Constance Furey, Indiana University, Bloomington
Utopian History
Responding:
Nathan Rein, Ursinus College

A16-301 (=M16-106)
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Theme: Teaching for Justice: Research and Teaching Strategies in Higher Theological Education
Given that we are to live and work toward justice within most faith traditions’ perspectives, how does our scholarship and practice encourage “teaching for justice” within institutions of higher education? A panel of scholar-teachers will respond to this question with observations (via programming, syllabi, and/or course assignments) from their research and teaching of spirituality. For more information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.
### A16-302 (=M16-107)
**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies**
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Harry Wells, Humboldt State University, Presiding
Theme: *In or Out: Homosexuality, the Church, and the Sangha*
Robert Fastiggi, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit
*The Catholic Church and Homosexuality*
Ilene Stanford, Harvard University
*In or Out? Marriage as a Social Practice*
José Ignacio Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Is Homosexual Sex Sexual Misconduct? Critical Reflections on Some Classical Indo-Tibetan Sources*
Michael Sweet, University of Wisconsin, Madison
*Shameless Discretion: Insider and Outsider Perspectives of Homoeroticism in the Sangha*
Responding:
Richard Reilly, St. Bonaventure University
6:00 pm Business Meeting

### A16-303 (=M16-111)
**Polanyi Society**
4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Jere Moorman, Polanyi Society, Presiding
4:00 pm William Coulson, Center for Studies of the Person
*On Having Misread Polanyi’s Theory of Personal Knowledge*
Responding:
Dale Cannon, Western Oregon University
Philip Rolnick, St Thomas University
5:15 pm William Kelleher, La Canada, CA
*Personal Knowledge as Pure Self-Reflection*
Responding:
Phil Mullins, Western Missouri State University
Diane Yeager, Georgetown University

### A16-304 (=M16-114)
**Karl Barth Society of North America**
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Mark McInroy, Harvard University
*Karl Barth and Personalist Philosophy: A Critical Appropriation*
John McDowell, Edinburgh University
*Christology and Prayer in Karl Barth’s Theology*

### A16-305 (=M16-115)
**North American Paul Tillich Society**
4:15 pm-6:30 pm
David Nikkel, University of North Carolina, Pembroke, Presiding
Theme: *Paul Tillich, Ethics, and Theology*
Daniel Puchalla, University of Chicago
*The Limits of Love, Power, and Justice: Tillich’s Ontology and Theology against “Full-Spectrum” Military*
Annekatrien Depoorter, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
*Doing Theology in a Context of Religious and Cultural Pluralism: A Comparison and Evaluation of Paul Tillich’s Method of Correlation and the Theological Method of Edward Schillebeeckx*
Jennifer L. Baldwin, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
*Erotic Play: A Trip into the Secret Lives of Girls, Feminist Theologies of the Erotic, and the Theological Thought of Paul Tillich*
Sigridur Gotmarsdottir, Drew University
*The Apophatic “God above God”: Tillich and the Poststructuralist Critique of Negative Theology*

### A16-306 (=M16-116)
**Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet**
6:00 pm-10:00 pm
Athens Market Taverna
109 West “F” Street
6:00 pm Social Hour
7:00 pm Banquet (Contact Lee Barrett at lbarrett@lancasterseminary.edu)
8:00 pm K. Brian Soderquist, Søren Kierkegaard Center, University of Copenhagen
*Using the New Translation of the Journals and Notebooks*

### A16-400
**EIS Center Orientation**
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Sponsored by the EIS Advisory Committee
Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
See page 115 for more information.

### A16-401
**Film: Jesus Camp**
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding
See page 123 for a description.

### A16-402
**Film: King of Masks**
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Sponsored by the Women and Religion Section, Confucian Traditions Group, and Daoist Studies Consultation
Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University, Presiding
See page 123 for a description.
A16-403 (=M16-121)  
**Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies Reception**  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

A16-404 (=M16-122)  
**Society for Hindu-Christian Studies**  
7:00 pm-11:00 pm  
Theme: How We Do Hindu-Christian Studies  
This panel seeks broad audience participation in a discussion of methods, theories, and approaches in the field of Hindu-Christian studies. Panelists will make brief remarks based on papers that will be made available in advance on the HCS listserv, and audience members will then be invited to join in the discussion. To sign up for the listserv or to get copies (after Nov. 2), please email: cbauman@butler.edu.  
T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University, Presiding  
Harold Coward, University of Victoria  
Hindu-Christian Studies: A Retrospective  
Susan Abraham, Harvard Divinity School  
Theological Approaches to Hindu-Christian Studies  
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College  
Historical-Critical Approaches to Hindu-Christian Studies  
Arvind Sharma, McGill University  
Hindu-Christian Studies through the Lens of Ethics  
Catherine Cornille, Boston College  
Missionsology and Hindu-Christian Studies  
Kristin Bloomer, University of Chicago  
Ethnography and Hindu-Christian Studies  
Responding:  
T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University  
The Future of Hindu-Christian Studies

A16-405 (=M16-128)  
**Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality**  
7:00 pm-9:30 pm  
Theme: Dying to Live: A Film and Conversation about Spirituality on the Borderlands  
How does “crossing the border” affect one’s spirituality? In this session, the short film Dying to Live will be shown, followed by a panel discussion with Mexican migrants and others whose lives are profoundly shaped by the tense reality of the US-Mexican border. All are welcome to attend and to stay after the discussion to view displays and share conversation. For more information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

A17-1  
**AAR Regional Officers Breakfast**  
7:00 am-8:45 am  
Jacqueline Z. Pastis, La Salle University, Presiding

A17-2  
**Theological Education Steering Committee Meeting**  
7:30 am-9:00 am  
John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A17-3  
**Academic Relations Committee Meeting**  
7:30 am-9:00 am  
Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding

A17-4  
**International Members’ Breakfast**  
7:45 am-8:45 am  
Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding

A17-5  
**Publications Committee Meeting**  
8:00 am-11:30 am  
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding

A17-6  
**Student Liaison Group Annual Business Meeting**  
7:30 am-9:00 am  
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College, Presiding

A17-7 (=M17-6)  
**International Schleiermacher Society**  
8:00 am Coffee and breakfast (bring your own)  
9:00 am Wendy Farley  
“Mind Reduced to the Necessity of Seeking”: Opportunities for Buddhist—Christian Dialogue in Schleiermacher’s Theological Anthropology  
10:00 am Ethics Series I: (papers pre-distributed beginning in July; contact Ted Vial, tvial@iliff.edu)  
Peter Foley, University of Arizona  
Schleiermacher's Critique of Previous Ethical Theories in the 1803 Grundlinien  
Jeffery Kinlaw, McMurray University  
Schleiermacher's Critique of Fichte's Political Philosophy  
11:15 am Planning  
11:45 am-12:45 pm Adjourn to nearby restaurant for lunch
A17-100

Special Topics Forum  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee  
Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding  
Theme: What's My Job? Academic Citizenship and the Well-being of Schools, Departments, and Programs  
Panelists:  
Mark Schwehn, Valparaiso University  
Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Claremont School of Theology  
Jane Dammen McAuliffe, Georgetown University  
See page 115 for a description.

A17-102

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
Rodger Nishioka, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Theme: What Happens When a Body Teaches a Body?  
Joel Dubois, California State University, Sacramento  
Teaching Religion in "Real-time": Applying the Calendrical Approach to Asian Religious Traditions  
Stanford J. Searl, Union Institute and University  
Embodied Knowledge: Teaching and Listening as Informed Spiritual Practices  
Lynne Westfield, Drew University  
Teaching in the Flesh: Experimenting with Incarnational Practices in Seminary Classrooms  
G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University  
Stepping across Boundaries: Ritual Praxis Inside (and Outside) the Religious Studies Classroom  
Jack A. Hill, Texas Christian University  
The Borderlands as Liminal Context of Revelatory Experience: Embodied Pedagogies from Faculty of Color  
Krista Hughes, Drew University  
Moving Violation: A Feminist Reclamation of the Incurvatio

A17-104

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Religion in South Asia Section  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding  
Theme: Encounters in Ethnography Today  
Panelists:  
Amy Allocco, Emory University  
Neil Dalal, University of Texas, Austin  
Karen Pechilis, Drew University  
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University  
Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point  
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa  
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago  
Selva J. Raj, Albion College

A17-103

Christian Systematic Theology Section  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding  
Theme: Sin  
Amy Carr, Western Illinois University  
Enduring Radical Distrust: Sin and Redemption among the Sinned Against  
Chris Boesel, Drew University  
Contextualizing That by Which We Are Contextualized: The Aporiatic Predicament of a Systematic Treatment of Sin  
Brian Robinette, Saint Louis University  
Transfiguring the Victim: Jon Sobrino, René Girard, and the Resurrection

A17-105

History of Christianity Section and North American Religions Section  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago, Presiding  
Harry Stout, Yale University, Presiding  
Theme: War and Religion in North America  
Panelists:  
Edward J. Blum, San Diego State University  
Ira Chernus, University of Colorado  
Brandi Denison, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University
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A17-106

Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: G.W.F. Hegel: 200 Years after The Phenomenology of Spirit
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University
Projection in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit
Christopher Roberts, Reed College
From the Slaughterbench of History to the Golgotha of Absolute Spirit: Hegel's Sacrificial Rhetoric and Philosophy's Sublation of Religion
Andrew Hass, University of Stirling
Hegel and the Art of Negation
Alison Bjerke, University of California, Santa Barbara
Love and the Dialectic

A17-107

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Carol B. Duncan, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Food
Lynne Gerber, Graduate Theological Union
The Christian Dieter's Dilemma: Navigating Abundance and Restriction in Christian Weight Loss Programs
William Schanbacher, Claremont Graduate University
Food Security and Food Sovereignty: Poverty and the Material Foundations of the Global Politics of Food
Laura Hartman, University of Virginia
Let Them Eat Cake: Food Prices, Fair Trade, and Christian Ethics

Mary Ann Clark, Prescott, AZ
There Is No Orisha As Lucky As The Stomach: Feasting and Feeding within Santería Ritual Practice

A17-108

Study of Islam Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
James W. Laine, Macalester College, Presiding
Theme: Tradition, Reform, and Modernity in South Asian Islam: Perspectives on the Deoband Madrasa
SherAli Tareen, Duke University
Internal Debates on Democracy, Pluralism, and Secularism in the Islamic Tradition: The Case of the Deoband Madrasa in India
Brannon Ingram, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
An Indian Scholar between Tradition and Modernity: The Fatwā of Rashid Ahmad Gangohi (d. 1905) on the Sufis
Kelly L. Pemberton, George Washington University
An Islamic Discursive Tradition on Reform as Seen in the Writing of Deoband's Maulana Taqi Uthmani
Fareeha Khan, University of Michigan
Madhhab Structure as Tool for Reform: Maintaining Interpretive Authority While Redefining Women's Right to Divorce
Fuad Naeem, International Islamic University
Sufism and Revivalism in South Asia: An Evaluation of Their Relationship in the Light of the Writings of Were Mawlānā Ashraf Ali Thānvi of Deoband and Mawlānā; Ahmad Raza Khān of Bareilly
Responding:
Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University

A17-109

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Hjamil A. Martinez Vazquez, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Theme: Sighting Whiteness: The Presence in Absence of Whiteness in White Theology and the Academy
Panelists:
James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary
Elaine Robinson, Brite Divinity School
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
Responding:
Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago
Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School

A17-110

Women and Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University, Presiding
Theme: Women in the American Religious Imagination
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
“This Woman Is a Pagan, But a Very Good Friend”: Chinese Women in the American Religious Imagination
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College
Embodiment, Elimination, and the Role of Toilets in Struggles for Social Justice
Nami Kim, Spelman College
Official DeNunciation: Theravāda Buddhist Nuns in Indonesia Struggling to Define Identity
Responding:
E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania

Business Meeting:
Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University, Presiding
A17-111

Afro-American Religious History Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Kamasi Hill, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Go West: African Americans and Religion in the West
Larry G. Murphy, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Thematic Prisms for Exploring African American Religious History in the US West
Julius Bailey, University of Redlands
"Imagining the American West: Benjamin T. Tanner and the Politics of Racial Destiny in the AME Church"
Lerone Martin, Emory University
"It Is Wonderful!" out West: Father Divine, the Peace Mission Movement, and California
Responding:
Randi Jones Walker, Pacific School of Religion
Business Meeting:
Moses N. Moore, Arizona State University, Presiding

A17-112

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Martin Rumscheidt, Atlantic School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Appraising Bonhoeffer: Pastoral Resistance
Peter Frick, St. Paul's College, University of Waterloo
"Who Is Bonhoeffer: Theologian, Philosopher, Exegete, or Pastor?"
Rachel Payne, Baylor University
Chronos, Kairos, and Jubilee in Dietrich Bonhoeffer and André Trocmé: Nonviolent Revolution Realized through Eschatologically Reading Scripture
Nancy Lukens, University of New Hampshire
"The Language of Non-Religious Interpretation in Bonhoeffer’s Prison Writings"

A17-113

Buddhist Philosophy Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
A. Charles Muller, Toyo Gakuen University, Presiding
Theme: Dignāga in China
Zhihua Yao, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Empty Terms in Buddhist Logic: Dignāga and His Chinese Commentators
Dan Lusthaus, Brookline, MA
Dignāga's Svasamvitti Re-examined through the Chinese Sources
Chen-Kuo Lin, National Chenchi University
The Object of Cognition in Dignāga's Ālambanaparikṣavṛttihi: On the Controversial Passages in Paramārtha's and Xuanzang's Translations
Junjie Chu, University of Vienna
Dignāga on the Object of Cognition

Business Meeting:
A. Charles Muller, Toyo Gakuen University, Presiding
John D. Dunne, Emory University, Presiding

A17-114

Comparative Religious Ethics Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Current Work in Comparative Ethics: Religious Liberalism, Moral Virtuosity, and the Experience of Limits
Elizabeth Barre, Florida State University
The Possibility of Religious Liberalism: The Common Good and Civil Society in Catholic and Islamic Political Thought
Nathaniel Barrett, Boston University
Musicality and Ren: An Examination of the Early Confucian Ideal of Moral Virtuosity and Its Applicability to Multicultural Societies of Late Modernity
Peter T. C. Chang, Harvard University
Comparative Study of Conscience: Joseph Butler and Wang Yang-ming

A17-115

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
M. Gail Hammer, Syracuse University, Presiding
Theme: Discussion of Saba Mahmood's The Politics of Piety: The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject
Panelists:
Janet R. Jakobsen, Columbia University
Amina Wadud, Columbia University
Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College
Responding:
Saba Mahmood, University of California, Berkeley

Business Meeting:
Rosemary P. Carbine, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding
SATURDAY MORNING

A17-116
Hinduism Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Brian A. Hatcher, Illinois Wesleyan University, Presiding
Theme: Producing Vaishnavism: Texts, Practices, and Devotees in the Colonial Context
James P. Hare, Columbia University
Garlanding Hinduism: Nabhadas’s Bhaktamal in the Colonial Context
Rebecca Mannring, Indiana University, Bloomington
Advaita’s Nineteenth-Century Reconstruction
Varuni Bhatia, Columbia University
Instructions for Worship: Vaishnava Ritual Manuals and Everyday Practice in Colonial Bengal
Jason Fuller, DePauw University
Bhaktivinoda Thakura and the Recovery of Gaudiya Vaisnavism in Late Nineteenth-Century Bengal
Business Meeting:
Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University, Presiding

A17-117
Law, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding
Theme: Authority and Representation in Legal and Religious Contexts
Lorilai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Boulder
Miming Manu: Women and Authority in Relation to Manu’s Law Book
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Boulder
Social Lives of the Dead: Contestation and Continuities in Hawaiian Repatriation
Ruth Mas, University of Colorado, Boulder
Sedimenting Secularity in Contemporary France: Law and Muslim Bodies that Matter
Paul R. Powers, Lewis and Clark College
“When the Scrolls Shall Be Unrolled”: Turning Deeds into Words in Classical Islamic Legal and Eschatological Thought
Responding:
Bruce Lincoln, University of Chicago

A17-118
Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Gregory Shaw, Stonehill College, Presiding
Theme: Foundations of Neoplatonism
John Bussanich, University of New Mexico
The Triumph of the Archaic: Peter Kingsley on Orphic-Pythagorean Mysticism
John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael’s College
Pagan Monotheism and the Foundations of Christian Platonism
Dylan Burns, Yale University
Hellenic-Christian Polemics between Pseudo-Dionysius’ Celestial Hierarchy and Julian’s Contra Galileos
Sarah Pessin, University of Denver
Tracking the Ps. Empedoclean “First Element”: Revising the Plotinian Cosmos in Judeo-Islamic Neoplatonism?
Business Meeting:
Willemien Otten, University of Chicago, Presiding

A17-119
Practical Theology Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Dale P. Andrews, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Worship Practices and Social Activism
Claire Wolffeich, Boston University
Division in the Body: Prayer and the Public Struggle over Abortion
Peter R. Gathje, Memphis Theological Seminary
Rituals of Resistance: Creating Conversion and Community for Abolition of the Death Penalty
Peter Gordon Slade, Ashland University
Grits and Grace: Mission Mississippi’s Interracial Ecumenical Prayer Breakfasts as a Practice of Racial Reconciliation and Social Transformation
Jeremy Posadas, Emory University
“I Have a Dream,” “People Power,” “Si, se puede!”: Worship, Politics, and Repertoires of Performed Public Life in US and Philippine Contexts
Responding:
William T. Cavanaugh, University of Saint Thomas

A17-120
Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
David Lambeth, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Richard Bernstein’s Pragmatism
Curtis Hutt, Brown University
Bernstein, Rorty, and Dewey on the Ethics of Historical Belief
Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Boulder
Continuing the Argument: Tradition, Plurality, and Bernstein’s “Engaged Pragmatism”
Kevin Schilbrack, Wesleyan College
Moral Realism, Metaphysics, and Pragmatism
Responding:
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University
A17-121

Religion and Popular Culture Group and Religion, Media, and Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
Theme: Born Digital and Born Again Digital: Religion in Virtual Gaming Worlds
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, Columbia, Brian Moynihan, and Vincent Gonzalez, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Born Digital
Pamela Mullins Reaves, Shanny Luft, and Anne Blankenship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Born Again Digital

A17-122

* New Program Unit

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am

Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Theme: Research Sites, Opportunities, and Problems in Borderlands Pentecostalism
Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Azusa Pacific University
Strangers at Our Gates: Latino Pentecostal Migrants and the Assemblies of God in the Borderlands
Daniel Ramirez, Arizona State University
Yanking Out the "Royal Telephone": Borderlands Pentecostal Musics
Ethan Sharp, University of Texas, Pan American
Conjunto Conversions: Musical Adaptations in Mexicano Pentecostal Communities
Responding:
Jesse Miranda, Vanguard University

A17-123

Science, Technology, and Religion Group and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am

Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Soap, Coal, and Rayon: Miraculous Elements of Modern Industry
Kathryn Lofton, Indiana University, Bloomington
Saving Suds: Soap Promotions and the Moral Culture of American Cleanliness
Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia
The Power of Coal: Development and Enchantment in Central Appalachia
Chad Seales, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Chemical Fluid to Rayon: The Miracle of Industrial Conversion in the Modern American South
Responding:
John Corrigan, Florida State University

A17-124

Western Esotericism Group
9:00 am-11:30 am

Allison P. Coudert, University of California, Davis, Presiding
Theme: Esotericism and Transgression
Wendy Rachele Terry, University of California, Davis
"Outside the Court of Your Secrets": Marguerite Porete’s Transgression
Geoffrey McVey, Miami University, Ohio
Acceptable Transgressions: Mysticism and Esotericism at the Margins
Taylor Hines, University of California, Santa Barbara
Conservative Transgression: Swedenborgian Sectarianism in Unitarian Boston
Matthew Rogers, Northwestern University
Black Magic in British Columbia

A17-125

Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Seminar
9:00 am-11:30 am

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding
Theme: Rituals in Indian and Chinese Cultures
Panelists:
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College
Paul R. Goldin, University of Pennsylvania
Tanya Storch, University of the Pacific
Business Meeting:
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding
**A17-126**

**Animals and Religion Consultation**
9:00 am-11:30 am

Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University, Presiding

Theme: Visioning Animal-Human Relationships through the Religious Studies Looking Glass

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico
"Liberation's Crusade Has Begun": Hare Krishna Hardcore Youth and Animal Rights Activism

Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
"Bearly" Understandable: Transformation from Human to Bear and Man to Woman

Joanne Pierce, College of the Holy Cross
The "Rainbow Bridge": Animals as Sharers in Human Immortality (or Eternal Life in Cyberspace)

Aaron Gross, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Animal, Critical Theory, and the Study of Religion

Responding:
Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University, Presiding

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**A17-127**

**Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation**
9:00 am-11:30 am

Judith Gundry-Volf, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: Children and Sacred Texts

Jennifer E. Beste, Xavier University
Catholic Children's Encounter with the Bible through “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd”

Russell Dalton, Brite Divinity School
Children's Bible Texts of Terror: Abraham and Isaac, Jephthah’s Daughter, and Elisha and the She-bears in US Children's Bible Storybooks, 1860-2006

Laurel Koepf, Union Theological Seminary
Calling for Children: A Childist Interpretational Hermeneutic

Annemie Dillen, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Good News for Children? Towards a Biblical Hermeneutic of Texts of Terror

Responding:
John Carroll, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

Business Meeting:
Barbara Pitkin, Stanford University, Presiding

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**A17-128**

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation**
9:00 am-11:30 am

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: Continuing Bonds with the Dead

Stephen Potthoff, Wilmington College
Refreshment and Reunion in Paradise: Near-Death Experiences as Vehicles of Individual and Communal Healing in Early North African Christianity

Robert Ross, University of Massachusetts, Boston
The Dead among the Living: The Presence of Ancestors in the Music of a Culture

Responding:
S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University

Business Meeting:
Bradley L. Herling, Marymount Manhattan College, Presiding
A17-130
San Diego Zoo Tour
9:30 am-1:00 pm
Sponsored by the Science, Technology, and Religion Group
Separate registration required. See page 122 for a description.

A17-131
San Diego Chinese Historical Museum Walking Tour
10:30 am-1:00 pm
Sponsored by the Chinese Religions Group
Separate registration required. See page 122 for a description.

A17-132
Plenary Address
11:45 am-12:45 pm
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding
Theme: The Covenant with Black America
Panelists: Tavis Smiley, Los Angeles, CA
Responding: Emilie M. Townes, Yale University
Cornel West, Princeton University
See page 113 for a description.

A17-133
Special Topics Forum
11:45 am-12:45 pm
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and American Theological Library Association
Kimberly Bresler, St. Joseph’s University, Presiding
Theme: ATLA Career Alternatives Luncheon: Focus on Religion and Journalism
Panelists: Debra Mason, Religion Newswriters Association
Douglas Todd, Vancouver Sun
Sandi Dolbee, San Diego Union-Tribune
Separate registration is required at www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/RSVP/ATLA/. See page 116 for more information.

A17-134 (=M17-12)
Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
9:00 am-11:30 am
9:00 am Welcome
Wilson Yates, SARTS President
9:10 am Presentations by 2006 SARTS Fellowship Award Winners:
Maureen O’Connell
Stephen Lösel
Rebecca Davis
David Friend
Winners of the 2006 SARTS Fellowship Awards will present their projects, ranging from murals in inner-city Philadelphia to the music of Mozart, and from the cuadros of Peruvian women to Reformation architecture in Europe.
10:50 am Break
11:00 am Business Meeting
For additional information regarding this session, visit us online at www.SARTS.org, or contact Kimberly Vrudny at 1-651-962-5337, kjvrudny@stthomas.edu.

A17-135 (=M17-18)
Søren Kierkegaard Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
Tamara Monet Marks, Florida State University, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard in Dialogue with Non-Christian Religions
K. Brian Soderquist, Søren Kierkegaard Center, University of Copenhagen
Kierkegaard’s Understanding of Non-Christian Religions
Andrew J. Nicholson, State University of New York, Stony Brook
Hinduism-Buddhism: Skillful Means and Bold Assertions
Karen C. Carr, Lawrence University
Daoism: Sin, Spontaneity, Nature, and God

A17-136 (=M17-19)
La Communidad / The Community
9:00 am-11:30 am

A17-137 (=M17-24)
North American Association for the Study of Religion
9:00 am-11:30 am
Theme: Taxonomies in the Study of Religion
Craig Martin, Syracuse University
Strategic Uses of “Religion”: Taxonomy and Metonymy in Political Discourse
Leah Payne, Vanderbilt University
Time on Their Side: Using Philosophy of Time to Understand Distinctions between Early American Pentecostals and Fundamentalists
Thomas B. Ellis, Appalachian State University
Spirituality Redescribed, Self-esteem Misrecognized
Responding: Aaron Hughes, University of Calgary

A17-138 (=M17-27)
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
9:00 am-11:30 am
9:00 am 2007 Presidential Address
Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University
Lost in the Mystery of God: Childhood and the History of Christian Spirituality
10:30 am Business Meeting
Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union, President-elect, Presiding
All are welcome. For more information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@syntiarys.edu.
A17-139 (=M17-29)

Person, Culture, and Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am

A17-140 (=M17-30)

North American Paul Tillich Society and Polanyi Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
Walter Gulick, Montana State University, Billings, Presiding
Co-Presenters:
Durwood Foster, Pacific School of Religion
Richard Gelwick, Bangor Theological Seminary
Responding:
Donald Musser, Stetson University
Robert Russell, Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences
11:15 am Business Meeting:
Walter Mead, Illinois State University, Presiding

A17-141 (=M17-34)

Karl Barth Society of North America
9:00 am-11:30 am
George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Discussion of Alyssa Lyra Pitstick, Light in Darkness: Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Catholic Doctrine of Christ's Descent into Hell (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2007)
Panelists:
Paul J. Griffiths, University of Illinois, Chicago
David Lauber, Wheaton College
John Webster, Aberdeen University
Responding:
Alyssa Lyra Pitstick

A17-200

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee
Kimberly Bresler, St. Joseph's University, Presiding
Theme: Introduction to the AAR
Panelists:
Richard Amesbury, Claremont School of Theology
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College
Bradley L. Herling, Marymount Manhattan College
Maurice Lee, Harvard University
Myesha D. Jenkins, American Academy of Religion
See page 116 for a description.

A17-201 (=S17-78)

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the AAR Academic Relations Committee, AAR Theological Education Steering Committee, and SBL
David Rhoads, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, and Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Sustainable Theological Education
Panelists:
John B. Cobb, Claremont School of Theology
Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University
Calvin DeWitt, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Sallie McFague, Vancouver School of Theology
Norman Habel, Flinders University
Larry Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary, New York
See page 116 for a description.

A17-202

Wildcard Session
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding
Theme: Radical Life Extension: Implications for Eschatological Visions of the Religions
Panelists:
Aubrey de Grey, Methuselah Foundation
Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University
Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Derek Maher, East Carolina University
Terence L. Nichols, University of St. Thomas
Arvind Sharma, McGill University
Brent Waters, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
A17-204

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Presiding
Theme: Images and Narratives of Violence
S. T. Campagna-Pinto, California State University, Bakersfield
Veiled Perception: Religion and Violence in Photographic Images from the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan
Kathryn Reklis, Yale University
“Torture Education” and the Imagination of Redemption: Suffering Heroism in 24
J. Cayenne Claassen-Luttner, Emory University
Pure and Violated Female Bodies: Martyrdom Images, Pornography, and Imitation
Alexei Khamin, Drew University
Ignatius of Antioch: A Postcolonial Reading

A17-205

Buddhism Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Stephen F. Teiser, Princeton University, Presiding
Theme: Chinese Scholarship on the Dunhuang Manuscripts: New Perspectives on Buddhism
Panelists:
Chunwen Hao, Capital Normal University
Chu Xiang, Sichuan University
Xin Yu, Fudan University
Responding:
Paul Copp, University of Chicago

A17-206

Christian Systematic Theology Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Kathlyn A. Breazeale, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding
Theme: Cross Examinations: Interrogating the Cross and Atonement for Their Meaning Today
Panelists:
S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School
J. Denny Weaver, Bluffton University
Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University
Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good
Responding:
Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University
Business Meeting:
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, Presiding

A17-207

Ethics Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Ronald Green, Dartmouth College, Presiding
Theme: Innovative Methods in Religious Ethics: Social Scientific Perspectives
Ulla Schmidt, Centre for Church Research
Understanding “Religious Ethics”: A Case-Study of Survey Data
John Senior, Emory University
What to Do with Practice? Interpreting Ethnographic Data in Constructive Theological Ethics
Kerry Danner-McDonald, Graduate Theological Union
How Cognitive Linguistics Supports a Virtue Method
John Teehan, Hofstra University
Religious Ethics: An Evolutionary Analysis

A17-208

History of Christianity Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Teresa M. Shaw, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Theme: Contested Texts and Contexts: Exegesis in the History of Christianity
Russell C. Kleckley, Augsburg College
Following the Star: Matthew 2 as Guiding Light in Early Modern Theology and Natural Philosophy
Franklin Harkins, Valparaiso University
Inscribing Supersessionism into the Scriptural Text: Esau and Jacob in the Glossa Ordinaria
Ariel Bybee Laughton, Duke University
Averting the Bridegroom: Negotiating Masculinity in Ambrose of Milan’s De Isaac vel Anima
Cameron Partridge, Harvard University
Teleios Anthropos and “No Male and Female”: The Exegesis of Galatians 3:28 in Maximus the Confessor
Jeffrey W. Barbeau, Oral Roberts University
Thoughts “Too Refined to be Popular”: Sara Coleridge, Biblical Exegesis, and Theological Method
Business Meeting:
Teresa M. Shaw, Claremont Graduate University, and Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding
SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A17-209

Study of Islam Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Dorothea Kahena Viale, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Theme: Women’s Religious Authority, Islam, and Agency
Zahra Ayubi, Atlanta, GA
“Of All the Lawful Acts the Most Detestable to Allah Is Divorce”: American Muslim Women Challenging Traditional Views and Reinterpreting Islamic Divorce
Bahar Davary, University of San Diego
A Twentieth-Century Shi’a Mujtahida: Images and Self Images
Jamillah Karim, Atlanta, GA
American Muslim Youth Networks: Negotiating Sisterhood, Gender, and Generation
Sara Omar, Harvard University
Al-Qubaysiyat: A Female Religious Authority in Damascus
Responding:
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

A17-210

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, Presiding
Theme: Augustine and Psychology
Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University
Ubuntu and Augustine’s Understanding of the Self: A Comparative Exploration
Nathan Hieb, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Great Physician: Augustine’s Soteriology in Dialogue with Modern Psychology
John Penniman, Emory University
Pilgrims in the Valley of Weeping: Augustine and the Function of Sorrow in the Life of Faith
Howard B. Rhodes, University of Iowa
Augustinian Moral Psychology and the Purposes of Law: A Reading of Augustine’s De Trinitate
Business Meeting:
Robert P. Kennedy, St. Francis Xavier University, Presiding

A17-211

Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Frances Garrett, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Methods for the Study of Women and Buddhism
Danielle Lefebvre, University of Toronto
In and Out of Feminism: Defining the Terms for the North American Study of Women in Buddhism
Alice Collett, York St. John University
Contextual, Rhetorical, and Unbecoming Hermeneutics: Interpretive Strategies in the Study of Women in Buddhist Literature
Sarah Jacoby, Columbia University
Reading Tibetan Women’s Religious Auto/biography: Reflections on Methodology
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
Ethnology and Activism: Reassessing Methodologies for the Study of Women and Buddhism
Responding:
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University

A17-212

Confucian Traditions Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding
Theme: The Power of “Religion” in China
T. J. Hinrichs, Cornell University
Northern Song (960-1126 CE) Policies to Transform Southern Peoples
Sarah Schneewind, University of California, San Diego
The Religious Vocabulary of Local Honors for Ming Magistrates
Ya-pei Kuo, Tufts University
Before the Term: Confucianism, “Religion,” and Redefinition of Orthodoxy, 1890-1911
Rebecca Nedostup, Boston College
Contesting Ritual in the Age of Chinese Mass Politics
Responding:
Robert Campany, University of Southern California

A17-213

Ecclesiological Investigations Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Michael A. Fahey, Boston College, Presiding
Theme: Communion and Otherness: Contemporary Challenges of “Impaired Communion”
Travis Ables, Vanderbilt University
Other and Not-Other: On the Logic of Western Pneumatology and the Communion Ecclesiology of John Zizioulas
Radu Bordeianu, Duquesne University
Communion Ecclesiology as a Response to Eucharistic Ecclesiology: Zizioulas and Staniloae
Eddy Van der Borght, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Ethnicity and “Impaired Communion”: an Evaluation of the Work of Miroslav Volf
Richard Clutterbuck, Edgehill Theological College
The Irish Churches and the Possibilities for Koinonia in the Midst of Otherness

Wendy Dackson, Ripon College
Integrity, Alternative Aggressions, and Impaired Communion

Brian Flanagan, Boston College
Jean-Marie Tillard’s Communion Ecclesiology as a Resource for Intradenuminal Otherness

Georgia M. Keightley, St. Anselm College
The “Otherness” of the Church’s Laity: “Gifts that Differ” or Source of Division?

A17-214
Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Donna Berman, Charter Oak Cultural Center, Presiding
Theme: Virtual Sex, Virtual Identities: New Erotics and Religious Perspectives in the Age of the Internet
Panelists:
Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ
King Mott, Seton Hall University
Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University
Terry Todd, Drew University
Responding:
Mark D. Jordan, Emory University

A17-215
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: Teologías en Conjunto: A Fiestaschrift Celebrating the Work of Orlando Espín
Panelists:
Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
Daisy L. Machado, Lexington Theological Seminary
Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco

Nestor Medina, University of Toronto
M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
Robert J. Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
Maria Clara Lucchetti Bingemer, Pontificia Universidade Católica, Rio de Janeiro
Responding:
Orlando Espin, University of San Diego

A17-216
Mysticism Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose, Presiding
Theme: Art and Music in Mysticism
Ann M. Caron, St. Joseph College
Devotion to the Face of Christ and the “Veronica”: Image and Word
Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
Bodies of Perfection: Byzantine Representations of Theosis and Tibetan Visualization Practices
Ariane Conty, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Medieval Icon: Showing the Invisible
Patricia Margaret Alice Davis, Graduate Theological Union
The Mystical Gift of Songs in Dreams
Business Meeting:
June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

A17-217
Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding
Theme: Nineteenth-Century Interpretations of Earliest Christianity
Darrell Jodock, Gustavus Adolphus College
Albrecht Ritschl’s Portrait of the New Testament and the Early Church
Claudia Setzer, Manhattan College
“A Pinch of Common Sense”: Nineteenth-Century Feminist Biblical Interpretation

James Swan Tuite, Bates College
Friedrich Nietzsche’s Uses of Jesus, Paul, and Priestly Judaism in Der Anti-Christ

Ward Blanton, University of Glasgow
 Provincializing Europe’s Damascus Road: Modernity’s Paul as a Response to Nascent Globalization

The annual business meeting of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group will be held Sunday morning at 7:00 am in the Program Unit Chairs Lounge. Please bring your own breakfast; coffee will be provided.

A17-218
Reformed Theology and History Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Robert Sherman, Bangor Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Open Table: Cheap Grace or Gospel Imperative?
David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary
The “Gospels” behind the Arguments: Biblical Arguments for and against Allowing Communion before Baptism

Oliver Crisp, University of Bristol
Jonathan Edwards and the Closing of the Table: Must the Eucharist be Open to All?

Robert Vosloo, University of Stellenbosch
The Welcoming Table? Reforming Body Practices

Gordon S. Mikoski, Princeton Theological Seminary
On the Pedagogical Implications of Moving the Fence: From Unfinished Reforms to Mystagogical Catechesis in the PCUSA

* AAR Annual Meeting Program * See www.aarweb.org for Room Listings *
A17-219
Religion, Media, and Culture Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Diane Winston, University of Southern California, Presiding
Theme: Sleeper Cell: Viewing Religion, Race, and Terrorism in a Post-9/11 World
Panelists:
Kamran Pasha, Santa Monica, CA
Horace Newcomb, University of Georgia
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Anthea Butler, University of Rochester
Business Meeting:
Gordon Lynch, Birkbeck, University of London, and Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

A17-220
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding
Theme: Revolutionary Approaches to International Peacemaking
Panelists:
James L. Rowell, Flagler College
An Islamic Gandhi
Mita Cut, Florida International University
Mixing Religious Rituals and Mystical Experience with Modern Democracy: Indonesia, Sultan, and Religious Peace and Tolerance
Devin Kuhn, Claremont Graduate University
Making Peace Trendy: Fashion and Material Culture as Modes of Resistance

A17-221
Roman Catholic Studies Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Daniel Speed Thompson, Saint Mary's University, Presiding
Theme: Catholicism in Asia: Historical and Theological Engagements
Panelists:
Adam Darlage, University of Chicago
Mass Conversions or “Going Native?”: The Missionary Strategies of St. Francis Xavier in India, Indonesia, and Japan (1542-1551)
David Grumett, University of Exeter
De Lubac, Christ, and the Buddha
Naoko Frances Hioki, Graduate Theological Union
Wu Li (1632-1718) and the Beginning of Chinese Catholic Poetry in the Early Qing China
Paul Crowley, Santa Clara University
Transcendental Thomism and the Pacific Rim: Rahner Revisited

A17-222
Science, Technology, and Religion Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University, Presiding
Theme: Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality: Evolutionary Biology and Religion
Panelists:
Joan Roughgarden, Stanford University
Teresa J. Hornsby, Drury University

A17-223 (=S17-75)
Signifying (on) Scriptures Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Vincent L. Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Theme: Ethnologies of Scriptural Readings among Communities of Color in the United States
Panelists:
Efrain Agosto, Hartford Seminary
Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion
Velma Love, Florida A&M University
Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Matthew Stifler, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Responding:
Gerald O. West, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

A17-224
Wesleyan Studies Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
K. Steve McCormick, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Tercentenary Celebration: Charles Wesley
S. T. Kimbrough, United Methodist Church
The Holistic Soteriology of Charles Wesley
Kenneth Loyer, Southern Methodist University
Memorial, Means, and Pledge: Eucharist and Time in the Wesleys’ Hymns on the Lord’s Supper
Jason Vickers, United Theological Seminary, Ohio
“And We the Life of God Shall Know”: Appreciating Charles Wesley as Theologian at the Tercentenary of His Birth

Paul Alexander, Azusa Pacific University
Praise the Lord but Don't Pass the Ammunition: Pentecostal Pacifism and Resistance to Imperialism
Lane Van Ham, University of Arizona
Sanctuary Revisited: Central American Refugee Assistance in the History of Faith-based Immigrant Advocacy

Patricia Beattie Jung, Loyola University, Chicago
Wesley Wildman, Boston University

* AAR Annual Meeting Program * See www.aarweb.org for Room Listings *
Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Theme: Bound for Justice: Engaging Womanist Theory and the Parallel Concerns of How Women's Bodies Are Signified from Womanist, Latina, Asian, and White Feminists' Perspectives
Panelists:
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Teresa Delgado, Iona College
Rachel A. R. Bundang, Santa Clara University
Kate Ott, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Jenna Tiitsman, Auburn Theological Seminary, City University of New York

Contemporary Pagan Studies Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Chas S. Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Presiding
Theme: Pagan Borderlands
Barbara Davy, Ottawa, ON
Reading Ourselves into the Land
Candace Kant, Community College of Southern Nevada, and Anne R. Key, California Institute of Integral Studies
Sacred Land in the Midst of Modernity: The Temple of Goddess Spirituality Dedicated to Sekhmet
Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach
Borders and Badlands: The Goddess Temple of Orange County

Mormon Studies Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Laurie Maffly-Kipp, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding
Theme: Teaching Mormon Studies: Theory, Topics, and Texts
Panelists:
Mathew N. Schmalz, College of the Holy Cross
Thomas W. Simpson, Carthage College
Jana Riess, Publishers Weekly
Brian Birch, Utah Valley State College
Stephen Taysom, Indiana University
Business Meeting:
Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University, Presiding

New Program Unit
Religion and Colonialism Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Caleb Elfenbein, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: Formations of Religion and State in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts
Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sovereignty and Disenchantment: Religion, Modernity, and the State in China
Khurram Hussain, Yale University
Secularism and Other Political Rituals: Religion, Power, and the Sacred in the Post-colonial Indian State

Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
David Bains, Samford University, Presiding
Theme: Spatial Constructions of Religious Identity Across World Traditions
Jared Lindahl, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Production of Buddhist Spaces in Modern Mongolia
Brian Campbell, Emory University
Mapping Power at Stone Mountain, Georgia: Nature, Culture, and the Commodification of a Southern Sacred Site
Juan Campo, University of California, Santa Barbara
Negotiating Muslim and Hindu Identities at a Shared South Indian Pilgrimage Center
Responding:
Kathleen Malone O'Connor, University of South Florida

Business Meeting:
Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, and Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College, Presiding
A17-230

Wildcard Session
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University, Presiding
Theme: The Religion Major and Liberal Education
Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College
The Religious “Other” and the Goals of the Liberal Arts
Anthony Mansueto, Collin County Community College
For Sapiential Literacy: The Role of Religion at Public Colleges
David C. Ratke, Lenoir-Rhyne College
The Place and Purpose of Religion at a Church-Related College
Steve Young, McHenry County College
Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Religious Studies and the Community College
David Reinhart, DePaul University
A Reconnaissance of Religious Studies in Three Settings: Developing Discursive Values

Panelists:
Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University
Jorunn Jacobsen Buckley, Bowdoin College
Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College
Karen L. King, Harvard University
Responding:
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University
See page 116 for a description.

A17-301

Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Race and Environmental Justice
Panelists:
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University
Laura Stivers, Pfeiffer University
Carlton Waterhouse, Florida International University
Responding:
Larry Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary, New York
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A17-231 (=M17-50)

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
1:00 pm-3:30 pm

A17-300 (=S17-113)

Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by AAR Program Committee, AAR Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, and SBL
Dale B. Martin, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Interdisciplinary, Theoretical, and Ideological Implications of the AAR and SBL Split

A17-302

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Christian Systematic Theology Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding
Theme: Spectacles of Crucifixion
Sarah Sentilles, Harvard University
“He Looked Like Jesus Christ”: Crucifixion, Torture, and the Limits of Empathy as a Response to the Photographs from Abu Ghraib

A17-303

Buddhism Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University, Presiding
Theme: Rethinking the Forest-Village Dichotomy in South Asian Buddhism
Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas, Austin
Beyond the Middle Way: Buddhist Asectics in the Early Pāli Texts
David Drewes, University of Manitoba
Mahayana Outside the Forest
Daniel Boucher, Cornell University
Wilderness Dwelling in the Early Mahayana: A Sociological Perspective
Jeffrey Samuels, Western Kentucky University
In Awe of the Forest? Ambivalent Attitudes toward the Forest Monastics in Contemporary Sri Lanka
Responding:
John S. Strong, Bates College

Business Meeting:
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, and Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Presiding

A17-304

History of Christianity Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Arun W. Jones, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Saints and Social Worlds: Historical Perspectives on Christian Holy Folk
Patricia Appelbaum, Amherst, MA
St. Francis in the Nineteenth-Century

Amy Slagle, University of Pittsburgh
All-American Saints: Depictions and Meanings of Eastern Orthodox Sainthood in Contemporary North America

Jennifer Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Romero Present! Popular Devotion to Saint Oscar Romero

Anna Harrison, Loyola Marymount University
“Thousands and Thousands of Lovers”: The Holy Dead and the Nuns of Helfta

Mark S. Clatterbuck, Catholic University of America
From Savage Demons to Indian Saints: The Quest for a Native American Catholic Utopia

Laura Grimes, California State University, Fullerton
Mothers and Martyrs in Early Christianity: The Contested Legacy of Perpetua and Felicity

A17-305
North American Religions Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Stephen J. Stein, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Catherine L. Albanese’s A Republic of Mind and Spirit
Panelists:
Mary F. Bednarowski, United Theological Seminary, Minnesota
John Corrigan, Florida State University
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University
Stephen Prothero, Boston University
Grant Wacker, Duke University
Responding:
Catherine L. Albanese, University of California, Santa Barbara
Business Meeting:
Philip K. Goff, Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis, and Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A17-306
Religion in South Asia Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Mary McGee, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: Embodying Bhakti: Devotional Bodies, Fertile Bodies, and Bodies of Desire
Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara
Bhakti and Embodiment: Embodying Kṛṣṇa in Text, Place, Image, and Performance
Steven P. Hopkins, Swarthmore College
Bodies of Desire, Bodies of Lament: Marking Emotion in a Messenger Poem of Medieval South India
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago
Fruitful Austerity: Embodied Devotion in Women’s Vrata Performances
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Body of the Deity, Embodiment of the Devotee: Temple Traditions in South India, Cambodia, and the United States
Responding:
John Hawley, Columbia University

A17-307
Theology and Religious Reflection Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Karen Jo Torjesen, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Theme: Women’s Interreligious Dialogue in a Polarized World
Panelists:
Maura O’Neill, Chaffey College
Ursula King, University of Bristol
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield
Responding:
Karma Lekshë Tsumo, University of San Diego
Allison Stokes, Women’s Interfaith Institute in the Finger Lakes

A17-308
Women and Religion Section and Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good, Presiding
Theme: Off the Menu: Asian and Asian North American Women’s Religion and Theology
Panelists:
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
Rachel A. R. Bundang, Santa Clara University
Letty M. Russell, Yale University
Katie G. Cannon, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education
Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion

A17-309
Chinese Religions Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Jonathan A.C. Brown, University of Washington, Presiding
Theme: Self-Representation/Misrepresentation: Muslims in the Chinese Cultural Context
Kristian Petersen, University of Washington
The Seven Subtleties of the True Heart: A Spiritual Physiology by Wang Daitu
Yufeng Mao, George Washington University
“Chinese Islamic Progressive Association” and Muslim Activism in Early Republican China
Haiyun Ma, Georgetown University
Ahun Rebellions in Eighteenth-Century Northwest China
James Frankel, Columbia University
Eclecticism and Syncretism in the Sources and Theories of Liu Zhi
Responding:
John Voll, Georgetown University
A17-310
Christian Spirituality Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Wendy Wright, Creighton University, Presiding
Theme: Christian Spirituality and Multiple Religious Belonging
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Multiple Religious Belonging and the Practice of Interreligious Reading
Christian Krokus, Boston College
History, Method, and Co-orientation in the Catholic and Islamic Spirituality of Louis Massignon
Beverly Lanzetta, University of Arizona
Intercontemplative Dialogue: Spiritual Pluralism and Global Theosis in Thomas Merton and Bede Griffiths
Christopher Denny, St. John’s University, New York
Trinity and Interreligious Belonging in the Writings of Raimundo Panikkar

A17-311
Comparative Religious Ethics Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Lee H. Yee, Stanford University, Presiding
Theme: What Does It Mean to Do Comparative Religious Ethics? A Panel Discussion on Aaron Stalnaker’s Overcoming Our Evil: Human Nature and Spiritual Exercises in Xunzi and Augustine
Panelists:
Erin M. Cline, University of Oregon
Weichi Zhou, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University
Andrew Zhonghu Yan, Hope College
Fei Lan, University of Toronto
Responding:
Aaron D. Stalnaker, Indiana University, Bloomington
Business Meeting:
Aaron D. Stalnaker, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

A17-312
Islamic Mysticism Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Jamal J. Elias, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Theme: Sufism and Philosophy
Scott Girdner, Boston University
Philosophical Content in Qur’ānic Context: The Significance of Philosophy in al-Ghazālī’s Mishkāt al-Anwār (The Niche of Lights)
Kenneth Garden, Yale University
Towards a New Narrative of the Life and Thought of Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī
Nahyan Fancy, DePauw University
Soul and Spirit in Ḥāyī ibn Yaqzān: Aristotelianism, Monistic Mysticism, and the Problem of Individuation
G. A. Lipton, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Muhibb Allah Ilahabadi’s The Equivalence Between Giving and Receiving (Al-Taswiya bayna al-Ifada wa-l-Qabul): Avicennan Neoplatonism and the School of Ibn ‘Arabi in South Asia
Yuan-Lin Tsai, National Chengchi University
The Construction of Islamic “Mind-Nature” (Xin-Xing) Philosophy in Liu Zhi’s Tianfang Xingli: A Creative Dialogue between Neo-Sufism and Neo-Confucianism

A17-313
Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Wanda Warren Berry, Colgate University, Presiding
Theme: Sources of Religious Pluralism in Kierkegaard’s Writings
David J. Gouwens, Brite Divinity School
Kierkegaard on the Universally Religious and the Specifically Christian as Resources for Interreligious Conversation
Avron Kulak, York University
Between Singularity and Plurality: Kierkegaard and The Paradox of Absolute Difference
Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Kierkegaard on Conversing with “Mystical” Religions
Timothy Dalrymple, Harvard University
Kierkegaard on Suffering: A Basis for Interreligious Dialogue?
Carl Hughes, Emory University
The Constructive Significance of The Book on Adler in an Age of Pluralism
Responding:
Christopher Nelson, South Texas College
Business Meeting:
Andrew J. Burgess, University of New Mexico, and Marilyn Piety, Drexel University, Presiding
Members of either the Kierkegaard Society or the AAR Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group may obtain by mid-October a bound copy of the papers for the sessions of both units by contacting Andrew Burgess, aburgess@unm.edu, or David Possen, dp@uchicago.edu. The cost for the papers will be $20 ($15 for members of the Kierkegaard Society).

A17-314
Men’s Studies in Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Mark Justad, Guilford College, Presiding
Theme: Competing Models of Men in Religion and Describing and Defining Men’s Studies in Religion
C. John Powers, Australian National University
Manly Monks and Lustful Ladies: Images of Masculinity, Sexuality, and the Body in Indian Buddhism
Nathan Schneider, University of California, Santa Barbara
New Manhood and New Order: Gandhi and bin Laden against the Great Powers

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A17-315

Native Traditions in the Americas Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Native American Religious Traditions: The Future of the Field and the Influence of Inés Talamantez
Panelists:
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Chris Jocks, Fort Lewis College
Mary C. Churchill, University of Colorado, Boulder
Lawrence W. Gross, Bemidji, MN
Michael McNally, Carleton College
Responding:
Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis

A17-316

New Religious Movements Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Benjamin Zeller, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding
Theme: Emergent and Alternative: The Breadth of New Religions Study
Z. Kermani, Harvard University
"Don't Eat the Incense": Children's Participation in Contemporary Pagan Practice
Joe Laycock, Decatur, GA
Gathering Data with the Vampire: Analyzing Causes and Effects of an Introspective Survey by the Vampire Community

A17-317

Qur'an Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Krishin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College, Presiding
Theme: The Qur’an and Interpretation
Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University
"By the Land Made Safe...": The Concept of Sacred Land in the Qur’an
Yasir Ibrahim, Montclair State University
Continuity and Change in Qur’anic Readings: A Study of the Qur’anic Manuscript Garret 38
Andrew J. Lane, University of Toronto
Shawâhid in Tafsîr: Some Remarks on the Use of Poetry in Qur’anic Exegesis
Todd Lawson, University of Toronto
Duality and Opposition in the Qur’an: The Apocalyptic Substrate
Devin J. Stewart, Emory University
Three Medieval Texts on “Poetic License” in the Qur’an
Mark Wagner, University of Southern Mississippi
Two Qur’anic Verses on Legal Pluralism (5:42 and 5:48) and Their Interpretation

Business Meeting:
Jane Dammen McAuliffe, Georgetown University, and Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

A17-318

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Religion and Migration Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: Creative Crossings: Religious Transmutations in Latin America and the Caribbean
Meritxell Martin-i-Pardo, University of the South
New Hindu Death Rites for Secular France
Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Pfeiffer University
Migration and Religious Identity in Mexico: An Ethnography of Migrant Patterns from Chichoaico, Guerrero to Cuernavaca, Morelos
Kathryn Moles, Florida International University
A Comparative Analysis of New-Pentecostal/Neo-Charismatic Colombian-Majority Churches in South Florida
Jeffery Gonzalez, Florida International University
Transnational Impacts on Lukumi Ritual
Responding:
Thomas Pearson, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Business Meeting:
Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California, Berkeley, and Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding
A17-319
Religion, Politics, and the State Group
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, Presiding
Theme: Religion, Democracy, and Political Engagement: Challenges in Theology and Practice
John Senior, Emory University
Towards a Thicker Conception of the Public Religious Self
L. Benji Rolsky, Claremont School of Theology
Eisenhower, Religion, and the Founding Fathers: A Response to Communism
Paul Rasor, Virginia Wesleyan College
Public Prophetic Religion and the Separation of Church and State
Robert F. Shedinger, Luther College
Wall of Separation or Barrier to Justice? Valuing an Islamic Approach to "Church-State" Separation
Kathleen M. Sands, University of Massachusetts, Boston
The "Religion" of the Religion Clauses and Deliberation about the Common Good

A17-320
Ritual Studies Group
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Lee Gilmore, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: Theorizing Ritual Agency, Destabilizing Fields
W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary
"I Do" So We Are: Same-sex Unions as Rite of Passage or Strategic Practice?
Gabriel Robinson, University of Chicago
Calling the Bull to Mass: Ritual Practice and Defense Against Superstition in Seventeenth-Century Spain
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo
Transformation of Core Rituals in the Wake of World Christianity: Possession and/or Sacrifice?
Grant H. Potts, University of Pennsylvania
The Persistence of the Social: Ritual Theory, Improvisation, Determinacy
Responding:
Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University

A17-321
Schleiermacher Group
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding
Theme: Prolegomena to the Glaubenslehre: The Last of a Four-Year Reinvestigation of Schleiermacher’s Magnum Opus
Paul Capetz, United Theological Seminary, MN
Christianity as a Religion: A Controverted Topic in the “Introduction” to Schleiermacher’s Glaubenslehre
Paul Dafydd Jones, University of Virginia
Friedrich Schleiermacher and Post-liberalism: Rereading the “Introduction” of The Christian Faith
Christopher Ganski, Marquette University
The Feeling of Freedom and the Feeling of Dependence: Sorting out Schleiermacher’s Critique of the Catholic Notion of Cooperative Grace
Philip Stoltzfus, Saint Olaf College
Propositions Borrowed from Aesthetics? Schleiermacher’s Lectures on Aesthetics as a Hidden Resource for Glaubenslehre $3-$6

Business Meeting:
Brent Sockness, Stanford University, Presiding

In order to facilitate discussion, papers for this session will be posted in mid-October at the Schleiermacher Group’s Yahoo website. AAR members wishing to join the Schleiermacher Group and access the papers should contact Brent Sockness at sockness@stanford.edu.

A17-322
Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding
Theme: Agamben, Decreation, and Witnessing
Lissa McCullough, Muhlenberg College
“Decreation” in Agamben and Simone Weil
B. Keith Putt, Samford University
Height, Exteriority, Remnant: Levinas, Ricoeur, and Agamben on the Undecidability of Testimony
William Robert, Syracuse University
Witnessing: From an Impossible Place

A17-323
Biblical/Contextual Ethics Consultation
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Critical Reflection on the Prophetic Calling
Anne Collier-Freed, Salt Lake Theological Seminary
Mothering as a Social Practice: Liberating Evangelical Mothers to Pursue Their Prophetic Calling
Cecilia Nahnfeldt, Karlstad University
The Way God Is Calling Women and Men: A Feminist Perspective and the Gospel of Matthew
Jerry Nwonye, Fuller Theological Seminary
Martin Luther King, Jr. and Tokenism in America Today
Stephanie Smith, Monrovia, CA
The Righteousness of Christ and Human Rights: Karl Barth’s Prophetic Interpretation of Isaiah 11:1-4

Business Meeting:
Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

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A17-324

❄ New Program Unit

Buddhism in the West Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Duncan Williams, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Theme: New Perspectives on Buddhist Modernism in the West
Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Duke University
Swedenborg: A Modern Buddha?
David McMahan, Franklin & Marshall College
A Brief History of Interdependence
Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union
Traditionalist Representations of Buddhism
Natalie Quli, Graduate Theological Union
The Place of Jhāna in Western Theravāda
Responding:
Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University
Business Meeting:
Lois Farag, Luther Seminary, Presiding

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A17-326

Daoist Studies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado, Boulder, Presiding
Theme: Performing Harmony: Interpreting Daoist Ritual
Panelists:
Fong-Mao Lee, Academia Sinica
Yu-Kun Lee, Guangyuan Tan
Julius N. Tsai, San Diego State University
Gil Raz, Dartmouth College
Responding:
Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College

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A17-327

Open and Relational Theologies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Lynne Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College, Presiding
Theme: What God Does, Chooses Not to Do, or Cannot Do
R. Daren Erisman, Graduate Theological Union
Reinterpreting God’s Power: Kenosis in Light of the Pre-Islamic Virtue of Hilm
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University
An Open and Relational Theory of Divine Power: Between Voluntary Divine Self-Limitation and Divine Limitation by Those External to God
Kathlyn A. Breazeale, Pacific Lutheran University
From Impassibility to Intimacy: Conceptions of God’s Power and Christian Marriage
David Wilkinson, Durham University
Open Creation and New Creation
Business Meeting:
Lynne Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College, Presiding
A17-329

Religion in Europe Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding
Theme: The Roles and Relevance of Religion in a Modernizing Europe
Todd Green, Vanderbilt University
Reexamining the Effects of Functional Differentiation on Religious Institutions: The Significance of the Swedish Deaconessate for Health Care and Nursing in the Nineteenth-Century
Angela Ilic, Temple University
Caught between Two Worlds: The Role of Religious Communities in Preserving the Identity of Hungarians in Vojvodina
Maria Jansdotter, Karlstad University
God, Humanity, and Nature among Women Ordained within the Lutheran Church of Sweden: A Pilot-Study
Wolfgang Schuerger, Augustana-Hochschule Neuendettelsau
The Christian West and Its Multireligious Reality—A Plea for New Theological Reflection

Business Meeting:
Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding
Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding

A17-330

Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University, Presiding
Theme: Review Session on Yoga: India’s Philosophy of Meditation, Edited by Gerald J. Larson and Ram Shankar Bhattacharya
Panelists:
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University
Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen
Lloyd W. Pflueger, Truman State University
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University
Ian Whicher, University of Manitoba
Responding:
Gerald J. Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara
Business Meeting:
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, and Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University, Presiding

A17-331 (=M17-101)

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
SARTS hosts a conversation with author Robin Margaret Jensen, Luce Chancellor's Professor of the History of Christian Worship and Art in the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University. Her most recent books include: The Substance of Things Seen: Art, Faith, and the Christian Community (Eerdmans, 2004) and Face to Face: Portraits of the Divine in Early Christianity (Augsburg Fortress, 2005).

A17-332 (=M17-104)

African Association for the Study of Religions
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Kathleen O’Brien Wicker, Presiding
4:00 pm Celebration of AASR’s Fifteenth Anniversary
Panelists:
Jacob Olupona
Rosalind Hackett
Teresia Hinga
Bella Mukonyora
4:30 pm Business Meeting
Elom Dovlo, AASR President, Welcome
Afe Adogame, AASR Secretary’s Report
Kathleen Wicker, AASR-NA Report
5:10 pm Report on the Botswana Conference
Teresia Hinga, AASR-NA Representative to the Botswana Conference
5:40 pm Bella Mukonyora
Understanding Death and Healing: Masowe Apostolic Story of Liberation
Discussion following
7:00 pm AASR-African Religions dinner off-site
For additional information regarding this session, contact Kathleen Wicker at 1-909-399-9971 or kwicker@scrippscollege.edu.

A17-333 (=M17-106)

Association of Practical Theology
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Susan Dunlap, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Pedagogies in Practical Theology: Inter-religious Perspectives on Teaching Spiritual Practices
Panelists:
John Makransky, Boston College
Abdullah T. Antepli, Hartford Seminary
Kathleen Dolphin, St. Mary's College
6:15 pm Business Meeting
Kathleen A. Cahalan, Saint John’s University, Presiding
For additional information contact Kathleen Cahalan, kcahalan@csbsju.edu, or Claire Wolfteich, cwolftei@bu.edu.
A17-334 (=M17-108)

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, Presiding
Theme: The Thought and Legacy of Masao Abe
Panelists:
Donald W. Mitchell, Purdue University
Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University
James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University
John B. Cobb, Jr., Claremont School of Theology
Stephen Rowe, Grand Valley State University
William R. LaFleur, University of Pennsylvania
Steven Heine, Florida International University
Discussion

A17-335 (=M17-111)

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Theme: Teaching the Holocaust in a Seminary or Religious Studies Course
Holocaust studies is an interdisciplinary field that offers rich resources for seminary education and religious studies. Join us for a roundtable consultation on incorporating this history in courses on ethics, systematic theology, church history, biblical studies, and interfaith issues. For additional information regarding this session, contact Victoria Barnett at 1-202-488-0469 or vbarnett@ushmm.org.

A17-402

Friends of the Academy Reception
5:45 pm-7:00 pm
Jeffrey L. Stout, Princeton University, Presiding
Individuals whose generosity allows us to continue many of our special programs are invited to a reception hosted by the AAR Board of Directors.

A17-403

AAR Racial and Ethnic Minority Members’ Reception
6:30 pm-7:45 pm
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University, Presiding
The Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee invites interested persons to a reception celebrating the contributions of racial and ethnic minority scholars in the Academy.

A17-404

Presidential Plenary and Awards Ceremony
7:45 pm-9:00 pm
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Presidential Plenary and Awards Ceremony—Jeff Stout
Panelists:
Jeffrey L. Stout, Princeton University
See page 113 for a description.

A17-405

Film: The Revenge of Han Xin: A Daoist Mystery
8:30 pm-10:00 pm
Sponsored by the Chinese Religions Group
James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Presiding
See page 123 for a description.

A17-406

Film: Magnolia
9:00 pm-10:30 pm
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Tony S. L. Michael, York University, Presiding
See page 123 for a description.

A17-407 (=S17-136)

Women’s Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
Sponsored by the AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee, SBL Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, and the Women’s Caucus
Julie J. Kilmer, Olivet College, Presiding
The Women’s Caucus and Claremont Graduate University School of Religion welcome all friends to join us in honoring Rosemary Radford Ruether and the panelists from the session on Ruether’s most recent book, America, Amerikkka: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence.

A17-408

AAR Members’ Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
AAR members are invited to join one another at the AAR Members’ Reception for jazz music and collegiality. Don’t forget the free drink ticket mailed with your name badge!

A17-409 (=S17-137)

Student Members’ Reception
9:30 pm-11:30 pm
AAR and SBL student members are invited to drop by for conversation with fellow students. Snacks will be provided. Don’t forget your free drink ticket!
SATURDAY EVENING

A17-410 (=M17-116)
Evangelical Philosophical Society
7:00 pm-11:00 pm
Michael Licona, University of South Africa, Presiding
Theme: Resurrecting Jesus, by Dale Allison
Panelists:
Stephen T. Davis, Claremont-McKenna College
William Lane Craig, Talbot School of Theology
Gary Habermas, Liberty University
Responding:
Dale Allison, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Audience discussion to follow.
For further information regarding this session, contact Scott Smith, scott.smith@truth.biola.edu.

A17-411 (=M17-129)
Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

A17-412
Religion and the Arts Award Inaugural Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
A special reception celebrating the inaugural AAR Award in Religion and the Arts. During this reception, there will be a tribute to Jane Dillenberger, honoring her many contributions as a teacher, author, curator, and advocate of religion and art.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

A18-1
AAR New Members’ Continental Breakfast
7:30 am-8:45 am
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
New (first-time) AAR members in 2007 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.

A18-2
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
7:30 am-9:00 am
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

A18-3
Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
7:30 am-9:00 am
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University, Presiding

A18-4
Religion in the Schools Task Force Meeting
7:30 am-9:00 am
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University, Presiding

A18-100 (=S18-37)
Special Topics Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Program Committee
Theme: Posters Session
Cyrus Schleifer, Duke University
American Religions Timeline
Tobin Shearer, Northwestern University
Chaotic Encounters: Using Chaos to Deepen Student Learning in the Religion Classroom

A18-101
Special Topics Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Theological Education Steering Committee
David H. Kelsey, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Teaching the Introductory Theology Course in Theological Schools
Panelists:
Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Serene Jones, Yale University
Amy Plantinga Pauw, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
See page 117 for a description.

A18-102
Special Topics Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Program Committee
Theme: Fifty Years of Women in the AAR and SBL: The Battles of Yesterday and the Challenges of Tomorrow
Panelists:
Rebecca T. Alpert, Temple University
Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good
Katie G. Cannon, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education
Elizabeth Clark, Duke University
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
Carolyn Osiek, Brite Divinity School
Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University
See page 117 for a description.
Carolyne Mary Call, Cornell University
Elements of a Spiritually Healthy Community

David Reinhart, DePaul University
Envisioning the Invisible: Issues and Options in The Working Poor: Invisible in America

Gregory Ellis, Moravian Theological Seminary
Game Theory and Theology

Brendan Pietsch, Duke University
Measuring Time: Fundamentalism, Quantification, and Millennialism

Victor Blake, Morehouse School of Medicine
Spirituality, Religiosity, and Cancer Coping among African Americans

Sang Bok Lee, Kangnam University
The Therapeutic Effects of Shaman's Healing Performance on Wounded Emotion: A Neuroreligious and Cognitive Neuroscience Perspective

Hisho Uga, Azusa Pacific University
Theology of Hikikomori

Stephen Fugitt, Missouri State University, Columbia College
From Word to Image: Seeing God in the Poetry of Phillis Wheatley

Business Meeting:
Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia, and S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding

A18-104
Buddhism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Mark L. Blum, University at Albany, Presiding
Theme: New Horizons in Buddhist Studies

Galen Amstutz, Ryukoku University
The Ömi Merchants of Japan

Amy P. Langenberg, Columbia University
The Problem with Mom: Embryology as Practice in an Early Mahayana Sutra

Karín Meyers, University of Chicago
Karma, Cetanā, and Free Will in Buddhaghosa and Vasubandhu

Pierce Salguero, Johns Hopkins University
Jivaka, the Buddhist Medicine King, and the Question of Indian Influence on Chinese Medicine and Surgery Reconsidered

Nicole Willock, Indiana University, Bloomington

Melissa Conroy, Muskingum College
Seeing with Buddha's Eyes: Understanding the Cinematography of Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter... and Spring

A18-105
Ethics Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding
Theme: Hooray for Hollywood? Ethics and Entertainment

Barbara Barnett, University of Chicago
The Science Fiction Dystopia: Battlestar Galactica's Contributions to Contemporary Discussions of Human Dignity

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry
Disrupting the End of the World: Ethical Crisis and the Possibility of Hope in Alfonso Cuaron's Children of Men

Crystal Downing, Messiah College
The Ethics of The Queen: Betraying Hollywood

Donna Yarri, Alvernia College
Ethical Values in The Sopranos

Jennifer Ayres, Emory University
"Good Evening, Godless Sodomites": Comedy Central's Contribution of Religious and Political Satire to the Public Sphere

A18-106
Philosophy of Religion Section and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
William Schweiker, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Living in a Secular Age: Charles Taylor and the Philosophy of Religion

Jennifer A. Herdt, University of Notre Dame
Secularization, Recomposition, and Bad Faith in Contemporary Christian Ethics

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles, University of Chicago
Re-examining the Secularization Hypothesis

Robert N. Bellah, University of California, Berkeley
Taylor on Religion and Modernity

Responding:
Charles Taylor, Northwestern University
A18-107

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Lived Religion in America Revisited: Current Cases and Theoretical Developments
Panelists:
Roberto Lint Sagarena, University of Southern California
Kathryn Lofton, Indiana University, Bloomington
Ziad Munson, Lehigh University
Marla Frederick, Harvard University
Responding:
David D. Hall, Harvard University

A18-108

Religion in South Asia Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Pauline McKenzie, Carleton University, Presiding
Theme: Transcending Dualities and Dialectics: Capturing Jain Identities
Panelists:
Anne Vallely, University of Ottawa
Sherry Fohr, Converse College
M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University
James M. Hastings, Wingate University
Responding:
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

A18-109

Study of Islam Section and Contemporary Islam Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, University of Florida, Presiding
Theme: From “Muslims in America” to “American Muslims”
Amina Wadud, Virginia Commonwealth University
Islam, Ethnicity, and Race in the United States: 100 Years or 400 Years: What Is Muslim American Identity?
Abbas Barzegar, Emory University
Discourse as Denomination: Problems and Prospects in the Study of Islam in the United States
Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
The Roots and Consequences of Islamism in Black America
Liyakat Takim, University of Denver
Preserving or Extending Boundaries: The Black Shi’is of America
Rosemary Hicks, Columbia University
Muslims and Americans: Post-2001 Ethnic Dynamics among Sufis in New York City
Business Meeting:
Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University, Presiding

A18-110

Study of Judaism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Hindy Najman, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Performance and Prayer in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages
Talya Fishman, University of Pennsylvania
The Computational Prayer Practice of Medieval Jewish Pietists
Judith Newman, University of Toronto
Performing the Shirat at Qumran

A18-111

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Valerie Bridgeman-Davis, Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: “Gating the Nation”: Biblical Ideologies of the Wall
Panelists:
Faustino Cruz, Franciscan School of Theology
Gregory Cuellar, Texas A&M University
Joanne Doi, Graduate Theological Union
Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, Western Michigan University
Alice Hunt, Vanderbilt University
Justine Smith, Harvard University
Frank Yamada, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A18-112

Bioethics and Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Stephen E. Lammers, Lafayette College, Presiding
Theme: Bioethics and Borderlands
Dena S. Davis, Cleveland State University
Male and Female Genital Cutting: Legal, Ethical, Religious Considerations
Margaret R. McLean, Santa Clara University
Bioethics without Borders: Ethical Responsibility in a Time of Pandemic
George D. Randels, University of the Pacific
Patients without Borders: Health, Social Responsibility, and the Scope of Bioethics
Eva Mroczek, University of Toronto
Praying in David’s Temple: Davidic Inspiration and Liturgical Performance in Second-Temple Judaism
Laura Kicklighter, Lynchburg College
*Empirical Bioethics and the Marginalization of the Theologian*

Business Meeting:
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, and Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding

### A18-113

**Black Theology Group**

9:00 am-11:30 am

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Black Theology, Youth, and Hip-Hop*

Monica Miller, Chicago Theological Seminary

*From Black Power to Hip-Hop: Assessing the Relevance of Black Theology for the Twenty-First Century*

Margarita Simon, Rice University

*Untapped Resources: An Interpretation of Female Rap Lyrics on Religion and Sexuality through a Hermeneutic of Life Meaning*

Josef Sorett, Harvard University

*Blackness, Bibles, and Break Beats: Stephen Wiley and the Contours of Christian Rap*

James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

*Tupac Shakur as Ogu Achade: Hip-Hop Anger and Postcolonial Rancor Read from the Other Side*

Responding:

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University

Business Meeting:

Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

### A18-114

**Chinese Religions Group**

9:00 am-11:30 am

James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Presiding

Theme: *Regional Religion, Local Society, and Ritual Practice: A Consideration of Patrice Fava’s Film 'The Revenge of Han Xin: A Daoist Mystery'*

Panelists:

Alain Arrault, École Française d’Extrême-Orient

Laurel Kendall, American Museum of Natural History

Edward Davis, University of Hawai’i

Kenneth Dean, McGill University

David Holm, University of Melbourne

Business Meeting:

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding

### A18-115

**Comparative Theology Group**

9:00 am-11:30 am

Allan M. Keislar, Forman Christian College, Lahore, Presiding

Theme: *Pushing the Boundaries: Exploring New Methods and Theories in Comparative Theology*

Kerry San Chirico, University of California, Santa Barbara

*From Meta-Theology of Religions to Contextualist Comparative Theology: Thinking with Jacques Dupuis Towards a New Methodology*

Jon Paul Sydnor, Boston College

*Shatism’s Nataraja and Picasso’s Crucifixion: An Essay in Comparative Visual Theology*

Anthony J. Watson, University of Cambridge

*Listening to God: A Categorical Analysis of Event-based Revelation in a Comparative Theistic Context*

Ithamar Theodor, University of Cambridge

*Towards the Articulation of a Meta Comparative Theology Theory*

Responding:

C. Peter Slater, University of Toronto

Business Meeting:

Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

### A18-116

**Japanese Religions Group**

9:00 am-11:30 am

Theme: *New Ways of Thinking about Shinbutsu Bunri (Differentiation of Kami and Buddhist Deities and Practices) in Japan*

Takami Inoue, Otani University

*Shinbutsu Bunri as a Radical Disembedding of Local Religions: The Case of Ono Village in the Northern Ina Valley*

Dominick Scarangello, University of Virginia

*Shinbutsu Bunri and Its Aftermath: Transforming, Redefining, and Recapturing the Bodies of the Deities*

Heather Blair, Harvard University

*Junking the Treasures of the Mountain King, or How Kinpusen’s God Came to the National Museum*

Gaynor Sekimori, University of Tokyo

*Legends of the Fall: The Iconoclasm of Sacred Space*

Lucia Dolce, Leiden University

*Did Shinbutsu Bunri Irremediably Change Japanese Religion? Perspectives on the Creation of Contemporary Forms of Associative Practices*

Responding:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
A18-117
Religion and Disability Studies Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Kerry Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University, Presiding

**Theme:** Disability Studies across Religious Studies

Mary Caygill, Trinity Methodist Theological College, University of Auckland

*Of Equal Worth: Towards a Liberating Theological Anthropology*

Tracy Allison Demmons, University of St. Andrews

*Persons with Disabilities: Oppressed Minority in Need of Liberation? Questioning the Praxis and Paradigms of Disability Theology*

Jason Hays, Brite Divinity School

*Listening Eyes: Sign Languages as Media for Constructing Visual Narratives of Meaning and Identity*

Amos Yong, Regent University

*Disability, Love, and Wisdom: Destabilizing, Re-forming, and Per-forming Philosophy of Religion*

Responding:

Kent A. Eaton, Bethel Seminary

A18-118
Religion and Ecology Group
9:00 am-11:30 am

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

**Theme:** New Directions in Religion and Ecology

Willis Jenkins, Yale University

*Christian Environmental Ethics Forty Years after Lynn White: The Historic Roots of a Theological Crisis*

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College

*The Greening of China: The “Constructive Postmodern” Movement in the People’s Republic of China*

Bron Taylor, University of Florida

*Dark Green Religion: Gaian Earth Spirituality, Neo-Animism, and the Transformation of Global Environmental Politics*

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont

*Rachel Carson’s Sense of Deep Time: Experiencing Maine*

Business Meeting:

David L. Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, and John A. Grim, Yale University, Presiding

A18-119
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding

**Theme:** Engaging the Affective: Music, the Senses, and Subjectivity in Film Experiences

Theodora Hawksley, Liverpool Hope University

*“But It Did Happen”: Sound as Deep Narrative in P. T. Anderson’s Magnolia*

Linda Schubert, Anderson University

*What Should Jesus’ Soundtrack Do? The Role of Music in Constructing Images of Jesus in Three Films*

Scott Dunbar, University of Saskatchewan

*Orientalism in Outer-space: Sanskrit Mantras in Modern Science Fiction Soundtracks*

Stefanie Knauss, Fondazione Bruno Kessler

*A “Sensual” Approach to the Study of Film and Religion*

Alyda Faber, Atlantic School of Theology

*“Love’s Work”: Religious Subjectivity and the Ethical Opportunity of Film*

A18-120
Religion, Media, and Culture Group
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**Theme:** Using (and Not Using) Media Technologies to Shape Religious Purposes and Practices

Dorothea Schulz, Indiana University, Bloomington

*“Touched by Divine Truth”: Islamic Revival, Media Consumption, and Reconfigurations of Spiritual Experience in Mali, West Africa*

Angie Heo, University of California, Berkeley

*Tele-visuality, Dreams, and Intercession among Coptic Orthodox of Contemporary Cairo*

Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa

*Writing the History of Non-users: Toward a Dialogic Approach to Religion, Media, and Culture*

Responding:

Birgit Meyer, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

A18-121
Roman Catholic Studies Group
9:00 am-11:30 am

Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University, Presiding

**Theme:** Stephen Schloesser’s Jazz Age Catholicism: Author Meets Critics

Panelists:

Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University

John McGreevy, University of Notre Dame

Francisca Cho, Georgetown University

Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University

Responding:

Stephen Schloesser, Boston College
A18-122
Scriptural Reasoning Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University, Presiding
Theme: Pragmatism and Biblical Hermeneutics: A Discussion of the Work of Peter Ochs
Panelists:
David Lamberth, Harvard University
Leora Batnitzky, Princeton University
James K. A. Smith, Calvin College
Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh
Responding:
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia

A18-123
Tantric Studies Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College, Presiding
Theme: Outsourcing Salvation, Importing Aesthetics: Literary Alliances and Technologies of Tantra
E. H. Jarow, Vassar College
Kavya as Mandala
Deven Patel, University of Pennsylvania
Mantra in Poetic Motion: Tantric Readings of Court Poetry
John R.B. Campbell, Columbia University
Going Forth into Bliss and Other Literary Moves: Modeling Mahayoga-Tantra Hermeneutics in Early Medieval India
David Mellins, Columbia University
Empowering Poets, Generating Worlds, Purifying Selves: Sarasvatī’s Evolving Agency in Benedictory Verses of the Sanskrit Rhetorical Tradition
Responding:
Laura Harrington, Ashfield, MA
Business Meeting:
Paul E. Muller-Ortega, University of Rochester, and Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding

A18-124
Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: Tibetan Religion in China: Past and Present
Sam van Schaik, British Library
The Chinese Pilgrim's Passport: A Tenth-Century Sino-Tibetan Document from Amdo and Gansu
Paul Nielsen, John Carroll University
The Fourth Belmang: Bodhisattva, Estate Lord, Tibetan Militia Leader, and Chinese Government Official
J. F. Marc des Jardins, Concordia University
Bön Institutions in Contemporary Tibetan Territories and the Dynamics of Religious Authority
Antonio Terrone, Leiden University
The New Journey to the West: The Role of Chinese Devotees in the Development of Tibetan Buddhism in Eastern Tibet
Responding:
Gray Tuttle, Columbia University
Business Meeting:
Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding

A18-125
Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University, Presiding
Theme: Tillich's Continuing Challenge to Political and Ethical Thought
Ronald Stone, Pittsburgh, PA
Utopianism and International Relations
Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary
Prophetic Spirit and Political Romanticism in the US Today
Responding:
Friedrich Wilhelm Graf, University of Munich

Nimi Wariboko, Princeton Theological Seminary
Toward a Theology of Money in a Globalizing World: Tillich's Trinitarian Principles
Derek Malone-France, George Washington University
Tillich on Anxiety, Faith, and Authority

A18-126
Liberal Theologies Consultation and Religion in Europe Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Liberal Thought and the Challenge of Pluralism
Stephen A. Wilson, Hood College
Liberal Religion, Liberal Politics, and Empire: Victorian Christianity and the Ambivalence of Westernization
Echol Nix, Furman University
Ernst Troeltsch and Robert Neville: Two Methodological Attempts to Discern Christian Normativity
Chris Hinkle, Harvard University
Pluralism's Problematic Appeal for Religious Liberals
Gavin Hyman, University of Lancaster
Postmodern Theology and Modern Liberalism: Reconsidering the Relationship
Responding:
Friedrich Wilhelm Graf, University of Munich
A18-127

New Program Unit
North American Hinduism Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Presiding
Theme: Creating (and Sustaining) North American Hinduisms
Paul Younger, McMaster University
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa
Poiesis/Praxis/Puja: Gendered Constructions of Selves and Culture in Diasporic Hindu Household Ritual
Chad Bauman, Butler University
Educating the God Man's Children: Community and Identity at the Sai Baba Center of Indianapolis
Norris Palmer, Saint Mary's College of California
Steven W. Ramey, University of Alabama
Sustaining Minority Hinduisms: Sindhi and Indo-Caribbean Hindu Communities in Atlanta
Business Meeting:
Lola L. Williamson, Millsaps College, Presiding

A18-128

Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Marcella Althaus-Reid, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Theme: Queer Identities and Practices
Farah Zeb, Birkbeck, University of London
From within an Islamic Framework Are Concepts of Family Law and Ethics in Contradiction with One Another in the Consideration of Same Sex Partnerships?
Ibrahim Abraham, Monash University
“A Very Complex Mix”: Hybridizing Australian Queer Muslim Identities
Sharon Fennema, Graduate Theological Union
Frederick S. Roden, University of Connecticut
Jewish/Christian/Queer: Crossroads and Identities
Responding:
Janet R. Jakobsen, Columbia University
Business Meeting:
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

A18-129

New Program Unit
Religion and Cities Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Lowell W. Livezey, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: The Religion Factor in Urbanization and the Structure of Cities
Martyn Smith, Lawrence University
Representing Buildings and Society: The Urban Social System of al-Maqrizi's Khitat
Martin Stringer, University of Birmingham
Celebrating the Year of the Golden Pig: Contributions from the Chinese New Year; Celebrations to Questions of Religious Diversity in an Urban Context
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
The Construction of Sacred Space in the Urban Ecology
R. Scott Hanson, Temple University
Public/Private Urban Space and the Social Limits of Religious Pluralism
Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago
Beyond Savior, Victim, and Sinner: Neighborhood Civic Life and “Absent Presence” in the Religious District
Business Meeting:
Lowell W. Livezey, New York Theological Seminary, and Lawrence Mamiya, Vassar College, Presiding

A18-130

New Program Unit
Religion and Migration Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Joseph Cheah, Saint Joseph College, Presiding
Theme: Religion on the Move: Migration, Displacement, and Identity
Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh
Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow! Narratives of Empowerment and Identity Grid-making within New African Immigrant Religiosity
Inez van der Spek, Dominican Centre for Theology and Society, Nijmegen
Sacrifice and Survival: Michael Riley's Photography and Narratives of Displacement
Jocelyne Cesari, Harvard University
Islam and Immigration in Europe and in the United States: Discussion of the Congregational Model
Responding:
R. Stephen Warner, University of Illinois, Chicago
Business Meeting:
Jennifer B. Saunders, Denison University, Presiding
A18-131

Womens’ Caucus and Status of Women in the Profession Committee Mentoring Lunch
11:30 am-1:00 pm
Julie J. Kilmer, Olivet College, Presiding
Alice Hunt, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
The Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women’s Caucus invite women who are graduate students and new scholars to a brown bag lunch with over 30 womanist and feminist mid-career and senior AAR and SBL scholars. Women will have the opportunity to mentor and to be mentored in a context where every question is valued.

A18-132

Special Topics Forum
11:45 am-1:00 pm
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Theme: Wabash Center and AAR Student Teacher Luncheon
Separate registration is required at www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/Rsvp/Wabash/. See page 117 for more information.

A18-133

AAR/Teagle Initiative on the Religion Major and Liberal Education Working Group Lunch
11:30 am-1:00 pm
Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University, Presiding

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Christian Theological Research Fellowship
11:45 am-12:45 pm

A18-200

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Lawrence Mamiya, Vassar College, Presiding
Theme: The Marty Forum: Robert N. Bellah
Panelists:
Robert N. Bellah, University of California
Randall Balmer, Columbia University
See page 117 for a description.

A18-201

Wildcard Session
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
James Logan, Earlham College, Presiding
Theme: Restorative Justice and the U. S. Penal System
Panelists:
Rima Vesely-Flad, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary
Vivian Nixon, City University of New York

A18-202

Narrative, Memory, and History Consultation Planning Session
1:00 pm-2:30 pm

A18-203

Wildcard Session
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Shafique Virani, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Islamicate Apocalypsis: Textual, Historical, and Methodological Considerations
Todd Lawson, University of Toronto
The Qur’an as Apocalypse
David Cook, Rice University
Qur’an and Narrative in the Apocalyptic Fragments of the Story of Gog and Magog
Jamel Velji, University of California
Santa Barbara
Towards a Definition of Islamic Apocalypticism
Responding:
John J. Collins, Yale University

A18-204

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College, Presiding
Theme: Mentoring Undergraduate Research in Religious Studies: A Panel Discussion
Panelists:
Mark Gstohl, Xavier University, Louisiana
Nadia M. Lahutsky, Texas Christian University
John R. Lanci, Stonehill College
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University
Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College
Stephen L. Stell, Austin College

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A18-206

Christian Systematic Theology Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Desire and Redemption
Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University
Honest to God: Confession and Desire
Michon M. Matthiesen, Boston College
The Necessity of Sacrifice: Contemplation and the Oblation of Desire
Daryll Ward, Kettering College of Medical Arts
Redemption is the Perfection of Desire

A18-207

Ethics Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Out of the Shadows, into the Light: The Church and Homosexuality
Panelists:
Luis Leon, University of Denver
Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
Marvin M. Ellison, Bangor Theological Seminary
Responding:
Mona West, Church of the Trinity, Metropolitan Community Church

A18-208

History of Christianity Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding
Theme: The History of Superstition: Practice and Construct
Panelists:
Michael D. Bailey, Iowa State University
Euan Cameron, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami
Dale B. Martin, Yale University

A18-209

Religion in South Asia Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
William P. Harman, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Presiding
Theme: Illness and Practice: Subjectivity and Community in Four South Asian Religious Traditions
Anthony Cerulli, Transylvania University
Dharma and the Febrile Patient: The Mythology of Fever in the Carakasamhita
Ivette Vargas-O’Bryan, Austin College
Positive Stigma: Disease, Tibetans, and Religious Experience
M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University
Dirty Karma, Magic Fluids, and Protective Amulets
Carla Bellamy, Columbia University
Hiddenness and Otherness: Illness and Healing at an Indian Muslim Saint Shrine
Responding:
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

A18-210

Black Theology Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Anthony G. Reddie, Queens Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Black Theology: New Times, New Methods
Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Duke University
Black Theology and Black Internationalism: The Emergence of a Black Atlantic Christian Public Sphere
Darby Kathleen Ray, Millsaps College
Christic Imagination: A Way-Making Ethic from the Margins
Brian Bantum, Duke University
Who Do You Say I Am: Black Theology and Discipleship
Ralph C. Watkins, Fuller Theological Seminary
Responding:
Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

A18-211

Comparative Religious Ethics Group and Confucian Traditions Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Keith Knapp, The Citadel, Presiding
Theme: The Problem of Evil in Neo-Confucianism
Tsingsong Vincent Shen, University of Toronto
The Problem of Evil in Early Neo-Confucian Philosophers
Franklin Perkins, DePaul University
Jiao Xun and the Problem of Moral Evil
Yong Huang, Kutztown University
Alien Qi (Ke Qi): Cheng Brothers’ Explanation of the Origin of Evil
Responding:
Robert C. Neville, Boston University
A18-212

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University, Presiding
Theme: China's "Isms": Studies in the Production of Difference and Unity
Theodore Cook, Stanford University
Taxon, Container, or Label? On the Referential Functions of the Term "Daoism"
Clarke Hudson, University of Virginia
Medieval "Daoist" Polemics and the Production of Difference and Unity
Cuong Mai, Indiana University, Bloomington
Redescribing "Buddhism" and "Popular Religion": Contesting Ritual Power and Constructing Alternative Moral Communities through Buddhist Rites for the Dead in Early-Medieval China
Responding:
Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University

A18-214

Japanese Religions Group and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Jason Josephson, Princeton University, Presiding
Panelist:
Donna S. Mote, Emory University
Responding:
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

A18-215

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Luis Enrique Murillo, Trinity University, Presiding
Theme: Varieties of Latino/a Religious Experience and Expression
Hjamil A. Martinez Vazquez, Texas Christian University
"Reversion" as a Process for the Reconstruction of Latina/o Identity: The Story of Latina/o Muslims in the United States
Elaine Padilla, Drew University
Latina Shekinah: Exile and the Hope of Homemaking
Responding:
Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University

A18-216

Mysticism Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding
Theme: Women's Asceticism: The Mysticism of Love and Emptiness
Joe Conti, California State University, Fullerton
The Contemplative Psychology of Bernadette Roberts: The Nature of Consciousness in Mystical Union and in the Marketplace
Kirsten Heacock Sanders, Duke University
Penance as Imitatio Christi: The Role of Sin in Discipleship in Angela of Foligno
Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University
Mystical Transgressions: Asceticism, Love, and Knowledge in Catherine of Alexandria

A18-217

New Religious Movements Group and Western Esotericism Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding
Theme: Exchange and Innovation: Esotericism in New Religions
Ann Gleig, Rice University
Divine Individualism or Mystical Humanism? The Diamond Approach: American Esotericism in the Twenty-First Century
Daniel McKanan, St. John's University
Faith in the Phalanx: Esotericism, Socialism, and the American Fourierist Movement
Stephen Wehmeyer, California State University, Northridge
Reenvisioning the Visionary: The Initiatory Art of Edith V. Tenbrink
Paul Ivey, University of Arizona
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<td>North American Hinduism Consultation and Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation</td>
<td>1:00 pm-2:30 pm</td>
<td>Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro</td>
<td>Hindu Texts in North American Contexts</td>
<td>Reid Locklin, University of Toronto, Conquest of New Quarters: Rewriting the Sacred Geography of Advaita</td>
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Mark Singleton, Cambridge University
The Classical Reveries of Neo-Hatha Yoga: Rewriting, Repression, Assimilation
Responding:
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University

A18-225

Wildcard Session
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
Kristi Upson-Saia, Occidental College, Presiding
Theme: The Holy Child: Traditions of the Infant and Child Jesus
Timothy J. Horner, University of Oxford
A Little Holy Terror: Jesus in the Infancy Gospel of Thomas
Karen Koenig, Lawrence University
"Kept a Little Suckling Still": The Infant Jesus as an Object of Ridicule in the Poetry of William Prynne
Joanne Pierce, College of the Holy Cross
The "Little Prisoner of the Tabernacle": Eucharistic Images of the Child Jesus on Modern Roman Catholic Holy Cards
Russell Dalton, Brite Divinity School
The Perfect American Boy: The Child Jesus in US Children's Bibles
Mark W. Graham, College of Wooster
Historicizing, Theologizing and Redeeming the Young Jesus: Apocryphal Narratives of Jesus' Childhood as Resource and Problem in Contemporary Novels of the Life of Jesus

A18-227 (=M18-50)

Society of Christian Philosophers
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
R. Douglas Geivett, Biola University, Presiding
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Stephen T. Davis' Christian Philosophical Theology
Panelists:
Charles Taliaferro, St. Olaf College
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University
William Lane Craig, Biola University
Responding:
Stephen Davis, Claremont McKenna College

A18-228 (=M18-53)

International Society for Chinese Philosophy
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Vincent Shen, University of Toronto
The Concept of Truth in Classical Confucianism
Chenyang Li, Central Washington University
Cheng and Truth in the Zhongyong
James Wang, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Heidegger and Laozi on Truth
Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University
Truth and Double Truth in Chinese Buddhism

A18-229

Special Topics Forum
Sunday, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding
Theme: A Conversation with Stacey Floyd-Thomas, 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Brite Divinity School

A18-250

Wildcard Session
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Louis Komjathy, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding
Theme: The Place of the Practitioner in the Academy
Panelists:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Richard King, Vanderbilt University
Glenn E. Yocum, Whittier College
Responding:
Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

A18-251

Wildcard Session
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Paul Oslington, Princeton University, Presiding
Theme: Theological Readings of Economics
Panelists:
Alasdair John Milbank, University of Nottingham
Albino Barrera, Providence College
Kathryn Blanchard, Alma College
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

A18-252

Lutheran Studies Consultation Planning Session
3:00 pm-4:30 pm

A18-253

Sikhism Consultation Planning Session
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
A18-254

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Frederick J. Ruf, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: Voyages of Self and Other
Andrea Schatz, Princeton University
Geographies of Visibility: Religion and Cultural Cross-Dressing in Jewish Travel Literature
Zhange Ni, University of Chicago
Travel: Performing Self, Playing God/dess(es)—Reading Salman Rushdie’s The Satanic Verses and Shusaku Endo’s The Deep River
Kaley Middlebrooks Carpenter, Princeton Theological Seminary
Orientalism through the Camera’s Eye: Missionaries, Christian Martyrs, and American Media, 1888-1921

A18-255

Buddhism Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Thomas P. Kasulis, Ohio State University, Columbus, Presiding

Theme: Reading Buddhist Texts: A Collective Exercise in Critical Practices
Panelists:
Dennis Hirota, Ryukoku University
Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison

A18-256

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Law, Religion, and Culture Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding

Theme: Proselytization Revisited: Rights Talks, Free Markets, and Culture Wars
Panelists:
Asonzeh Ukah, University of Bayreuth
Jakob De Roover, Ghent University
Sarah Claerhout, Ghent University
Mark R. Mullins, Sophia University
Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University
Rachelle Scott, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University

A18-257

North American Religions Section and Anthropology of Religion Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Angela Zito, New York University, Presiding

Tanya Erzen, Ohio State University
Bodies, Souls, and the State in the Faith-based Prison
Megan Sweeney, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Coming out of the Wilderness: Incarcerated Women’s Readings of Christian Self-help Literature
Josh Dubler, Princeton University
Grouping—Religious and Otherwise—at a Maximum Security Prison
Garen Murray, Graduate Theological Union
Death Row Conversion Narratives

A18-258

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Person, Culture, and Religion Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Nancie Erhard, Saint Mary’s University, Presiding

Theme: Ecology and the Moral Imagination
Felicity Brock Kelcourse, Christian Theological Seminary
Imagining Otherness through the Eyes of Octavia Butler: Dystopian Futures as Cautionary Ecological Tales
Kevin O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University
Sustainable Development Meets Moral Development: Environmentalist Argumentation and Moral Agencies in An Inconvenient Truth and The Earth Charter
Responding:
Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union

A18-259

Study of Islam Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: A Book of Signs Over Time: Conversations about the Qur’an with Bruce Lawrence
Panelists:
Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University
Tazim Kassam, Syracuse University
Debra Mubashshir Majeed, Beloit College
Jamal J. Elias, University of Pennsylvania
A18-260
Women and Religion Section and Bioethics and Religion Group
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Cristina L. H. Traina, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Other Women’s Bodies: Eggs, Ethics, and the Global Marketplace
Panelists:
Karey Harwood, North Carolina State University
Suzanne Holland, University of Puget Sound
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University
Responding:
Marissa Gostanian, Northwestern University
Michal Raucher, Northwestern University

A18-261
Afro-American Religious History Group
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Ian B. Straker, Howard University, Presiding
Theme: Sight and Sound, Sacred and Secular: African American Religion in Music and Film in the Twentieth Century
David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary
Sound and the Church of God in Christ: Defining Black Religion through Sound
Judith Weisenfeld, Vassar College
Hollywood Be Thy Name: African American Religion in American Film, 1929-1949

A18-262
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Negotiating Postcolonialism/Postcoloniality
Panelists:
Jane Wei-Jen Liang, Drew University
Boyoung Lee, Pacific School of Religion
Nami Kim, Spelman College
Responding:
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Business Meeting:
Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary, and Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, New York, Presiding

A18-263
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Eric Boynton, Allegheny College, Presiding
Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College
A Cautious Embrace: Jewish Responses to Bonhoeffer
Marc Krell, University of California, Riverside
From Brother to Other: Bonhoeffer’s Legacy for a Postmodern Jewish-Christian Reality after the Holocaust
Responding:
Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

A18-264
Chinese Religions Group
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
John R. McRae, Hachioji-shi, Japan, Presiding
Theme: Electronic Resources for the Study of Chinese Religions: Reflections on Current and Future Impact and Directions
Panelists:
Morten Schlutter, University of Iowa
Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado, Boulder
Huimin Bhiksu, Dharma Drum Buddhist College
A. Charles Muller, Toyo Gakuen University

A18-265
Christian Spirituality Group
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Elizabeth Liebert, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Between Memory and Hope: Reading Psalms as Reconstructing Identity
Panelists:
Joanne Doi, Graduate Theological Union
Jung Eun Park, Graduate Theological Union
Julia Prinz, Verbum Dei
Responding:
John Endres, Jesuit School of Theology
Business Meeting:
Arthur G. Holder, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
**A18-266**

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**

3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: Eastern Orthodox Christianity and Islam: Contemporary and Historical Theological Encounters

David Bertainia, Catholic University of America

Melkites, Muslims, and Mutakallimun: Depicting Religious Interlocutors in Medieval Christian Arabic

Christian Krokus, Boston College

A Theological Context for the Shared Veneration of the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus in Christianity and Islam

Daniel Payne, Baylor University

The Liberationist Theologies of Sayyid Qutb and Christos Giannaras: A Comparative Study of the Influence of Neo-Orthodox Thought in the Construction of Alternative Modernities

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**A18-268**

**Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group**

3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding

Theme: Sexual Identity/Religious Identity in Cross-Cultural Conversation

Theresa Torres, University of Missouri, Kansas City

Latin America Leaders in the Catholic Church: Creating Religious Identity and Meaning in the Context of Homophobia

Mari E. Castellanos, United Church of Christ

Still in the Borderlands after Twenty Years

Sharon A Bong, Monash University

Reimagining Marriage and Faith through the Narratives of Same-sex Partners in Malaysia

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**A18-270**

**Ritual Studies Group and Contemporary Pagan Studies Consultation**

3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Donna Lynne Seamone, Acadia University, Presiding

Theme: Pagan Studies of Ritual

Panelists:

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo

Sabina Magliocco, California State University, Northridge

Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach

Nikki Bado-Fralick, Iowa State University

Responding:

Lesley A. Northup, Florida International University

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**A18-271**

**Sacred Space in Asia Group**

3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Xiaofei Kang, Carnegie Mellon University, Presiding

Theme: Decoding Dunhuang: Material Culture and Religious Worlds along the Silk Route

Panelists:

Qiang Ning, Connecticut College

D. Neil Schmid, North Carolina State University

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**A18-269**

**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group**

3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: Feminist Intercultural Theology: Latina Explorations for a Just World

Panelists:

Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego

Daisy L. Machado, Lexington Theological Seminary

Jeanette Rodriguez, Seattle University

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami

Responding:

Nancy A. Pineda-Madrid, Boston College

Rafael Luevano, Chapman University

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**A18-272**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**

3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: Scholar’s Session: Judith Butler

Judith Butler, University of California, Berkeley

Messianism and the Critique of State-violence
**A18-273**

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Consultation
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville, Presiding
Theme: Paul Tillich and Martin Luther King, Jr., on Issues of Global Economic Justice
Bruce Rittenhouse, University of Chicago
Kenny Walden, Claremont School of Theology
Blessed Are the Poor?: The Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Psycho-spiritual Landscape of Poverty, Behavior, and Cultural Perception
Responding:
Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

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**A18-274**

Wesleyan Studies Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
F. Douglas Powe, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Methodist, Lutheran, and Catholic Agreement on Justification
Panelists:
Michael J. Root, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Dennis M. Doyle, University of Dayton
William D. Mills, United Methodist Church
Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

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**A18-275**

Christianity and Academia Consultation and Rethinking the Field Consultation
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Stephanie Yuhas, University of Denver, Presiding
Theme: Christian Commitment and the Social Sciences: Never the Twain Shall Meet?
Panelists:
Michael Cantrell, Baylor University
Michael Borer, Furman University
Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh
Slavica Jakelic, University of Virginia

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**A18-276 (=M18-104)**

Theta Alpha Kappa Board Meeting and Reception
4:00 pm-6:30 pm

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**A18-277**

Special Topics Forum
3:00 pm-4:00 pm
Aislinn Jones, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Theme: How to Propose a New AAR Program Unit
See page 117 for details.

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**A18-300 (=S18-139)**

Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by AAR, SBL, and Publishers Weekly
Jana Riess, Publishers Weekly, Presiding
Theme: The Tenure Book(s): How to Strategize Your Publications to Increase Your Chances of Tenure and Promotion
Panelists:
Lauren F. Winner, Duke University
David L. Weaver-Zercher, Messiah College

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Julie Byrne, Hofstra University
Henry L. Carrigan, Northwestern University Press
Sharmila Sen, Harvard University Press
See page 117 for a description.

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**A18-301**

Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at San Diego Natural History Museum
4:45 pm-8:00 pm
Separate registration required. See page 122 for a details.

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**A18-302**

Special Topics Forum
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by AAR Religion and the Arts Award Jury
David Morgan, Valparaiso University, and Judith Weisenfeld, Vassar College, Presiding
Theme: A Conversation with Bill Viola, 2007 AAR Religion and the Arts Award Winner
Panelists:
Bill Viola, Long Beach, CA
See page 117 for a description.

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**A18-303**

Special Topics Forum
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Journal of the American Academy of Religion
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: Roundtable on The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature
Panelists:
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Gary Lease, University of California, Santa Cruz
Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University
Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico
Responding:
Bron Taylor, University of Florida
See page 118 for a description.
A18-305

Wildcard Session
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Howard Wiley, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Horizons in Religious Studies: Theorizing Hip-Hop
Panelists:
Ralph C. Watkins, Fuller Theological Seminary
Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Josef Sorett, Harvard University
Monica Miller, Chicago Theological Seminary
Responding:
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University

A18-306

Wildcard Session
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding
Theme: Liberation Theologies at the Dawn of the Twenty-First Century: Between Sex, Gender, Class, and Race
Panelists:
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University
Mario I. Aguilar, University of St. Andrews
Jung Mo Sung, Universidade Metodista, São Paulo
Alistair Kee, University of Edinburgh
Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago
Ivan Petrella, University of Miami
Marcella Althaus-Reid, University of Edinburgh

A18-307

Wildcard Session
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Martin Luther and the Lutheran Theological Tradition: Current Issues
Panelists:
Stjerna Kirsi Irmeli, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg
Euan Cameron, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Kristen E. Kvat, Saint Paul School of Theology
Vitor Westhelle, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Philip D. Krey, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University

A18-308

Wildcard Session
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding
Theme: Southeast Asia: Transforming Religion and Religious Identities
Panelists:
Alicia Turner, University of Chicago
Sor-Ching Low, Muhlenberg College
Mario Poceski, University of Florida
Ali Amin, Arizona State University

A18-309

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Kimberley C. Patton, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Twins and Twinship: Ongoing Comparative Development of a Theme
Panelists:
Pashington Obeng, Wellesley College, Harvard University
Henry Walker, Bates College
Responding:
Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College

A18-310

North American Religions Section
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University, Presiding
Theme: Visions of Paradise Dancing in Our Heads: Religious Tradition and the Outsider in Hawai’i
Panelists:
Charles William Miller, University of North Dakota
D. E. Gene Mills, Florida State University
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Boulder
Responding:
Laurie Maffly-Kipp, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
### A18-311

**Philosophy of Religion Section**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Eric Boynton, Allegheny College, Presiding  
Theme: Religion and Continental Thought: From Heidegger and Levinas to Vattimo, Badiou, and Cavell  
Coy Jones, University of Chicago  
Levinas, Paganism, and the Anthropology of Dasein  
Jason Smick, California State University, Fresno  
Badiou, Vattimo, and the Philosophical Form of Life in Postmodernity  
Asja Szafraniec, University of Amsterdam  
Stanley Cavell’s Conversions and Redemptions: Religion, Romanticism, and Philosophy  
Responding:  
Adam Graves, University of Pennsylvania

### A18-312

**Study of Judaism Section**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding  
Theme: The Talmud and Philosophy  
Benjamin Pollock, Michigan State University  
Between Talmud and Philosophy: Solomon Maimon on Judaism’s True Teaching  
Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto  
Talmud and Postmodern Philosophy: Difference and Translation  
Serguei Dolgopolskii, University of Kansas, Lawrence  
Between Rhetoric and Philosophy: A Talmudic Perspective on the Philosophical Call  
Responding:  
Paul Franks, University of Toronto

### A18-313

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Derek Simon, St. Thomas University, Presiding  
Theme: Theology of the Military  
Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College  
A Deadly Nexus: “Necessity,” Christian Salvation, and War-culture  
Marirose Lescher, Claremont Graduate University  
Peace from Hell, Peace on Earth: Pax Americana and a Theology of In/ Between  
Ed Waggoner, Yale University  
Let the Dragon Rise: Toward a Theology against US Military Competition with China

### A18-314

**Women and Religion Section and Scriptural Reasoning Group**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding  
Theme: Women Reading Texts on Marriage  
Panelists:  
Ayesha Siddiqua, New York University  
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University  
Rachel Muers, University of Exeter

### A18-315

**African Religions Group**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Danoye Oguntola Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding  
Theme: Religion, Violence, and Conflict in Africa: Dynamics and Responses  
Christo Lombard, University of the Western Cape  
Religion, Violence, and Conflict: A Case Study of SWAPO and the Churches in Namibia  
Cyril Orji, Marquette University  
Religion, Violence, and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa: Ujaama-therapy as a Dynamic Response  
Joel Cabrita, University of Cambridge  
The Creation of Liturgical Communities: The South African Nazareth Baptist Church's Response to Rebellion and Faction Fighting in Colonial Natal  
Gnimbin A. Ouattara, Georgia State University  

### A18-316

**Afro-American Religious History Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Joan Martin, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding  
Theme: Book Discussion: African American Folk Healing, by Stephanie Mitchem  
Panelists:  
Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College  
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University  
Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago  
Responding:  
Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina
A18-317

**Anthropology of Religion Group and Roman Catholic Studies Group**

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Timothy M. Matovina, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *American Catholic History and the New Religious Ethnography*

Panelists:
- Julie Byrne, Hofstra University
- Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University
- Kristy Nabhan-Warren, Augustana College
- Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
- Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

A18-318

**Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group**

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Dangerous Crossings: Borders, Cultures, and Identities*

Panelists:
- Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary
- Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School
- Frank Yamada, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary

A18-319

**Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group**

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Kenneth Tanaka, Musashino University, Presiding

Theme: *Current Trends in Buddhist Ethical Reflection*

Barbra R. Clayton, Mount Allison University

*Buddhism's Nature: Theory and Practices in Buddhist-based Ecoforestry in Atlantic Canada*

Jin Y. Park, American University

*The Logic of Compassion: A Huayan-Postmodern Perspective*

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College

*Deploying the Dharma: Reflections on the Methodology of Constructive Buddhist Ethics*

A18-320

**Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group**

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Eclecticism and Innovation in New Hindu and Jewish Movements*

Michaelson Jay, Hebrew University

*Vedanta and Nonduality in Contemporary Neo-Hasidism*

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University

*The Beast with Two Backs: Kabbalah and Hindu Tantra in Late Victorian Sexual Magic*

June McDaniel, College of Charleston

*Hindu Shakta Mysticism and New Age Goddess Worship: Some Strategies of Reinterpretation*

A18-321

**Comparative Theology Group**

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

John Sheveland, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Theme: *Comparative Theology and the Problem of Hegemony*

Michelle Voss Roberts, Rhodes College

*Feminist Comparative Theology: Beyond the Hegemonies of Gender*

Tracy Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University

*Comparative Theology and the Politics of Race/Ethnicity*

Kristin Beise Kiblinger, Winthrop University

*Theology of Religions Presuppositions and the Hegemony Worry in Comparative Theology*

Hugh Nicholson, Coe College

*Dichotomization and the Occlusion of Imperialist Forms of Discourse in Comparative Theology*

Responding:
- Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

A18-322

**Evangelical Theology Group**

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelicals and Southern California: Factors Shaping Evangelical Identity*

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

*Evangelicals in Southern California: The Golden Age of Body Building and Athletes in Action*

Daniel A. Rodriguez, Pepperdine University

*Good News from the Barrio: Paradigm Shifts in Ministry among US-born Hispanics in Southern California*
A18-323
Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group and Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Daniel C. Maguire, Marquette University, Presiding
Theme: Heterosexism: Roots and Cures in World Religions
Panelists:
Anantanand Rambachan, Saint Olaf College
Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
Marvin M. Ellison, Bangor Theological Seminary

A18-324
Hinduism Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Mary McGee, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: The Relevance of Hindu Law for Religious Studies
Panelists:
Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University
Donald R. Davis, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Ananya Vajpeyi, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Robert A. Yelle, University of Memphis

A18-325
Reformed Theology and History Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding
Theme: The Reformed Presence in China: New Perspectives on Mission
Panelists:
Cho Wai-Tung, Valparaiso University
Judith Liu, University of San Diego
Scott W. Sunquist, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

A18-326 (=S18-140)
Religion and Disability Studies Group and SBL’s Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Hermeneutics and Pastoral Theologies of Disability
Panelists:
F. Rachel Magdalene, Augustana College
John Swinton, University of Aberdeen
Samuel Wells, Duke University
Kerry Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University

A18-327
Religion, Politics, and the State Group and Contemporary Pagan Studies Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Joyce A. Baugh, Central Michigan University, Presiding
Theme: Pagans at the Gate: Breaking through Church/State Boundaries
Grove Harris, Cambridge, MA
Contributions from Margin to Center: Wiccan Challenges to the Establishment of Religion
Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion
Pastor and Priest/ess: Pagan Clerical Roles at a Crossroads
Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary’s College of California, and Patrick McCollum, Cherry Hill Seminary
Speaking Truth to Power: Religious Accommodation of Pagan Inmates in California Correctional Institutions
Michael York, London, United Kingdom
Channeling Selena Fox on the Pentacle Quest

A18-328
World Christianity Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Fenggang Yang, University of Houston, Presiding
Theme: Christianity in Chinese Society
Jane Wei-Jen Liang, Drew University
Western Imperialism, China Modernization, and Postcolonial Christianity: The Indigenization of American Methodist China Missions (1912-1926)
Huang Jianbo, Renmin University of China
Dynamic Processes of Negotiation: The Case of a Church Property Dispute in Northwest China
Li Xiang Ping, Shanghai University
Christian Identity vs. Institutional Belonging: A Comparison of Church Organizations in Shanghai and Wenzhou Christianity
Responding:
Peter Tze Ming Ng, Chinese University of Hong Kong

A18-400
AAR Sterling Circle Reception
5:45 pm-6:45 pm
All members who have been with the AAR continuously for at least 25 years are part of our Sterling Circle. In honor of your long-term support, John R. Fitzmier, executive director, and Jeffrey Stout, AAR president, invite you to celebrate at an open house.
### A18-406
**Film: Water**
8:30 pm-10:00 pm
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding
See page 123 for a description.

### A18-407 (=M18-113)
**Evangelical Philosophical Society**
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
William Lane Craig, Biola University, Presiding
Theme: *Authors Meet Critics: Naturalism, by Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro*
Panelist: Matthew Bagger, Brown University
Responding: Stewart Goetz, Ursinus College
Charles Taliaferro, St. Olaf College
For further information regarding this session, contact Scott Smith, scott.smith@truth.biola.edu.

### A18-408 (=M18-124)
**Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy**
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding
Theme: *Japanese Approaches to Ethics*
Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University
Sacred Pariah: Hagiographies of Alterity, Sexuality, and Salvation in Atomic Bomb Literature
Victor Forte, Albright College
Attainment through True Entrusting: Ethical Reflections on Shinran's Promise
James Mark Shields, Bucknell University
Irony, Contingency, and Solidarity: Three Jewels of Postmetaphysical Buddhist Criticism
Gereon Kopf, Luther College
The Specific as the Embodied Dialectic of the Many and the One: Mutai's Reading of Tanabe's Logic of the Specific

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### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

#### A19-1
**AAR Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfast**
7:15 am-8:45 am
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Program unit chairs are invited to a continental breakfast which features a brief meeting on upcoming program initiatives.

#### A19-2
**Nominations Committee Meeting**
7:30 am-9:00 am
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

#### A19-100
**Special Topics Forum**
9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee
Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding
Theme: *Daoist Studies in China*
Panelists: Fong-Mao Lee, Academia Sinica
You-Kun Lee, Guangyuan Tan
Li Yang, Shanghai University
Responding: See page 118 for a description.

#### A19-101
**Special Topics Forum**
9:00 am-11:30 am
Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding
Theme: *Teaching with, against, and to Faith*
A19-102
Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section and Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Anne Klein, Rice University, Presiding
Theme: Contemplative Studies: Something Old and Something New in the Academy
Panelists:
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University
Hal Roth, Brown University
Ann Gleig, Rice University
Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University
John D. Dunne, Emory University

A19-103
Buddhism Section and Chinese Religions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Theme: Establishing "Authority" and "Legitimacy" in Twentieth-Century Chinese Buddhism: Modernity in the Reinvention of Tradition
Panelists:
Scott Pacey, Australian National University
Enlightenment in "Buddhism for the Human World": Taixu’s Responses to the Western Intellectual Tradition in the Formation of his Buddhist Vision
Gray Tuttle, Columbia University
The Modern Monk Fazun: Director of the First "Regional Studies” Institute in China
Stefania Travagnin, University of London
Yinshun’s Paradigm of Orthopraxy and Controversial Doctrinal Syncretism: The Strategy of Compromising Traditions for a Buddhist Recovery of the Nation
Zhiru Ng, Pomona College
Representing the Contemporary Buddha in Taiwan: Visual Polemics and Religious Legitimation in the Ciji Merit Society
Responding:
Donald S. Lopez, University of Michigan

A19-104
Comparative Studies in Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
John Hawley, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: Globalizing South Asia: Religion, Imagination, Discourse, and Affect
Panelists:
Tulasi Srinivas, Georgetown University
Jennifer Saunders, Denison University
Frank J. Korom, Boston University
Diana Dimitrova, Michigan State University
Responding:
Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

A19-105
Ethics Section, Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: Native, Immigrant, or Refugee? Cultural Identity in a Shifting Environment
Panelists:
Kristi Laughlin, Graduate Theological Union
Borders of Hospitality: Christian Responses to Immigration
Responding:
Otto A. Maduro, Drew University

A19-106
Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: Author Meets Critics: David Kyuman Kim, Melancholic Freedom: Agency and the Spirit of Politics
Panelists:
Judith Butler, University of California, Berkeley
Cornel West, Princeton University
Responding:
David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College
Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College
Wanted but Not Welcome: An Ethical Analysis and Comparison of the Labor Abuses Generated by China’s Hukou System of Internal Migration and the US “Guest Worker” Program
Kristi Laughlin, Graduate Theological Union
Latino Popular Catholicism: Shaping the Moral Vision and Ethos of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers
Jessica Wrobleski, Yale University
Borders of Hospitality: Christian Responses to Immigration
Responding:
Otto A. Maduro, Drew University

Panelists:
Joan M. Martin, Episcopal Divinity School
Marjorie S. Lehman, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Sufia Uddin, University of Vermont
Todd C. Penner, Austin College
Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University
Rolf Jacobson, Luther Seminary
See page 118 for a description.
MONDAY MORNING

A19-107
Religion in South Asia Section and Hinduism Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
James L. Fitzgerald, Brown University, Presiding
Theme: Texts without Borders: Reading within and beyond the Epics
Brian Black, University of London
Educating Shaunaka: The Mahabharata’s Representation of the Veda
Arti Dhand, University of Toronto
Arti Dhand, God, and the Dharmaraja: Reading the Epics in Tandem
Adheesh Sathaye, University of British Columbia
Two Epics, One Sage: Brahmanhood, Kingship, and Intertextuality in the Epic Subnarratives of Vishvantra
Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University
The Heart of Two Epics: Visions of Love in the Bhagavad Gita and the Bhagavatas’ Rasa Lila
Business Meeting:
Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University, Presiding

A19-108
Study of Islam Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding
Theme: What Do Hadith Do: Approaching the Functions of Hadith in Islamic Civilization
Scott Lucas, University of Arizona
Where Are All the Legal Hadiths? An Examination of Ibn Abi Shayba’s Musannaf
Asma Sayeed, Lafayette College
Hadith Transmission and the Construction of Gender in Early Islamic History
Racha el Omari, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Place and Function of Hadith in the Classical Basran Mu’tazilite School
Alan Godlas, University of Georgia
The Question of Authenticity and the Hadiths of Sufism
Responding:
Jonathan A. C. Brown, University of Washington

A19-109
Study of Judaism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding
Theme: New Feminist Approaches to Judaism
Leah Hochman, University of Florida
Kissing a Lot of Frogs: Approaching Modern Jewish Thought, Warts And All
Gwynn Kessler, University of Florida
Something Old, Something New: Queer Theory and Rabbinics
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester
“It Takes History to Bake Such a Cake”: Culinary Pluralism and the Transformation of American Jewish Identity
Responding:
Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Arizona State University

A19-110
Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Women and Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Marirose Lescher, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Theme: America, Amerikkka: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence
Panelists:
Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
Rita M. Gross, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Carter Heyward, Episcopal Divinity School
Heather Eaton, St. Paul University
Chung Hyun Kyung, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Responding:
Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University

A19-111
Anthropology of Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
J. Shawn Landres, S3K Synagogue Studies Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding
Theme: Resurrection, Representation, and Resistance: New Issues in Ethnographic Fieldwork and Interpretation
Alyson Prude, University of California, Santa Barbara
Evaluating Supernatural Reports: Issues in the Study of Tibetan Revenants (das log)
Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University
“Are You the One Who Took the Picture of My Shaykh?”, Accounting for the Miraculous in Religious Ethnography
Thomas Pearson, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
The Uses of Ethnography
Responding:
Thomas Csordas, University of California, San Diego
Business Meeting:
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, and J. Shawn Landres, S3K Synagogue Studies Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

A19-113

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, Presiding
Theme: Icons and Images in Eastern Orthodox Theology
Maria McDowell, Boston College Seeing Is Becoming: “Icon” and Ethics in Orthodox Theology
Elijah Mueller, Marquette University The Missing Icon of the Will: The Damascene’s Icon Theology as a Subtext in His On the Heresies, Chapter 100.
Stelios Muxsuris, University of Durham The Prothesis Rite and the Icon of the Deesis: The Eschatological Vision of Liturgy with Contemporary Implications
Andrey Shirin, Moscow Theological Seminary The Importance of Russian Traditions of Sophianic Icon Painting for the Thought of Pavel Florensky

Business Meeting:
Paul Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas, and Eve Tibbs, Fuller Seminary, Presiding

A19-115

Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University, Presiding
Theme: From Here to Queer to Eternity: Gay Religious Inflections
Jakob Hero, Pacific School of Religion Queer Religious Leadership and the Ex-Gay Movement: Developing an Ethic of Compassion, Grace, and Love
Alex Hivoltze-Jimenez, Boston, MA Uncloseting Lawrence but Closeting Queer: An Analysis of (an)Other Personage in the Legal and Theological Construction of Heterosexual Gays
Gerard Loughlin, Durham University What Is Queer: Theology after Identity
Robert N. Minor, University of Kansas Hindu Scripturalism, the Texts, and Anti-Gay Rhetoric

Responding:
Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion
Business Meeting:
Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, and Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University, Presiding

A19-112 (=S19-33)

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group and SBL’s Reading, Theory and the Bible Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Hugh Pyper, University of Sheffield, Presiding
Theme: After After Theory?
Yvonne Sherwood, University of Glasgow, and Stephen Moore, Drew University After After Theory and Other Apocalyptic Conceits in Literary and Biblical Studies
Jennifer Bird, Vanderbilt University, and Joseph A. Marchal, California State Northridge After the Eagleton Has Landed: Assessing an Encounter between Biblical Studies and Critical Theories of Interpretation
Timothy K. Beal, Case Western Reserve University The End of the Word as We Know It, and I Feel Fine: The Bible in the Twilight of Print Culture
Regina Schwartz, Northwestern University Theories of Justice


Business Meeting:
Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary, and John R. Franke, Biblical Seminary, Presiding

A19-114

Evangelical Theology Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
John R. Frank, Biblical Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Evangelical Tradition and Traditions: Unity and Diversity of Evangelical Expression(s)
W. David Buschart, Denver Seminary “Get Real”: Evangelicals and the Quest for a Unifying Tradition
Mary Veeneman, Fordham University Does the Diversity in Evangelism Undermine the Idea of a Unifying Evangelical Tradition?

Responding:
Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion
Business Meeting:
Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, and Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University, Presiding
MONDAY MORNING

A19-116
Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University, Presiding
Theme: Rethinking the Meaning and Study of Indigenous Religion(s): Concept and Practice
Robert L. Green Jr., University of California, Santa Barbara
A Time of Terror: Colonial Andean Religious Knowledge in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries
Sonya Maria Johnson, Michigan State University
Symbolic Universe and the Construction of Indigenous Religions inside the African Atlantic: A Case Study of Eastern Cuba
L. Benji Rolsky, Claremont School of Theology
Worldview and Ontology among the Ho-Chunk People
Anne R. Key, California Institute of Integral Studies
The Stuff of Life: Clay, Figurines, Women, and Shamanism in Mesoamerica
Kathleen J. Martin, California Polytechnic State University
American Indians and Appropriation: Cultural and Visual Interpretations

Ruediger Seesemann, Northwestern University
Work, Service, and Social Welfare: Engaged Sufism in Sub-Saharan Africa
Hugh Talat Halman, University of Arkansas
The Directing Shaykh: How al-Qushayri Reconciled Sufism and Usul in His Lata’if al-Isharat
Matthew Ingalls, Yale University
Selective Reticence: The Sufi Thought of Jalal al-Din al-Suyuti
Business Meeting:
Vincent J. Cornell, Emory University, and Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding

A19-117
Islamic Mysticism Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Forms of Engagement in Islamic Mysticism
Kenneth Honerkamp, University of Georgia
Al-Rasâ’il al-kubrâ of Ibn Abbâd of Ronda (1332-1390): A Little Studied Collection of Letters of Spiritual Direction

L. Benji Rolsky, Claremont School of Theology
Worldview and Ontology among the Ho-Chunk People
Anne R. Key, California Institute of Integral Studies
The Stuff of Life: Clay, Figurines, Women, and Shamanism in Mesoamerica

A19-118
Korean Religions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Marcie Middlebrooks, Cornell University, Presiding
Theme: Digital Shamanism and Christian Nationalism in Modern Korean Religion
Joonseong Lee, Bowie State University
Construction of Digital Spirituality: The Dynamics of Shamanic Inheritance in Korean Cybercultures
Choi Young Keun, Graduate Theological Union
Mystic, Yee Yong Do: A Heretic?
 responding:
Elizabeth Underwood, Eastern Kentucky University
Timothy S. Lee, Texas Christian University
John I. Goulde, Sweet Briar College, and Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding

A19-119 (=S19-35)
Men's Studies in Religion Group and SBL's Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Cynthia M. Baker, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Theme: Constructions of Masculinity in Christian and Jewish Antiquity
L. Stephanie Cobb, Hofstra University
“They Were Absent from the Flesh”: Masculinity, Martyrdom, and Pain
Caroline T. Schroeder, Stanford University
Queer Eye for the Ascetic Guy? Homoeroticism, Children, and the Making of Monks
Daniel Boyarin, University of California, Berkeley
Rabbi Yoh-anan and Resh Lakish: On the Cultural Backgrounds of a Talmudic
Halvor Moxnes, University of Oslo
Where Is Masculinity? Kingdom of Heaven and Construction of Masculinity in Matthew 19
Responding:
Dale B. Martin, Yale University

A19-120
Person, Culture, and Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
H. John McDargh, Boston College, Presiding
Theme: Multiplicity Part I: Multiple Selves and Subjects in Psychological and Theological Perspective
Pamela Cooper-White, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Interrogating Integration, Dissenting Dis-integration: Multiplicity as a Positive Metaphor in Therapy and Theology
Amy Bentley Lamborn, Union Theological Seminary, New York
“Figuring” the Self: Unity and Multiplicity in Theological and Clinical Imagination
John Blevins, Emory University
Different Subjects: Postmodern Selves in Psychology and Religion

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University
Multiple Selves, Multiple Gods?
Functional Polytheism and the Postmodern Religious Patient

Hans Alma, University for Humanistics, Utrecht
Self Development as a Spiritual Process: The Role of Empathy and Imagination in Finding Spiritual Orientation

A19-121
Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Jay Bregman, University of Maine, Orono, Presiding
Theme: Contemporary Analysis and New Age Expressions of Neoplatonism
Martin Yalcin, Drew University
Plotinian Mysticism and Onto-Theology: The Coincidence of Ontological Priority with Ontological Parity
Babette Hellemans, Utrecht University
Dwelling on What Is Visible: Time, Event, and Sacredness in Medieval Art and Literature
Gabriela Bal, Pontificia Universidade Católica, São Paulo
Parousia in Plotinus and the Experience of Ineffable Departing in the Practice of Eutony
Sherry L. Ackerman, College of Siskiyous
Reconciling the Old Age and the New Age
Judy Saltzman, California Polytechnic State University
Ascent to the Gods: H. P. Blavatsky and the Neo-Platonic Hierarchy of Being

A19-122
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Lance D. Laird, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Religion, Healing, Aging, and Becoming an Elder
Masen Uliss, University of California, Santa Barbara
Shifting Meanings of Aging in the United States
Taylor Hines, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Blinding of H. Emilie Cady: The Dilemmas of Aging for a New Thought Woman
Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco
African Healers and Prophets: The Dynamics of Healing as Trajectories of Power and Piety among the Zimbabwean Women “Elders”
Responding:
Michael McNally, Carleton College
Business Meeting:
Suzanne J. Crawford, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

A19-123
World Christianity Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Jeanine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University, Presiding
Theme: Reconfigurations in World Christianity
Kei Kato, Toronto, ON
Asian Christianity as Betwixt-and-Between Worlds
Kiyoshi Seko, Shinsei Catholic Centre for Research and Education
Is “Asian Theology” Possible?—In Defense of an Imagined Locus Theologicus
Ana Maria Bidegain, Florida International University
Christianity’s Re-composition under the Migration and Globalization Process: The Case of Colombian Migrants in Miami

A19-124
Contemporary Islam Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding
Theme: Identity and Community in Contemporary Islam
Youshaa Patel, Duke University
Encountering the Other: Muslim Resistance to Assimilation
Jacqueline Brinton, University of Virginia
Muhammad Mitwalli Sha’rawi: How His Use of Modern Media Has Transformed the Nature of Islamic Religious Discourse
A.M. Spiegel, University of Oxford
Negotiating Islamist Pluralism: Youth, Islam and Politics in Morocco
Steven Fink, University of Iowa
The Reimaginative Minbar: An Examination of Selected Khutbahs in Southern California
Responding:
Richard C. Martin, Emory University
Business Meeting:
Rosalind Gwynne, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding
A19-125
Liberal Theologies Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Constructing Liberal Theologies as Social, Political, and Religious Praxis
Sharon D. Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School
Promoting Pluralism and Academic Freedom on Campus
Paul Rasor, Virginia Wesleyan College
Liberal Prophetic Praxis and Constructive Liberal Public Theology
Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Claremont School of Theology
Education, Liberation, and Liberal Theology with Pentecostal Communities
Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
Feminist Liberation Praxis for Feminist Liberation Theology
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
Social Change and Constructive Liberal Theology
Responding:
M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
Business Meeting:
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding

A19-126
Religion, Public Policy, and Political Change Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Peter Gathje, Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Contested Space and Religious Advocacy: Homelessness, Public Policy, and Faith Communities
Panelists:
Sharon Johnson, City of San Diego

A19-127
Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Michael Battle, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Where Do We Go from Here? The Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Fortieth Anniversary of the Poor People’s Campaign
Vincent Harding, Veterans of Hope Project
Martin Luther King Jr’s Riverside Speech and the Poor People’s Campaign
Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton Theological Seminary
Lift Every Voice: Dr. King’s “Unfulfilled Dream” of the Beloved Community and the Black Women Leaders Who Influenced His Ideology
John Roedel, Graduate Theological Union
The Role of Martin Luther King Jr’s Theology of Nonviolence in the Miscarriage of the Poor People’s Campaign
Business Meeting:
Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

A19-128
AAR Annual Business Meeting
11:45 am-12:45 pm
Jeffrey L. Stout, Princeton University, Presiding
AAR members are encouraged to join the Board of Directors for the annual business meeting of the Academy.

A19-130
EIS Advisory Committee Meeting
11:30 pm-1:00 pm
Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

A19-200
Sacred and Religious Sites of San Diego Bus Tour
1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Peter W. Williams, Miami University of Ohio, and Jeanne H. Kilde, University of Minnesota, Presiding
Separate registration required. See page 123 for more information.

A19-201
Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the Religion in the Schools Task Force
Ali S. Asani, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Education in Europe: The REDCo Research Project
Panelists:
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University
Wolfram Weisse, University of Hamburg
See page 118 for a description.

A19-202
Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding
Theme: Going Public on Religion: Paradise or Pitfall?
Panelists:
Aminah McCloud, DePaul University
Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University
Stephen Prothero, Boston University
Diane Winston, University of Southern California
See page 118 for a description.

A19-203 (=S19-52)

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section and SBL’s Academic Teaching of Biblical Studies Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Mary E. Hess, Luther Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Teaching Reflectively in Theological Contexts: Promises and Contradictions
Panelists:
Matthew Skinner, Luther Seminary
Janet Ramsey, Luther Seminary
Alvin Luedki, Luther Seminary
Frieder Ludwig, Luther Seminary
David J. Lose, Luther Seminary
Rolf Jacobson, Luther Seminary
Stephen Brookfield, University of St. Thomas
Responding:
William E. Paden, University of Vermont

Business Meeting:
Selva J. Raj, Albion College, Presiding
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

A19-205

Ethics Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
David Clairmont, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Theme: Exploring “Odd” Ethical Genres: Poetry, Midrash, and Weblogs
Jennifer Rapp, Stanford University
Oblivion and Ethics: Plato, Poetics, and Crow Dreams
Jonathan Schofer, Harvard University
False Fixities, Confronting Vulnerability, and the Genres of Rabbinic Midrash
Elizabeth Bucar, University of Chicago
Reading Weblogs in Tehran: An Emergent Genre of Religious Ethics
Responding:
Lee H. Yearley, Stanford University

A19-204

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Mark Wheeler MacWilliams, St. Lawrence University, Presiding
Theme: “Turning Back” to Conversion: Identity, Space, and Power in Religious Transformation
Kathleen M. Self, St. Lawrence University
Conversion as Illocutionary Act: Christian, Pagan, and Back Again
Elizabeth Perez, University of Chicago
The Architectonics of Conversion: Building a Home for African Spirits on Chicago’s South Side
Arun W. Jones, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
A Hindu Christian: Pandita Ramabai’s Appropriations of Victorian Christianity
Kristin Bloomer, University of Chicago
Being Saved and Getting “Saved”: Questions of Conversion and Syncretism after the 2004 Asian Tsunami

A19-206

North American Religions Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: The Future of American Women’s Religious History
Panelists:
Ann Braude, Harvard University
Catherine Brekus, University of Chicago
Anthea Butler, University of Rochester
Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University
Pamela Nadell, American University
Responding:
Josh Peskin, Stanford University
Levinas and the Ethics of Warfare: The War between Messianism and Politics

A19-207

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Political Economy
Joe Blosser, University of Chicago
Homo Economicus Reconsidered
Basit Bilal Koshul, Lahore University of Management Science
Max Weber on the Rise (and Decline) of Modern Capitalism
Christy Newton, Graduate Theological Union
Todd Mei, University of Kent
Economy of the Gift: Thinking the Relation between Land Enclosure and Political Economy
Business Meeting:
Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding

A19-208

Study of Judaism Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, Presiding
Theme: Issues in Modern Judaism
Daniel Weiss, University of Virginia
Navigating between Letter and Spirit: Tensions within Samson Raphael Hirsch’s Presentation of Judaism
Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Bloomington
Heresy and Ethnicity in Modern Judaism: Felix Adler, Mordecai Kaplan, and Josefine Lazarus
Mark A. Kaplowitz, New York University
Time and Eternity in Cohen and Rosenzweig
Martina Urban, Vanderbilt University
Jewish Perspectives on a Meta-religion
Josh Peskin, Stanford University
Levinas and the Ethics of Warfare: The War between Messianism and Politics
A19-209

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Theme: Exodus, Diaspora, and Immigration
John Ahn, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Exile: Forced Migrations (597 BCE), Internal Displacement (587 BCE), Refugee (582 BCE)
Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union
Constructions of Identity through Exodus/Migration Narratives
Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University
The Exodus as a Multi-ethnic Story
Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary
Walk Like an Egyptian: Some Challenges of the Mosaic Narratives for a Postcolonial Theology
Business Meeting:
Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding

A19-210

Black Theology Group and Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Willie J. Jennings, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Death and the African/Black Body
Esther Acolatse, Duke University
Yet in This Flesh Will I See God: African Geographies of Life and Death
Brian Bantum, Duke University
Death by Misunderstanding: Lynching, Religion, and the Perils of Interracial Existence

A19-211

Buddhist Philosophy Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Jose Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: Ineffability in Tibet
Kevin Vose, College of William and Mary
The Ineffable Ultimate: The Debate from Late Indian and Early Tibetan Mādhyamaka
Jonathan Stoltz, University of St. Thomas
Are Śvaḷaṅkaṇas Ineffable? Sāka Pāṇḍita on Intensionality and Reference
Yaroslav Komarovsky, University of Virginia
Encountering Ineffability—Counting Ineffability: On Divergent Verbalizations of the Ineffable in Fifteenth-Century Tibet
Douglas Duckworth, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
De/limiting Emptiness and the Boundaries of the Ineffable
Responding:
Dale S. Wright, Occidental College

A19-212

Christian Spirituality Group and Religion and Ecology Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Tim Hessel-Robinson, Brite Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: Christian Spiritual Practices for a Sustainable Ecology
John O’Keefe, Creighton University
Toward the Recovery of Christian Spiritual Practice for a Sustainable Ecology

A19-213

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University, Presiding
Theme: Hair Dos and Don’ts: Coiffure and Tonsure in Jewish and Hindu Practices
Amy Allocco, Emory University
Burning Demons, Channeling Goddesses: Multiple Constructions of Female Hair in Tamil Possession and Exorcism Contexts
Benjamin Fleming, McMaster University
From Tirupathi to Brooklyn: Hindu Votive Hair Offerings and their Interpretation in Jewish Communities
Annette Reed, McMaster University
Hair, Halakha, and the Theorization of Ritual Practice: Jewish Perspectives on Hindu Tonsuring and Religious Difference
Gregory Spinner, Central Michigan University
“Absalom Gloried in his Hair”: On the Midrashic Transvaluation of Nazirites
Shana Lisa Sippy, Columbia University
Teasing It Out: Hair Practices and Polemics in Modern and Classical Contexts
**A19-214**

**Confucian Traditions Group**  
1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
Keith Knapp, The Citadel, Presiding  
Theme: *Confucianism: What Is at Stake in It as a Religion*  
Yu Jiang, Florida Atlantic University  
*Tomb Space and Burial Goods in the Western-Zhou Date Yu Cemetery*  
Soon-ja Yang, University of Pennsylvania  
*Li and Fa in the Hands of Non-Confucian Political Philosophers*  
Brian Bruya, Eastern Michigan University  
*Spontaneity in Confucian Self-cultivation*  
Kenneth Holloway, Florida Atlantic University  
*Early Confucian Syncretism*  
Responding:  
Mark Csikszentmihalyi, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Business Meeting:  
Michael Puett, Harvard University, Presiding

**A19-215**

**Ecclesiological Investigations Group**  
1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
Gerard Mannion, Liverpool Hope University, Presiding  
Theme: *The Church and Its Many Asian Faces/Perspectives on Transnational Communion*  
Paul Collins, University of Chichester  
*Inculturation and New Human Community: The Witness of the Churches in India*  
Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University  
*Inculturation, Neo-Confucianism, and the Ideal Woman Missionary: Gender and Japanese Christianity*  
Miikka Ruokanen, University of Helsinki  
*Is “Post-Denominational” Christianity Possible? Ecclesiology in the Protestant Church of China*  
Responding:  
Arvind Sharma, McGill University  
Business Meeting:  
Jualyynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University, Presiding

**A19-216**

**Evangelical Theology Group and Wesleyan Studies Group**  
1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
Kenneth J. Collins, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Theme: *Hospitality to the Dispossessed*  
John Albright, St. Paul, MN  
*“Discovering the Church” in a Conspiracy of Compassion: The Sanctuary Movement in Retrospect*  
Timothy Morriss, Yale University  
*Methodism and the Immigrant in Nineteenth-Century Chicago*  
Alice G. Knotts, Wesley Foundation  
*Immigrants in Our Neighborhood*  
Responding:  
Christine D. Pohl, Asbury Theological Seminary

**A19-217**

**Indigenous Religious Traditions Group**  
1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University, Presiding  
Theme: *Indigenous Religions: Perspectives on the Philosophy of Religion*  
Panelists:  
Mary C. Churchill, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Laura Grillo, Pacifica Graduate Institute  
Responding:  
Bruce Rosenstock, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
A19-219

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Grace G. Burford, Prescott College, Presiding
Theme: An Intergenerational Examination of Lesbian/Queer Identity
Panelists:
Emily Erwin Culpepper, University of Redlands
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida
L.J. Tess Tessier, Youngstown State University
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College
Yvonne Zimmerman, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver
Business Meeting:
Elizabeth A. Say, California State University, Northridge, and Julie J. Kilmer, Olivet College, Presiding

A19-220

New Religious Movements Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding
Theme: Depth in New Religions Studies: The Case of Latin America
Andrew Dawson, Lancaster University
New Era Millenarianism in Brazil: The Re-eschatologization of History or the De-historicization of Eschatology?
Steven Engler, Mount Royal College, Pontificia Universidade Católica, São Paulo
The Selective Elitism of Brazilian Kardecist Spiritism

A19-221

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Politics in Nineteenth-Century Theology and Philosophy of Religion
Aimee Burant, University of Chicago
Defining “The Political”: Method in the Historiography of Nineteenth-Century Religious Thought
Jerome E. Copolusky, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
The Spinozistic Judaism of Moses Hess
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University
Constructing Religion, Supporting Political Order: The Shifting Role of Religion in Hegel’s Social and Political Thought
Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University
The Political Implications of Feuerbach’s Theory of Religion

A19-223

Ü New Program Unit
Qur’an Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Youshaa Patel, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: The Qur’an and Cultural Translation
Travis Zadeh, Harvard University
With Rhyme and Reason: Early Persian Translations of the Qur’an
Peter Wright, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Modern Qur’anic Hermeneutics
Michael Brett Wilson, Duke University
The Politics of Qur’anic Translation: The Turkish Qur’an
Suﬁa Uddin, University of Vermont
Bengali Translations of the Qur’an
Anna M. Gade, Oberlin College
Bahasa Al-Qur’an in Indonesian Performance and Pedagogy
Responding:
Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University

A19-222

Practical Theology Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Gennifer Brooks, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Strangers Among Us: Immigrants in the US Church
Panelists:
Laurel E. Scott, Boston University
M.T. Davila, Boston College
Yoo Yun Cho Chang, Boston University
Gayle Lasater, University of Florida
Nineteenth-Century North American Brethren in Latin America: A Brief Comparison of Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses
Kevin O’Neill, Stanford University
Onward Christian Soldiers: Spiritual Warfare in Postwar Guatemala City
Business Meeting:
Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding

A19-224

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: New Approaches to Theodicy
Ingrid Anderson, Boston University
Despite God and in Spite of Yourself: The Struggle against Bystanderism in the Absurdist Post-Holocaust Ethics of Elie Wiesel’s The Trial of God and Albert Camus’s The Plague
Peter Admirand, Trinity College, Dublin
*Trauma, Memory, and Truth: Why Theodicy Needs Testimonies of Mass Atrocity*

Janet Jacobs, University of Colorado, Boulder
*God in the Aftermath of Genocide: Post Holocaust Theologies among Descendants of Survivors*

Responding:
Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University
Business Meeting:
Oren Baruch Stier, Florida International University, Presiding

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**A19-225**

**Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group and Daoist Studies Consultation**
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: *Daoism, Medicine, and Healing*
Stephen Boyanton, San Diego Mesa College, Pacific College of Oriental Medicine
*Putting the Yellow Emperor in His Place: Reading the Yellow Emperor's Inner Classic as Han Dynasty Religious Text*
Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University
*Perfecting One's Health: An Early Daoist Perspective*
John Adams, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Falun Dafa/Falun Gong: “What the Dao School Calls the Dao, and What the Buddha School Calls the Fā”*
Responding:
T. J. Hinrichs, Cornell University
Business Meeting:
Louis Komjathy, Pacific Lutheran University, and Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University, Presiding

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**A19-226**

**Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group**
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Megan Shore, University of Western Ontario, Presiding
Theme: *Economic Justice, Ecological Degradation, and Militarization in the Global Economy: Moral and Theological Responses*
Panelists:
Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University
Daniel T. Spencer, University of Montana, Missoula
Heather Eaton, St. Paul University
Ann Herpel, Brooklyn, NY
Responding:
John B. Cobb, Claremont School of Theology
Business Meeting:
Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding

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**A19-227**

**Sacred Space in Asia Group**
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Eve Mullen, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: *Sacred Space in China: Past and Present*
Cynthia Col, Graduate Theological Union
*Picturing the Canon: The Murals of the Derge Religious Text Printing House*
Jean DeBernardi, University of Alberta
*Landscape, History, and Social Memory: Pilgrimage and Cultural Tourism to Wudang Mountain*
Edward A. Irons, Hong Kong Institute for Religion, Culture, and Commerce
*Mt. Huang and Mt. Jiuhua: Intersecting Discourses of Sacred Space in China*
Brian Nichols, Rice University
*Auspicious Events and the Revival of Sacred Space at a Buddhist Temple in Contemporary China*

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**A19-228**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Claire Katz, Texas A&M University, Presiding
Theme: *Agamben and Messianism*
Jason McKinney, University of Toronto
*Theologico-Political Neutralizations: Agamben’s Messianism*
Colleen Windham, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Patient Strategy: Messianic Power in the State of Exception*
Willie Young, Endicott College
*The Worklessness of Love: Agamben’s Messianic Redemption*
Christopher C. Brittain, University of Aberdeen
*The Political Theology of Giorgio Agamben*

Business Meeting:
Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding
A19-229

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Kathleen M. Sands, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Presiding
Theme: Making "Religion": The Scientific, Racial, and Colonial Contexts of Religious Studies
Curtis Evans, University of Chicago Assessing the Cultural History of the Study of Religion with Great Pain and Terror
John-Charles Duffy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Mormons, Natives, and the Category "Religion" in the Colonization of the American West
Timothy Dalrymple, Harvard University Rationality and Religious Studies: How the Modern Construction of Rationality Shaped the Formation of the Study of Religion
Responding:
David Chidester, University of Cape Town
Business Meeting:
Tisa Wenger, Arizona State University, and Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding

A19-230

New Program Unit
Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Amos Yong, Regent University, Presiding
Theme: Native American, US Latino, and Mexican Pentecostalism in the North American Borderlands
Angela Tarango, Duke University Assessing the Cultural History of the Study of Religion with Great Pain and Terror
Sammy Alfaro, Fuller Theological Seminary Divino Compañero: Toward a Hispanic Pentecostal Christology
Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Pfeiffer University Political Awareness and Social Activism in Mexico: A Case Study of a Base Christian Community and a Pentecostal Church in Cuernavaca
Responding:
Gaston Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College
Business Meeting:
James K. A. Smith, Calvin College, and Amos Yong, Regent University, Presiding

A19-300

Plenary Address
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Jeffrey L. Stout, Princeton University, Presiding
Theme: Making Sense by Comprehending Sensibility: A View of Chinese Religions
Panelists:
Mu-Chou Poo, Academia Sinica
See page 114 for a description.

A19-301

Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Publications Committee
Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, Presiding
Theme: How to Publish Your Book: Advice from Oxford University Press and from the Editors of the AAR Book Series and JAAR
Panelists:
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco
Susan E. Henking, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology
Kevin Madigan, Harvard University
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University
Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
See page 118 for a description.

A19-302

Wildcard Session
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
W. David Hall, Centre College, Presiding
Theme: Is Humanism a Dead Topic in the Study of Religion?
Panelists:
David E. Klemm, University of Iowa
Paul Mendes-Flohr, University of Chicago
Abdulaziz Sachedina, University of Virginia
William Schweiker, University of Chicago
Dale S. Wright, Occidental College
Responding:
Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University
A19-303

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Grace G. Burford, Prescott College, Presiding
Theme: Teaching Art, Ecology, and Mindfulness: Creative Intersections
Jane Compson, University of Central Florida
Ecological Teaching: Using Mindfulness to Weaken the Urge to Consume
Barbara A.B. Patterson, Emory University
Crossing Boundaries: Embodied Pedagogies in Religion and Ecology
David Sander, Humboldt State University
The Moods of Subject Matter: Teaching Religion and Ecology
Sue Yore and Richard Noake, York St. John University
Developing Creativity in Theology and Religious Studies through the Visual Arts
Deborah J. Haynes, University of Colorado, Boulder
Mindfulness Practices in “The Dialogue of Art and Religion”
Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, and Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding

A19-304

Christian Systematic Theology Section and Open and Relational Theologies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Tim Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
James K. A. Smith, Calvin College, Presiding
Theme: Radical Orthodoxy and Process Theology
Graham Ward, University of Manchester
The Bride of Christ: Creation, Christology, Ecclesiology

A19-305

Philosophy of Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Bradley Johnson, University of Glasgow, Presiding
Theme: The Political and the Religious: Exploring Recent Turns
Panelists:
Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas
Philip Goodchild, University of Nottingham
Anthony Paul Smith, Western Theological Seminary
Responding:
Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College
Business Meeting:
Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles, University of Chicago, Presiding

A19-306 (=S19-102)

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and SBL’s Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Neal Walls, Wake Forest University, Presiding
Theme: The Place of Theories of Myth in Biblical Studies
Panelists:
Robert Segal, University of Aberdeen
Peter Machinist, Harvard University
Adela Collins, Yale University
David C. Miller, Syracuse University
Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside

A19-307

Study of Islam Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Irwan Abdullah, Gadjah Mada University, Presiding
Theme: Teaching Religion as an Academic Discipline in Indonesia
Panelists:
Zainal Abidin Bagir, Gadjah Mada University
Fatima Husein, Islamic State University
Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies
Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University
Gisela Webb, Seton Hall University
Maria Claudia Livini, Florida International University

A19-308 (=S19-104)

Study of Judaism Section, SBL’s Biblical Law Section, and SBL’s Women in the Biblical World Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Martha Roth, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Looking for Hope: Feminist and Historical Studies in Memory of Tikva Frymer-Kensky
Athalya Brenner, University of Amsterdam
Tikva Frymer-Kensky’s Studies in Bible and Feminist Criticism: An Assessment
John T. Noble, Harvard University
Women as Israel and a Feminine David: Narrative Themes in the History of David’s Rise and 2 Sam 6:20-23
Lisbeth Fried, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
The Concept of “Impure Birth” in Fifth-Century Athens and Judea
Cornelia Wunsch, University of London
Caring for Women’s Needs: Legal and Economic Realities in Sixth-Century (BCE) Babylonia
**A19-309**

Theology and Religious Reflection Section  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Serene Jones, Yale University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology  
Virginia Burrus, Drew University  
M. Douglas Meeks, Vanderbilt University  
Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Responding:  
Don H. Compier, Graceland University  
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University  
Business Meeting:  
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, and Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

**A19-310**

Women and Religion Section  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding  
Theme: *Making the Gaze: Women as Subjects of Faith in Film and Art*  
Beverly Lucas, Arizona State University  
*Conjured Realities: Depicting Wiccan Women in Film*  
Sarah Lapenta, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*A New Medium: Latin American Women as Artists in Conflict Transformation*  
Responding:  
Don H. Compier, Graceland University  
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, and Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

**A19-311**

African Religions Group  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Bennetta Jules-Rosette, University of California, San Diego, Presiding  
Theme: *Theology, Prophecy, and Power: The Material and Economic Dimensions of Religions in Africa*  
Andrea M. Ng’weshemi, Dana College  
*Holiness and More: Social, Material, and Economic Well-being as Manifestation of Salvation in the East African Revival*  
Robert M. Baum, University of Missouri  
*Prophetic Critiques of Underdevelopment: Alinesitoue Diatta and the Religious Critique of French Colonial Agricultural Schemes in Senegal*  
Adam arap Chepkwony, Moi University  
*Cults, Politics, and Conflicts: Comparative Study of the House of Yahweh in Kenya and the Restoration of the Ten Commandments in Uganda*  
Retief Muller, Princeton Theological Seminary, Kwandong University  
*Praying for Rain and Religious Hybridity in Southern Africa: On a Cross-border Pilgrimage with the Zion Christian Church*  
Business Meeting:  
Samuel K. Elolia, Emmanuel School of Religion, Presiding

**A19-312**

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Presiding  
Theme: *Reading Scripture with Bonhoeffer*  
Jens Zimmermann, Trinity Western University  
*Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Christological Hermeneutic*  
Jessica Van Denend, Union Theological Seminary, New York  
*The Prison and the Psalms*  
Responding:  
Karl Jacobson, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education  
Business Meeting:  
Lisa Dahill, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Presiding

**A19-313**

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group and Comparative Theology Group  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding  
Theme: *The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions (ABC-CLIO, 2007): A Panel Discussion*  
Margaret R. Miles, Graduate Theological Union  
Michael D. Swartz, Ohio State University  
Kecia Ali, Boston University  
Mario D' Amato, Rollins College  
Joseph Runzo, Chapman University  
Stephen G. Post, Case Western Reserve University  
Responding:  
Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College  
Business Meeting:  
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding
A19-314

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: Critical Evaluations of Thomas Tweed’s Crossing and Dwelling: A Theory of Religion
Kim Knott, University of Leeds
Spatial Theory and Spatial Methodology, Their Relationship and Application: An Engagement with Thomas Tweed’s Theory of Crossing and Dwelling
Manuel Vasquez, University of Florida
Of Flows, Landscapes, and Networks: Tropes in the Study of Religion and Space
Aaron W. Hughes, University of Calgary
Crossing, Dwelling, and a Wandering Jew
Finbarr Curtis, California State University, Fresno
No Universalizing Deductive-Nomological Explanations, Please, We’re Irish: A Response to Thomas A. Tweed’s Crossing and Dwelling
Responding:
Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Business Meeting:
Steven Engler, Mount Royal College, Pontifícia Universidade Católica, São Paulo, Presiding

Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion
Simone Weil’s “Chorology”: An Aesthetic Rethinking of Creation
William Robert, Syracuse University
Tragedy Makes the Difference
Kent Brintnall, Emory University
Paradoxes and Parodies of Masculinity: Action Heroes, Crucified Gods, and Feminist Possibilities for the Cross
Craig Danielson, University of Virginia
Sanatanist and Saffron: Temples, Secularism, and Hindu Nation Building
Tiffany Hodge, Emory University
Law Outside of the State: Religion, Culture, and Village Courts in Bangladesh
Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University
Russian Orthodox Church and the Issues of Identity, Law, and Human Rights in Contemporary Russia
Shea McManus, City University of New York
Religion, Ethics, and the Conflict over Legal Reform in Morocco
Responding:
Natalie B. Dohrmann, University of Pennsylvania
Business Meeting:
Robert A. Yelle, University of Memphis, Presiding

A19-315

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Rosemary P. Carbine, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding
Theme: Rethinking Power and Passion
Noelle Vahanian, Lebanon Valley College
Counting Weakness, Countering Power: The Theopolitics of Catherine Keller

A19-316

Korean Religions Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding
Theme: Korean Contributions to Neo-Confucianism
Chan Lee, University of Hawai’i, Manoa
Reflections of Human Nature—Korean Transformation of Zhu Xi’s Neo-Confucianism
Suk Choi, Towson University
A Reflection on the Four-Seven Debate in Korean Neo-Confucianism
Edward J.Y. Chung, University of Prince Edward Island
Yi T’oegeye on the Problem of “Evil” and Self-Transcendence in Neo-Confucianism: A Creative Korean Interpretation
Responding:
Joseph Adler, Kenyon College
John I. Goulde, Sweet Briar College

A19-317

Law, Religion, and Culture Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Winnifred Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo, Presiding
Theme: Contemporary Intersections of Law and Religion around the World
Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont
Responding:
Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University
**A19-329**

**Native Traditions in the Americas Group**
4:00 pm–6:30 pm

Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, Presiding

Theme: *Expressions of Indigeneity: The Variety of Contemporary Native American Religiosity*

Michael Zogry, University of Kansas
*Now You Don’t See It, Now You Do: Amóhi Atsvsdi, the Cherokee “Going to Water” Ritual*

Gabrielle Tayac, National Museum of the American Indian
*Native beyond Recognition: Reconstructing Traditions on the Chesapeake*

Eva Garrouette, Boston College
*Religiosity in Two American Indian Populations*

Marilyn Notah-Verney, University of California, Santa Barbara
*The Significance of the Cake in the Diné Kinaaldá Ceremony*

Responding:

Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Business Meeting:
Michael McNally, Carleton College, and Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, Presiding

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**A19-320**

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

Frances Flannery-Dailey, Hendrix College, Presiding

Theme: *Evolutionary Controversy and a Side of Pasta: The Flying Spaghetti Monster and the Subversive Function of Religious Parody*

Lucas Johnston, University of Florida
*Pirates Can Predict the Weather: The Flying Spaghetti Monster and the Nature of Truthiness*

Gavin Van Horn, University of Florida
*Noodling around with Religion: Carnival Play, Monstrous Humor, and the Noodly Master*

Alyssa Beall, Syracuse University
*A Pirate’s Life for Me: Hacking Traditional Religion*

Responding:

David Chidester, University of Cape Town

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**A19-321**

**Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group**
4:00 pm–6:30 pm

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *A Dialogue on Audiovisual Testimony in Religious and Cultural Approaches to the Holocaust*

Panelists:
Doug Ballman, University of Southern California
Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield
Jaye A. Houston, University of La Verne
Gilya Gerda Schmidt, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Deborah Hopper, University of Victoria
Amy Wlodarski, Dickinson College

Responding:

Oren Baruch Stier, Florida International University

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**A19-322**

**Religion, Politics, and the State Group**
4:00 pm–6:30 pm

Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *US Foreign Policy and Policies Abroad*

Robert O. Smith, Baylor University
*Not So Concerned about Justice: Evangelical Christian Zionism and US Middle East Policy*

Matthew Bagot, Boston College
*A Catholic Foreign Policy and the War on Terror: The Case for Murray*

Ed Waggner, Yale University
*Toward a “Christian Left” in American Foreign Policy*
A19-323

Ritual Studies Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Ute Huesken, University of Heidelberg, Presiding
Theme: Negotiating Rites
Panelists:
Ulrike Schroeder, University of Heidelberg
Kerstin Radde, University of Heidelberg
Angelos Chaniotis, Oxford University
Frank Neubert, University of Heidelberg
Responding:
Michael Houseman, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
Business Meeting:
Donna Lynne Seamon, Acadia University, and W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

A19-325

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Womanist Ways of Knowing
Arisika Razak, California Institute of Integral Studies
Alice Walker Womanism: Pagan, Ecologic, and Embodied Ethical Perspectives
Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton Theological Seminary
An Invisible Force within Our Midst
Colleen Birchett, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Hagar in the Hip-Hop Wilderness
Eleanor Finnegan, University of Florida
Representin’ Women
Jeneen Robinson, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Gospel according to Mary
Business Meeting:
Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

A19-326

Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Paul Waldau, Tufts University, Presiding
Theme: In Whose Image: Bonobos, Sin, and Transcendence
Jennifer Kile, Princeton Theological Seminary
Sin and Society: The Bonobo Challenge
Oliver Putz, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
In the Image of God: Moral Apes and Special Creation

A19-324

Science, Technology, and Religion Group and Animals and Religion Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University
Feminism, Children, and Parenting: Three Books and Three Children Later
Rachel Muers, University of Exeter
Theology and the Ethics of Breastfeeding
Irene Oh, University of Miami
Mothers’ Movements: Motherhood, Religion, and Political Activism
Responding:
Pamela Couture, Saint Paul School of Theology
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

A19-327

Christianity and Academia Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Diana Akiyama, Occidental College, Presiding
Theme: Contested Issues in Christian Higher Education: Academic Freedom, Denominational Identity, and the Culture of Business
Timothy A. Beach-Verhey, Davidson College
The Truth Shall Set You Free: Academic Freedom and Transcendent Reality in Higher Education
Linda Marie Martin, Ursuline College
Catholic Identity on Campus: A (Protestant?) Theological Analysis
Michael G. Cartwright, University of Indianapolis
The Business of the Church-Related University: Education for Service
Anthony Mansueti, Collin County Community College
The Theological Foundations of the Principle of Academic Freedom
Business Meeting:
David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding
A19-328

Wildcard Session
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding
Theme: Religious and Theological Reflection upon Musical Meaning
David R. Brockman, Southern Methodist University
“The Beautiful Is Difficult”: Divine Revelation in the “Out” Jazz of Sun Ra
Emily Bennett, Claremont Graduate University
“Big Beat Deliver Me”: Theological Themes in Joni Mitchell’s Music
Zachary Simpson, Claremont Graduate University
Inexplicability and Revelation in Music
Susannah Laramee Kidd, Emory University
Heidi Epstein, University of Saskatchewan
Sour Grapes and Fermented Selves: Musical Shulamites Mottle the Sacred Erotic
Business Meeting:
Philip Stoltzfus, Saint Olaf College, Presiding

A19-400

Plenary Address
7:15 pm-8:45 pm
Jeffrey L. Stout, Princeton University, Presiding
Theme: Welcoming the Stranger: Why Immigrants Are More Than a Luxury
Panelist:
Ernesto Cortes, Interfaith Education Fund, Inc.
See page 114 for a description.

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Film: Renewal
8:30 pm-10:00 pm
Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group
John A. Grim, Yale University, Forum on Religion and Ecology, Presiding
See page 124 for a description.

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Film: The Mormons
8:30 pm-10:00 pm
Sponsored by the Mormon Studies Consultation
James M. McLachlan, Western Carolina University, Presiding
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AAR Program Unit Chair and Steering Committee Members’ Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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Society of Christian Philosophers
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Doug Harink, King’s University College, Presiding
Theme: William J. Abraham’s Crossing the Threshold of Divine Revelation
Panelists:
D. Stephen Long, Marquette University
James Beilby, Bethel University
James K. A. Smith, Calvin College
Responding:
William J. Abraham, Southern Methodist University

A19-405 (=M19-104)

European Society of Women in Theological Research
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

A19-406 (=M19-114)

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont-McKenna College, Presiding
Theme: Demanding Equality on Religious Grounds: Celebrating the Buddhist and Interreligious Scholarship of Bibhuti Singh Yadav
Douglas L. Berger, Southern Illinois University
The Social Meaning of the Middle Way: B.S. Yadav and the Madhyamika Critique of the Indian Ontologies of Identity and Difference
Stephen Kaplan, Manhattan College
Unpacking the Place of the Grasper in Yogacara and Advaita
Ralph Marshall, St. Francis High School
Deconstruction and Reconstruction: Bibhuti Yadav’s Interpretation of Vallabha and Its Importance for Interreligious Dialogue
William Allen, Temple University
Bibhuti Yadav on Interreligious Dialogue
Responding:
Purushottama Billmoria, Melbourne University

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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International Connections Committee Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding
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Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, Presiding
Theme: Uncomfortable Places, Transformative Spaces: Teachers and Students Learning Together
Panelists:
Hans Wiersma, St. Paul, MN
Helen Rhee, Fuller Theological Seminary
Reid Locklin, University of Toronto
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Jeffrey M. Brackett, Ball State University

A20-101

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: Speaking in Church
Cooper Harriss, University of Chicago
Preacherly Antecedents of the Speakerly Text: Sermons in the Anthropological Writing of Zora Neale Hurston
Darren J.N. Middleton, Texas Christian University
Possession and Postcolonialism in Earl Lovelace’s The Wine of Astonishment
Susan de Gaia, University of Southern California
Condemned to Death: Execution Sermons in the British American Colonies
Matthew Hunter, Temple University
Interpretation of Dreams: Gathering Communities through Texts and Images at Two Predominantly African American Episcopal Churches

A20-102

Buddhism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Jacob Dalton, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: The Material Culture of Buddhist Life Writing
Andrew H. Quintman, Princeton University
Living a Material Life: Image, Inscription, and Ritual Consecration in Tibetan Biography
Stuart Young, Princeton University
The Silkworm, the Horse, and the Hagiography: Chinese Conceptions of Aśvaghosa as Sericulture Deity
Heather Blair, Harvard University
The Stuff of Life: Buried Scriptures and Treasured Diaries in Heian Japan
Mark Dennis, Gustavus Adolphus College
Rethinking Textual Presence and Value: The Sangyō-gisho of Shōtoku Taishi as Word-Object-Event
Responding:
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University

A20-103

Christian Systematic Theology Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Nature and Grace
Hans Boersma, Regent College
Nature and the Supernatural in Nouvelle Théologie: The Recovery of a Sacramental Mindset
Beth Beshare, Boston College
The Justice and Love of Christ’s Passion: Nature, Grace, and Redemption according to Thomas Aquinas
Michael Gibson, Vanderbilt University
Between Bucharest and Basel: Incarnation, Analogy, and Pneumatics in Karl Barth and Dumitru Staniloae
Walter Lowe, Emory University
The Reality of Redemption: Reconfiguring the Theological Imagination

A20-104

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Kay A. Read, DePaul University, Presiding
Theme: New Perspectives on Chinese Religions
San Young Lee, Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary
Comparative Studies of Neo-Confucianism and Dong-hak: Their Views on Women
Marwood Larson-Harris, Roanoke College
Ch’ an Encounter Dialogues and Puritan Professions of Faith as Sincerity Rituals
Xiaofei Tu, Syracuse University
Dare to Compare: The Kyoto School’s and the New Confucian Movement’s Responses to the West
Stephen Stine, Asia Health Ventures
From Communism to Commercialism: The Search for China’s Soul
Responding:
Russell Kirkland, University of Georgia

A20-105

History of Christianity Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Karen Bruhn, Arizona State University, Presiding
Theme: Teaching with Texts in the History of Christianity: Textbooks and General Histories for a Changing Field
Panelists:
Margaret R. Miles, Graduate Theological Union
Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University
Denis Janz, Loyola University, New Orleans
Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary
Responding:
Patricia O’Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University
TUESDAY MORNING

A20-106

North American Religions Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Luis Enrique Murillo, Trinity University, Presiding
Theme: Creating and Crossing Borders
Shin Kwon Kim, Georgetown University
A Korean Methodist Who Became a Racist: Chi-Ho Yun and Christian Nationalism in the Nineteenth Century US South
Kathryn Maguire, Napa Valley College
Borderland Hagiology, Figurative and Literal: Jesús Malverde, Bandido-santón of Sinaloa
Sarah Miglio, University of Notre Dame
Encountering Islam: Mohammed Webb and the Specter of Polygamy at the 1893 World’s Parliament of Religions
Kristy Nabhan-Warren, Augustana College
"I Put Jesus in the Seatbelt and He Comes with Me": San Diegan Mexicanos Crafting New Selves and Community in the Cursillo de Christianidad Movement
Responding:
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

A20-107

Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Kevin Schilbrack, Wesleyan College, Presiding
Theme: Wittgenstein and the Mystical: In Honor of D. Z. Phillips
Thomas Carroll, Boston University
“The Mystical” and Wittgenstein’s Ethic of Perspicuity
Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University
How to Say What Can’t Be Said: Wittgensteinian Investigations of Dionysian Techniques and Rules of Ineffability
Wendy Rachele Terry, University of California, Davis
Wittgenstein’s Silence and Marguerite’s Lies: Intention and Showing in Apophatic Mysticism
Philip Stoltzfus, Saint Olaf College
The Musical as an Instance of the Mystical in the Early Wittgenstein

A20-109

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Don S. Browning, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Beyond Freud and Jung: The Developing Human in Theology and Contemporary Psychology
Kathy Hopner, Church Divinity School of the Pacific
The Second Naiveté—The Challenge of Adolescent Development
Steven C. Bauman, Graduate Theological Union
Emergence as Remedy in Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi’s Evolutionary Faith and Raimon Panikkar’s Theandric Ontonomy
Lissa Dirrim, Pacific School of Religion
Swedenborgian Personality Development
Emily Lyon, Graduate Theological Union
The Interpersonal Dimensions of Child Abuse: Restoration of the Soul
Responding:
David T. Gortner, Church Divinity School of the Pacific

A20-110

Religion in South Asia Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal College, Presiding
Theme: New Directions in Sikh Studies
Balbinder Bhogal, York University
Questioning Secularism from the Standpoint of Religion—Or How to Encounter Cultural Difference: Politicizing Knowledge of Sikh-ism within the Academy
Louis E. Fenech, University of Northern Iowa
The Context of the Dasam Granth
Doris R. Jakobsh, University of Waterloo
“Sikhizing the Sikhs”: The Role of “New Media” in Historical and Contemporary Identity Construction
Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan
Repetition without Origin: Time, Subjectivity, Language, and the Theologico-Political Task of Sikh Scripture
Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College
The “So-called Sexy Tales” of the Caritropākhian
Responding:
Nikky Singh, Colby College

A20-111

Study of Islam Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Presiding
Theme: Varieties of Classical Islam
Shafique Virani, University of Toronto
Pythagoras, Polygons, and the Profession of Faith: A Cosmic Cipher in Islamic Thought
Nevin Reda, University of Toronto
Reading the Qurān in Divine Self-Revelatory and Pedagogical Modes: The Role of Repetitions in Sūrat al-Baqara
Laury Silvers, Skidmore College
The Transmission of Knowledge and Guidance in an Early Sufi Qur’ān Commentary: The Composition, Collection, and Transmission of Abu Bakr al-Wasiti’s (d. ca. 320/932) Tafsir
A20-112

Study of Judaism Section  
9:00 am-11:30 am
Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto, Presiding  
Theme: Martin Buber: Beyond I and Thou  
William Plevan, Princeton University  
The Between in Martin Buber’s Later Thought  
Claire Sufrin, Stanford University  
Martin Buber’s Biblical Hermeneutics In and Beyond I and Thou  
Randy L. Friedman, Binghamton University  
Martin Buber’s Phenomenological Spirit  
Responding: Randi Rashkover, George Mason University

A20-113

Theology and Religious Reflection Section  
9:00 am-11:30 am
Susan Abraham, Harvard University, Presiding  
Theme: Tibetan Lived Religion?  
Cameron David Warner, Harvard University  
Mimesis and Apotropaism: Devotion to Tibet’s National Palladium  
Antonio Terrone, Leiden University  
Finding Buddhism in the Twenty-First Century: Treasure Revelation and Religious Authority in Present-day Tibet  
Sarah Jacoby, Columbia University  
Being a Dakini in Contemporary Eastern Tibet  
Arthur McKeown, Harvard University  
Devotional Practices at Gyantse and Wutai Shan: Removing the Text from Translation  
Responding: Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University

A20-114

Women and Religion Section  
9:00 am-11:30 am
E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding  
Theme: California Girls: Being the Other in Paradise  
Rebecca T. Alpert, Temple University  
California Girl: Tiby Eisen and Jewish Women in Baseball  
Michelle M. Lehwica, Emma Hoglund, and Jenna McNallie, Concordia College, Moorhead  
From California to Calcutta: Spreading the White-Western Devotion to Female Thinness—A Feminist Postcolonial Analysis

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Anthropology of Religion Group  
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Frances Garrett, University of Toronto, Presiding  
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Cameron David Warner, Harvard University  
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A20-116

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Ritual Studies Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am
Thomas Quartier, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Presiding
Theme: The Forest or the Trees? Generalization and Particularity in Ritual Theory  
Carl Seaquist, University of Vermont  
Getting to a General Theory of Ritual: The Role of Agency and Intention  
Thomas V. Peterson, Alfred University  
Implications of Antonin Artaud’s “Theatre of Cruelty” for Theorizing Ritual Participants  
Graham St John, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe  
Transitional World: Victor Turner, Dance-Music Culture, and Psy-trance  
Asuka Sango, Princeton University  
Making Debate Hell: Knowledge and Power in Japanese Buddhist Rituals

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Japanese Religions Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am
Lori Meeks, University of Southern California, Presiding
Theme: Screening and Streaming Japanese Religions: Integrating Visual Media into the Classroom  
Panelists:  
Stephen Covell, Western Michigan University  
Sarah Horton, St. Paul, MN  
Mark Rowe, McMaster University  
D. Max Moerman, Columbia University  
Hank Glassman, Haverford College  
Business Meeting:
Paula K. R. Arai, Carleton College, and James L. Ford, Wake Forest University, Presiding

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9:00 am-11:30 am  
Kirk A. Bingaman, Fordham University, Presiding  
Theme: *Multiplicity Part II: Pluralism, Hybridity, and Multiple Subjectivities in Context*  
Marsha Hewitt, University of Toronto  
*Developmental, Relational, and Attachment Perspectives on Religious Identity*  
Karen Crozier, Azusa Pacific University  
*The Luminous Darkness of Du Bois' Double-Consciousness: Through the Lens of Contemporary Christian Women*  
Janet E. Schaller, Memphis Theological Seminary  
*Reconfiguring Dis/ability: Multiple and Narrative Constructions of Self*  
Hosung Ahn, University of Denver, Iliff School of Theology  
*Junzi as a Tragic Person: A Self Psychological Interpretation of the Analects*  
Nestor Medina, University of Toronto  
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Theme: *Methodologies for the Study of Religion and Disability*  
Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen  
*Disability in the Christian Tradition*  
A. Taylor Newton, University of Denver  
*Religion and the Autism Rights Movement: A Methodological Foray into the Blogosphere*  
Yi-Jia Tsai, National Dong Hwa University  
*Disability and Epiphany—Nouwen's Adam and Oe's Hikari*  
Responding: Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology  
Business Meeting: Kerry Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University, Presiding |

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9:00 am-11:30 am  
Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding  
Theme: *Religious Tourism*  
Evan Berry, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*The Road to Nature: Technological Landscapes of Modern Pilgrimage*  
Darryl Victor Caterine, Le Moyne College  
*Strange Attractors: The Anomalous Worlds and Transformative Powers of Lily Dale, Sedona, and Roswell*  
Emily R. Mace, Princeton University  
*Mrs. Winchester's Mystery House: Tourism and the Perpetuation of Spiritualism in American Culture*  
Valarie H. Ziegler, DePauw University  
*A Great Place to Have a Theophany? Religious Experience and Indoctrination at American Biblical Theme Parks* |

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9:00 am-11:30 am  
Terry Lindvall, Virginia Wesleyan College, Presiding  
Theme: *Theology and Film Reconsidered: Re-Framing the Discipline*  
Panelists:  
John Lyden, Dana College  
Gaye Williams Ortiz, Augusta State University  
Craig Detweiler, Fuller Theological Seminary  
S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University  
Responding: Robert K. Johnston, Fuller Theological Seminary  
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9:00 am-11:30 am  
Ann B. McClenahan, Harvard University, Presiding  
Theme: *Suffering Saints, Consecrated Virgins, and Valiant Women: Catholic Lay Women and Gender Ideals*  
Brenna Moore, Harvard University  
*Women, Sanctity, and Suffering in French Catholic Intellectual Life*  
Tovis Page, Harvard University  
*Embodying the Ideal: Practices of “Valiant Womanhood” in the US Grail, 1940-1960*  
Mary T. Kantor, Harvard University  
*“Reflecting the Life of Angels”: Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World*  
Mathew N. Schmalz, College of the Holy Cross  
*Female Authority and the Miraculous in the Cult of Audrey Santo* |
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Sacred Space in Asia Group and Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
Stephen B. Scharper, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Sacred Space in South Asia: Sites of Vision, Sites of Experience
Noel A. Salmond, Carleton University
The Sublime and the Cynical: Swami Vivekananda and V. S. Naipaul on the Amarnath Yatra
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College
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Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
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Pauline McKenzie Aucoin, Carleton University
Embodiment, Space, and the Meaning of Ecstasy in Narratives of Nature Touring

A20-125
Science, Technology, and Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Nina Azari, University of Hawai‘i, Hilo, Presiding
Theme: Rethinking Science, Religion, and Their Possible Relations
Panelists:
Constance Wise, Metropolitan State College of Denver
Raymond Paloutzian, Westmont College
Jonathan Frye, McPherson College
Didrick Castberg, University of Hawai‘i, Hilo
Erik Borgman, Radboud University, Nijmegen
Jacob Belzen, Universiteit van Amsterdam
Responding:
Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union

A20-126
Scriptural Reasoning Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Daniel Hardy, University of Cambridge, Presiding
Theme: War and the Text: Reasoning through the Scripture on War, Injustice, and the Limits of the Law
Panelists:
John Kelsay, Florida State University
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University
Samuel Wells, Duke University
Rumee Ahmed, University of Virginia

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Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
Robison B. James, University of Richmond and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Presiding
Theme: Tillichian Conversations: Bible and Pluralism
Keith Johnson, Princeton Theological Seminary
Tillich, Frei, and the Making of a Biblical Theologian
John C.M. Starkey, Oklahoma City University
The Word Made History
Mary Montgomery Clifford, Chicago Theological Seminary
A Journey toward Inclusion: Paul Tillich and the Influence of Rudolf Otto’s The Idea of the Holy
Duane Olson, McKendree College
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The purpose of the Association of Practical Theology (APT) is to promote critical reflection on theology and practice. Reconstituted from its predecessor organizations in 1984, the APT was sparked by the understanding of practical theology as an integrative hermeneutical endeavor at the heart of theological education that includes critical examination of religious traditions and practices and exploration of the contributions of ministerial subdisciplines. The APT meets annually in conjunction with the AAR and biennially for a three-day conference. APT meetings at the AAR draw national and international scholars from a variety of disciplines (members of APT and non-members), and the biennial meeting allows for more in-depth study of specific issues and the conduct of official business. The APT posts proceedings, membership information, and other news on its website (www.practicaltheology.org) and welcomes new members from all areas of religious and theological study.

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
Victoria J. Barnett, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum supports scholarship and publications in the field of Holocaust studies, promotes the growth of Holocaust studies at American universities, fosters strong relationships between American and international scholars, and initiates programs to ensure the ongoing training of future generations of scholars specializing in the Holocaust. The center accomplishes its mission through sponsorship of fellowship opportunities; seminars for teaching faculty at the college and university levels; research projects and publications; summer research workshops, conferences, lectures, and symposia; and the evaluation, collection, and making available of Holocaust-related archival materials. The Center on Church Relations and the Holocaust, an integral part of the center, is a resource for individuals and groups grappling with the ethical and philosophical issues raised by the Holocaust and contemporary anti-Semitism, and it investigates the relationship of the Holocaust to the history and future potential of Jewish/Christian relations.

Center for Interdisciplinary Study of Monotheistic Religions
Akiko Fujikawa, Doshisha University

The Center for Interdisciplinary Study of Monotheistic Religions (CISMOR), established in 2003, conducts comprehensive and interdisciplinary research and educational activities related to the monotheistic world. It fosters specialists who can help to achieve coexistence among different civilizations and at the same time makes the results of its research available to the world at large, with the goal of becoming a mediator between the Islamic, Judaic, and Christian worlds. In order to achieve peace, security, and the coexistence of civilizations in today's world, we must undertake comprehensive and interdisciplinary educational and research activities from a civilizational perspective. CISMOR is unlike any other research institute in the world because it centralizes in-depth interdisciplinary research on all three Abrahamic religions and also because of its unique location in Japan, a country that is free of historical or cultural constraints on such studies, thus allowing the institute to take an entirely objective point of view. By increasing our understanding of Abrahamic religions, we will at the same time contribute to a deeper understanding of Japanese religion. We try to find the way to contribute to reform the Abrahamic religions from the standpoint of Japanese religiousity.

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
Steve Long, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

The Christian Theological Research Fellowship is a distinctively Christian research organization in systematic and moral theology and related disciplines. The society exists to promote and sustain fellowship and truth-seeking (fides quaerens intellectum) in theological reflection upon the Christian faith within the mainstream of the Christian tradition. We see ourselves as a spiritual fellowship in service to the Church of Messiah Jesus.
European Society of Women in Theological Research (ESWTR)

Susanne Scholz, Port Washington, NY

Founded in 1986 in Switzerland, ESWTR is a scholarly network of women scholars in theological research and religious studies. Currently, the society has more than 500 members who come from different religious, denominational, national, and academic backgrounds. The ESWTR provides the opportunity for women researchers from the European continent to meet and to dialogue with each other at biannual international conferences held in different European countries. Conference themes raise important issues in feminist theological and religious research. During the year in which no international meeting takes place, members meet nationally or regionally. Currently, country or regional groups exist in Austria, Belgium, Britain, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Republic of Georgia, Greece, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Northern America, Palestine, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. Membership is open to women engaged in the academic study of theology, religious studies, and related areas. They may live and work in Europe, hold a European passport, or may be admitted after special consideration by the board. Members receive the ESWTR Newsletter and the annually published Journal of the ESWTR.

Evangelical Philosophical Society

R. Scott Smith, Biola University

Founded in 1974, the Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS) is an organization of professional scholars devoted to pursuing philosophical excellence in both the church and the academy. Interested laypersons can join as associate or student members. The EPS holds a national meeting each year in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature. The EPS journal, Philosopha Christi, is a scholarly publication containing discussion of a variety of topics that are of interest to the philosopher and to the philosopher of religion. For more information visit www.epsociety.org.

Hermetic Academy

Karen-Claire Voss, Istanbul, Turkey and James B. Robinson, University of Northern Iowa

The Hermetic Academy is a professional society for scholarly research into esoteric traditions in religion. Our primary aim is to facilitate communication among scholars of the esoteric within the field of religious studies and other related areas. Specifically, we want to provide information from and to our readers which is not readily obtainable from more conventional sources. We also want to support and encourage publishers to maintain and increase individual works or series devoted to topics in esotericism and to convince editors of journals that articles on the esoteric in religion are of value to the field of religious studies and are of substantive scholarly merit. Our plans for future development include providing a venue for those interested in encouraging methodological pluralism in the field of esotericism, possibly in the form of a refereed Internet journal. For more information see www.istanbul-yes-istanbul.co.uk/.

International Bonhoeffer Society: English Language Section

John W. Matthews, Grace Lutheran Church

The International Bonhoeffer Society: English Language Section is an interfaith scholarly organization. It was founded in 1971 to promote research in the theology, ethics, and life of the German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945). The English Language Section has members in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and other lands. It is governed by an elected board and society officers. Society membership is open to all persons interested in the theology, life, and spiritual influence of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and in constructive theological and pastoral studies inspired by his legacy. For more information see www.dbonhoeffer.org/ibsinfo.htm.

The International Institute for Field-Being (IIFB)

Lik Kuen Tong, Fairfield University

The IIFB is a nonprofit research-oriented international educational association of scholars, professionals, organizations, and interested individuals in any field or discipline who study and promote the Field-Being modes of thought. More specifically, the Institute centers its research projects on the following topics or areas: philosophical implications of the Field-Being worldview; Non-substantialism versus Substantialism East and West; and the Non-substantialistic Turn in twentieth-century thought and philosophy. Since its inception in 1996, the IIFB has sponsored three international symposia on Field-Being and the Non-substantialistic turn. For more information please see www.iifb.org.

International Society for Chinese Philosophy

Jeffrey W. Dippmann, Central Washington University

The International Society for Chinese Philosophy (ISCP) is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of uniting persons affiliated with the study and research of Chinese philosophy or interested in promoting the study and research of Chinese philosophy in both academic and non-academic circles. By “Chinese philosophy” is meant the whole philosophical tradition and heritage within the span of Chinese history and the spectrum of Chinese civilization. The term “Chinese philosophy” also connotes the areas of logical, metaphysical, ethical, aesthetic, and epistemological thinking and reflection in reference to the Chinese philosophical tradition and heritage, Chinese language, Chinese society, and Chinese civilization. The society organizes and sponsors conferences and conference panels on Chinese philosophy. Its official journal is the Journal of Chinese Philosophy (Blackwell Publishers, Inc.). ISCP also sponsors and co-sponsors philosophical, educational, cultural, or scientific activities in cooperation with educational, cultural, philosophical, or scientific institutions or organizations associated with the study and research of Chinese philosophy.
North American Association for the Study of Religion
Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

The North American Association for the Study of Religion was initially formed in 1985 to encourage the historical, comparative, structural, theoretical, and cognitive study of religion among North American scholars; to represent North American scholars of religion at the international level; and to sustain communication between North American scholars and their international colleagues engaged in the study of religion. In order to achieve these goals, NAASR is affiliated with the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion and has annual meetings together with the American Academy of Religion on the one hand, and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion on the other. NAASR is affiliated with the International Association for the History of Religions and is the only organization from the United States that enjoys such affiliation. NAASR's official peer-review journal, *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* is published quarterly by E. J. Brill of the Netherlands. NAASR also sponsors a book series, "Key Thinkers in the Study of Religion," published by Equinox Publishers of the UK.

La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars
Hugo Magallanes, Asbury Theological Seminary

La Comunidad is an ecumenical association of Hispanic scholars of religion. La Comunidad proactively advances the interests and scholarship of Latinas and Latinos in biblical, theological, and religious studies. For more information, please contact Hugo Magallanes, Assistant Provost, Asbury Theological Seminary-FL, 8401 Valencia College Lane, Orlando, FL 32825; fax 407-482-7577; e-mail Hugo_Magallanes@asburyseminary.edu; or Nora Lozano, Assistant Professor of Theological Studies, Baptist University of the Americas, 8019 S. Pan Am Expressway, San Antonio, TX 78224-1336; phone 210-924-4338, ext 211; fax 210-924-2701; e-mail nlozano@bua.edu.

Person, Culture, and Religion
Kathleen Bishop, Madison, NJ, and Pamela Cooper-White, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

The Person, Culture, and Religion Group is an informal association of scholars and practitioners in the fields of religion and psychology broadly defined who share common interests in the relationship among religion, psychology, and contemporary cultures. Working at the intersections of religion and psychology, the group enables participants to contextualize religious studies in relationship to the theory and practice of psychotherapy and pastoral counseling. PCR's location on the boundary of academic study and applied professions like clinical psychology and pastoral psychotherapy results in rich, varied, and stimulating interdisciplinary conversations of a kind uncommon in the AAR generally. Elements of the dialogue have included modern and postmodern developments in psychology, counseling, and social anthropology, sociology, feminist studies, critical literary theory, and other forms of interpretive theory.

Polanyi Society
Walter B. Gulick, Montana State University, Billings

The Polanyi Society includes in its membership scholars and students who, inspired by the thought of Michael Polanyi (1891-1976), seek to explore and expand upon his seminal ideas. The Polanyi Society holds its Annual Meeting Friday evening and Saturday morning at the beginning of the AAR Annual Meeting. Papers to be discussed are posted prior to the meeting on the Society website, www.missouriwester.
edu/orgs/polanyi/. Archived copies and current issues of the Polanyi Society's peer-reviewed journal, *Tradition and Discovery* (three issues a year), information about joining the society, upcoming meetings, and links to Polanyi essays will be found on the website. *Personal Knowledge* is sub-titled “Towards a Post-Critical Philosophy,” and the society invites all those who are interested in exploring postfoundational versions of epistemology, philosophy of religion, ethics, and theology to join us. Polanyi's notions of tacit knowing, heuristic passion, and conviviality are among the many contributions to this ongoing venture.
Schleiermacher Society
Cathie Kelsey and Ted Vial, Iliff School of Theology

Taking up the heritage of Schleiermacher’s liberating and inclusive vision, the International Schleiermacher Society seeks to engage in ongoing conversations in which well-formed and critical Schleiermacher scholarship is brought into dialogue with questions arising from life today so that mutual learning can occur among all participants - scholars, pastors, laypeople, and students - and so that all can be better equipped for work in the world, church, and academy. In service of these purposes, the society also seeks to facilitate international cooperation among Schleiermacher scholars through conferences and other modes of communication and to nurture the emergence of young and marginalized scholars. Attendance is open. Send inquiries to Dr. Cathie Kelsey or Dr. Ted Vial, cochairs c.kelsey@iliff.edu, tvial@iliff.edu.

Société International D’études sur Alfred Loisy
C.J.T. Talar, University of Saint Thomas, Houston

The société is a nonprofit association formed to foster study of the French exegete and scholar of religion, Alfred Loisy (1857-1940), and of the Roman Catholic Modernist movement in which he figured so prominently. It was formed to foster international communication and contact among scholars from a variety of disciplines, as well as other interested parties whose work and interests bear upon issues that surfaced in the latter decades of the nineteenth century and remain of enduring religious significance.

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (SACP)
Gereon Kopf, Luther College

The SACP was established in 1967 as a nonprofit organization aimed at advancing the development of the disciplines of Asian and comparative philosophy in the international academic arena and bringing together Asian and Western philosophers for a mutually beneficial exchange of ideas. It holds panels in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association, the Association of Asian Studies, and the American Academy of Religion. Annual individual membership dues for the SACP are $35 ($20 for students and professors emeriti) and include a subscription to the SACP Forum.

The society also sponsors a monograph series on specialized topics published by the University of Hawai’i Press. For more information about the SACP and about the journal, Philosophy East and West, please see our website at www.sacpweb.org.

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
Wilson Yates, United Theological Seminary, Minneapolis

The Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies was organized to provide a forum for scholars and artists interested in the intersections among theology, religion, and the arts; to share thoughts, challenge ideas, and strategize approaches in the classroom; and to advance the discipline in theological and religious studies curricula. The goal of the society is to attract consistent participation of a core group of artists and scholars of theology and religion in order to have dialogue about the theological and religious meaning of the arts and the artistic/aesthetic dimension of theological and religious inquiry.

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
Harry Wells, Humboldt State University

The Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies was founded in 1987 to provide an ongoing organization for those committed to study, reflection, interchange, and practice arising out of Buddhist-Christian encounters. The purposes of the society are 1) To serve as a coordinating body supporting activities related to the comparative study of, and the practical interaction between, Buddhism and Christianity, by groups and individuals; 2) To encourage those who report on Buddhist-Christian dialogue and comparative study to employ analytical and theoretical tools and to set their discussion within the framework of our larger human history; 3) To be as inclusive as possible in all its activities, seeking a balance with regard to geography, ethnicity, age, sex, denomination or lineage, cultural tradition, and leadership in both academic and religion institutions, and in the public and private sectors. The society meets annually in conjunction with the national AAR meeting, having board meetings and a program session one day prior (Friday) to the start of the AAR schedule (Saturday). There is a second program session on Saturday morning. International conferences lasting approximately five days are held every four years, usually in the summer. The society publishes a scholarly journal, The Journal for Buddhist-Christian Studies (University of Hawai’i), and a biannual newsletter. The society’s website, www.society-buddhist-christian-studies.org, includes membership information, upcoming dialogue events, conference summaries, newsletters, and links, including one to the newly launched Buddhist-Christian Studies database housed at Boston College.

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

The Society for Hindu-Christian Studies was founded in November, 1994 as a logical extension to the dialogue and scholarship being carried on in the Hindu-Christian Studies Bulletin (now the Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies), which first appeared in 1988 under its founding editor, Harold Coward. The society is dedicated to the study of Hinduism and Christianity and their interrelationships. It seeks to create a forum for the presentation of historical research and studies of contemporary practice for the fostering of dialogue and interreligious conversation carried forward in a spirit of openness, respect, and true inquiry. Committed to scholarly interchange according to accepted traditional and contemporary methods, the society understands its scope broadly, so as to include issues related to religious practice, spirituality, and education; it is interested in supporting activities related to the comparative study of Hinduism and Christianity. Our membership includes Christians interested in the study of Hinduism, Hindus interested in the study of Christianity, and scholars—Hindu, Christian, and other—interested in the historical and contemporary interactions of Hinduism and Christianity.
Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
Michael Puett, Harvard University

The annual membership dues for the society are $30 ($15 for students and retired). In order to become a new member of SSCR, send a check payable in U.S. dollars to the SSCR treasurer: Jonathan R. Herman; Dept. of Philosophy, Georgia State University; Atlanta, GA 30302-4089; TEL: 1-404-651-0714; jherman2@gsu.edu. The membership fee pays for the receipt of the annually produced Journal of Chinese Religions. Make sure to include your full address and your e-mail address with the payment. Additional information on published works (books or articles), recently read papers or presentations, and work in progress is also useful and welcome.

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
Anita Houck, Saint Mary's College, Indiana

The Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality promotes research and dialogue within the growing community of people interested in spirituality. Formed in 1991, the SSCS is ecumenical and strives to be inclusive of the widest possible range of expressions of Christian spirituality. It is interdisciplinary and welcomes the application of diverse disciplines to the study of spirituality. While the emphasis of the SSCS is clearly on Christian spirituality, it seeks to foster creative dialogue with other traditions of spirituality. Although the society is composed of people from diverse, academically oriented communities, the SSCS also appeals to nonscholars such as pastors, practitioners, and those in the helping professions. For more information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@stmarys.edu.

Society of Christian Philosophers
Kelly Clark, Calvin College

The Society of Christian Philosophers was organized in 1978 to promote fellowship among Christian philosophers and to stimulate study and discussion of issues which arise from their Christian and philosophical commitments. One of its chief aims is to go beyond the usual philosophy of religion sessions at the American Philosophical Association and to stimulate thinking about the nature and role of Christian commitment in philosophy. Informal discussion among several Christian philosophers led them to believe that it was possible to form a group designed to promote philosophizing and fellowship among philosophers who shared a commitment to Christianity. Linda Zagzebski, University of Oklahoma, is the current president and Kelly James Clark is executive director. The society is open to anyone interested in philosophy who considers himself or herself a Christian. Membership is not restricted to any particular "school" of philosophy nor to any branch of Christianity nor to professional philosophers.

Søren Kierkegaard Society
Lee Barrett III, Lancaster Seminary

Founded by Robert L. Perkins in 1979, the Søren Kierkegaard Society (SKS) exists to encourage study and discussion of the thought of Søren Kierkegaard in all its dimensions and ramifications, including its sources and influences. SKS is affiliated with the American Academy of Religion and the American Philosophical Association and alternates its annual business meeting between the AAR and APA conventions. At times, dinner meetings with guest speakers are coordinated with these conventions. The society encourages scholarship on Kierkegaard at, or in connection with, the national and regional meetings of the AAR and APA through an executive committee that includes members of both organizations. Membership in SKS is open to all interested in Kierkegaard. A newsletter informs members of calls for papers and upcoming programs. The current president of SKS is Lee Barrett III, Lancaster Seminary, lbarrett@lancasterseminary.edu.

Theta Alpha Kappa
Vivian-Lee Nyitray, University of California, Riverside

Founded in 1976, Theta Alpha Kappa is the only baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate national honor society for religious and/or theological studies accredited by the Association of College Honor Societies. Governed by a national board of directors, Theta Alpha Kappa currently sponsors more than 200 chapters in diverse public and private institutions around the country. Its activities importantly include inviting and inducting students of excellence in these disciplines and providing scholarship and fellowship opportunities for them. For more information, please contact the president, Vivian-Lee Nyitray, ThetaAlphaKappa@uucr.edu.

Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
Paul D. Molnar, St. John's University

This distinctively Christian research organization is devoted to the exploration, development, and dissemination of the theology of T.F. Torrance and other theologians contributing to this endeavor. The society exists to promote and sustain fellowship and truth-seeking (fides quaerens intellectum) in theological reflection upon the Christian faith, within the mainstream of the Christian Church and tradition in light of the theological legacy of Thomas F. Torrance. We are a Christian fellowship serving the Christian faith and the renewal of the Church of Jesus Christ. Membership is open to all scholars, pastors, and laypersons who are interested in research in Christian theology and related disciplines and are in accord with the above mentioned mission statement. We support free inquiry and critical examination of the many facets of theology and religion, especially as these relate to issues that concerned Torrance himself, such as the relationship between science and religion and how to interpret specific Christian doctrines and their implications for today. We seek to bring T.F. Torrance's important thinking into conversation with other significant theologians in an academic way so as to advance a better understanding of the nature of and meaning of contemporary Christian theology. Our website, www.tftorrance.org, contains...
information about membership, meetings, the board of directors, and T. F. Torrance himself. At present we are planning to meet as an additional meeting at the AAR on Friday afternoon. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information.

**Student Liaisons**

Students constitute a significant portion of the membership in AAR. In order to serve this constituency, the AAR inaugurated the Student Liaison Group (SLG). This group is composed of AAR graduate students who serve as a resource for students who need information about AAR's programs and services, report on the needs and activities of students to the Student Director, and participate in efforts to expand student involvement in the Academy. This group is chaired by the Student Director who is a member of the AAR Board of Directors.

**Fall 2007 Student Liaisons**

Cameron Jorgenson, Baylor University  
Bede Bidlack, Boston College  
Jay Carney, Catholic University of America  
Adam Kotsko, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Brent Smith, Claremont Graduate University  
Rosemary Hicks, Columbia University  
Laurie Lamoureux Scholes, Concordia University  
Susanna L. Drake, Duke University  
Matthew Bersagel Braley, Emory University  
Kathleen Hladky, Florida State University  
Ann M. Michaud, Fordham University  
Kirsten Oh, Fuller Theological Seminary  
Ronald Young, General Theological Seminary  
Erin Brigham, Graduate Theological Union  
Linford Fisher, Harvard University  
Andrea Hollingsworth, Loyola University, Chicago  
Sherry A. Smith, McMaster University  
Eliás Ortega-Aponte, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Asuka Sango, Princeton University  
Tammerie Day, Southern Methodist University  
David Levinsky, Stanford University  
Holly White, Syracuse University  
Tammie Marie Grimm, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education  
Jason A. Fout, University of Cambridge  
Bernard Dorsey, University of Chicago  
Eleanor Finnegan, University of Florida  
Calvin Lane, University of Iowa  
Day Lane, University of Missouri, Kansas City  
Megan Goodwin, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
B. Franklin Curry, University of Oxford  
Smita Kothari, University of Toronto  
Timothy P. McConnell, University of Virginia  
Mandy Furney, University of Waterloo  
Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University

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**Nomination for Service in the AAR**

Much of the work of the Academy outside of the Annual Meeting is accomplished through its board and committees. These groups are composed of individuals who contribute their time and talents to the AAR's mission of fostering excellence in teaching and scholarship in religion. For the ongoing vitality of the Academy's work, it is important continually to welcome new voices into the conversation and to achieve a broad and diverse range of member participation in these leadership positions.

**Nominations for Elected Office**

Each year the Nominations Committee nominates persons for election by the membership as a whole. These generally elected offices include the president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, and student director. The vice president goes on to serve as president-elect and then...
The Program Committee is actively seeking proposals for new program units, especially proposals that address (1) areas of pent-up demand, (2) scholarly fields that are weakened or threatened by the separation of the AAR and SBL annual meetings, and (3) new and emerging fields.

Send proposals to annualmeeting@aarweb.org by November 29, 2007. The Program Committee meets each December to review and approve any proposals. Check out the Annual Meeting Task Force Report for some suggested areas where new proposals are especially needed. Samples of successful proposals are available from annualmeeting@aarweb.org.

**How to Propose a New Program Unit**

The proposal is your opportunity to make the case for the new program unit by presenting a clear rationale, analytical focus, approaches, and objectives of the unit.

In three-to-five typewritten pages:

- Give the title of the new unit.
- Identify and define/describe the scholarly field the unit addresses, making an intellectual argument for the new unit.
- State the need and the unit's purpose.
- Note the scope, directions, and approaches the unit might take.
- Distinguish this unit from other existing program units.
- List the AAR members who will chair the unit (1-2) and serve on the steering committee (3-5).
- Provide a bibliography of published works on the topic.
- List AAR members who are interested in, and support the work of, the proposed unit.

**Which Type of Program Unit To Propose?**

**Consultations** are the most common type of new unit. A consultation provides a platform for a group of members to announce a line of inquiry new to the AAR program and to seek out others interested in pursuing it further. While some consultations pursue a limited agenda and end after three or fewer years, others develop a constituency interested in exploring a topic for a longer period and eventually apply for group status.

**Groups** are appropriate for a scholarly conversation that has already identified its constituency and that needs more program space to do its work.

**Seminars** are for an already-identified group of up to twenty members who want to work together on a defined research project with a view to publication.

In preparing all petitions, members should be aware of the following policy:

The American Academy of Religion is committed to the policy and practice of including women, minority, and younger members in the activities of the Academy. In Annual Meeting programming, this commitment will be carried out to the degree that each unit works to accomplish it. Thus, unit chairpersons, steering committees, and participants in sessions provide the testing arenas for evaluating our success in adhering to this commitment. The Program Committee will include attention to this policy and practice in evaluating proposals for starting or continuing program units.
AAR PUBLISHING PROGRAM

Founded on the premise that scholars know best what books are needed in the field of religion, the AAR publishing program with Oxford University Press produces quality scholarship for religion scholars and their students. The AAR has published hundreds of titles, many of which have become essential tools in the development of our field and in the training of new scholars. Further information on all five series can be found at www.aarweb.org/publications/books.

How To Propose A Book For Publication In An AAR Series

AAR books are selected through careful evaluation by reviewers who contribute their services. Our editors are all scholars who know the field and the relevant scholarship covered by their series. In addition, each series has an editorial board whose members play a vital role in identifying, evaluating, and selecting works for publication.

The AAR is expanding its publications program through Oxford University Press and seeking quality manuscripts in five different series. The information below describes the mission of each series and provides the information needed to contact a series editor should you have a project or manuscript that you would like to submit for consideration.

Academy Series

The Academy Series is unique among the book series sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and published by Oxford University Press. Several features distinguish the series, among them the fact that it is the only series devoted to publishing books that originate as dissertations in the field of religious studies. The series is highly selective; only the most exceptional manuscripts are eligible for consideration. The Academy Series seeks to reflect the full range of cultural areas and methodological approaches in the field. Its current mandate is to broaden and diversify the range of its publications. By publishing works that originate as dissertations, the Academy Series serves two important functions. First, the series provides a venue for first-time book authors who are making the transition from graduate student to academic professional by assisting them in transforming their dissertations into books. Second, the titles published in the series signal new directions in the field and demonstrate the vitality of graduate work in religious studies. Authors who are interested in submitting their manuscripts to the series should initiate the revision process before submission to the series. Authors should also expect that peer readers who evaluate their manuscripts for publication consideration might offer further suggestions for revisions that authors will be expected to respond to before a manuscript is accepted for publication. Recent titles published in the Academy Series include: Graham Greene's Catholic Imagination, Mark G. Bosco; Coming to the Edge of the Circle: A Wiccan Initiation Ritual, Nikki Bado-Fralick; Yves Congar's Theology of the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth Groppe; Gregory of Nyssa and the Concept of the Divine Person, Lucian Turcescu; and The Ethics of Animal Experimentation: A Critical Analysis and Constructive Christian Proposal, Donna Yarri. For a full listing of titles go to www.aarweb.org/publications/books/academy.asp; also see, “From Dissertation to Book: A Few Practical Suggestions,” for further details on submissions to this series. Address all inquiries and submissions to the series editor: Kimberly Rae Connor, American Studies, College of Professional Studies, University of San Francisco, 2130 Fulton Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1047, USA, Phone: 415-422-2869, Fax: 415-422-5036; connork@usfca.edu.

Religion, Culture, and History Series

The Religion, Culture, and History series publishes scholarly work that addresses the relation between religious studies and cultural studies/theory. It brings new and disparate voices into the academic debate on issues related to the interdependence of cultural and religious phenomena. By emphasizing the religious dimensions of culture and the cultural dimensions of religion, the series promotes a widening and deepening of the study of popular culture and cultural theory. Generally, the Religion, Culture, and History series aims at (1) a close reading of a cultural text or lived experience; (2) critiquing existing representations of cultural phenomena and practices; and (3) constructing alternative and oppositional cultural practices. Titles in the series include S. Brent Plate and David Jasper's Imag(in)ing Otherness: Filmic Visions of Living Together; Katherina von Kellenbach's Anti-Judaism in Feminist Religious Writings; Anne Pattel-Gray's The Great White Flood: Racism in Australia; and Robert Magliola's On Deconstructing Life-Worlds: Buddhism, Christianity, and Culture. Address all inquiries and submissions to the series editor, Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology, 2201 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO 80218, USA; jkinnard@iliff.edu.

Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series

The Series in Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion is broadly concerned with theories of religion, the history and nature of religious studies, religious thought, theological investigation, and the philosophy of religion. Approaches to the study of religion or religious studies that tend to defy traditional disciplinary boundaries are welcome, as are more traditional studies of major thinkers and intellectual movements. The common thread to texts in this series is that they all engage in a critical reflection on either a religious way of thinking or a way of thinking about religion. Books published in the series include: Moral Creativity: Paul Ricoeur and the Poetics of Possibility, John Wall; Pilgrimage of Love: Moltmann on the Trinity and Christian Life, Joy Ann McDougall; The Metaphysics of Dante's Comedy, Christian Moews; Making Magic: Religion, Magic, and Science in the Modern World, Randall Styers; Opting for the Margins: Postmodernity and Liberation in Christian Theology, Jeorg Rieger, ed.; American Pragmatism: A Religious Genealogy, M.Gail Hamner; Lessig's Philosophy of Religion and the German Enlightenment, Toshimasa Yasukata; Converging on Culture: Theologians in Dialogue with Cultural Analysis and Criticism, Delwin Brown, Sheila Greeve Davaney, and Kathryn Tanner, eds.; and Beyond the Necessary God: Trinitarian Faith and Philosophy in the Thought of Eberhard Jungel, Paul DeHart. Address all inquiries and submissions to the series editor: Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, 2201 S. University Boulevard, Denver, CO 80210; tvial@iliff.edu.
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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**M15-50**

Seventh Day Adventist Religion Chairs  
1:00 pm-6:30 pm

**M15-51**

Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians  
1:00 pm-6:30 pm  
Theme: Thinking Scripturally: The Bible and Theology  
2:00 pm-3:30 pm  
Dr. Carol Newsom, Emory University  
*Three Perspectives on Good and Evil: The Bible's Internal Dialogue*  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
*How Should Scripture Inform Thinking about Sexuality?*

Panelists:  
Marit Trelstead, Pacific Lutheran University  
John Hoffmeyer, Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia  
Ian McFarland, Emory University

**M15-101**

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Reception  
5:00 pm-6:00 pm

**M15-102**

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Dinner  
6:00 pm-9:00 pm

**M15-103**

Adventist Society for Religious Studies, Section 1  
7:00 pm-11:00 pm  
Today through Saturday, the Adventist Society for Religious Studies will address the topic *Adventism and Community*. The presidential address, *The Adventist Community and Education*, will be presented by David Taylor from Loma Linda University. A business session will follow.

For additional information regarding this section, contact Ernest Furness at P.O. Box 8050, Riverside, CA 92515, or FurnessEF@secc-sda.org.

**M15-104**

Scriptural Reasoning Theory Sessions  
7:00 pm-11:00 pm

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**M16-1**

New Developments in Religious Studies VII: Keeping Ourselves Current  
7:00 am-6:30 pm  
Co-sponsored by the Program in Religion and Secondary Education at Harvard Divinity School, Religious Studies in Secondary Schools, and the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education

This annual national conference provides an opportunity for secondary school teachers in independent and public schools to join together to meet colleagues from across the country and to hear about new developments in the fields of ethics and the major religious traditions of the world. Nationally and internationally known scholars share information about new research and resources, and teachers talk together about innovative projects they are developing.

Please visit [www.hds.harvard.edu/prse/ndrs](http://www.hds.harvard.edu/prse/ndrs) for updated information including the agenda, presentation descriptions, and registration forms.

**M16-2**

Lutheran Women in Theological Studies (LWTRS)  
7:00 am-6:30 pm  
Lutheran women in theological and religious studies as well as some local Lutheran clergywomen gather annually for scholarship, worship, and friendship. Lutheran women scholars—including graduate students—and other women who teach or study at Lutheran colleges and seminaries are welcome to attend all or part of the meeting.

To register please contact Sandra Mejia at 773-380-2885 or sandra.mejia@elca.org.
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For more information: CrossRoads@hope.edu

Panelists: TBA

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M16-17

**Numata Chair Coordinators Meeting**

11:45 am-6:30 pm

M16-18

**Theological Education for a Sustainable Future**

11:45 am-6:30 pm

The CRLE, an affiliate of the Humane Society of US, will host the afternoon session *Theological Education for a Sustainable Future*. Over the past 15 years, various initiatives have sought to strengthen theological education commitments to the care of creation. The organizers of Theological Education to Meet the Environmental Challenge, the Forum on Religion and Ecology, and the Web of Creation will reflect on their experiences and discuss opportunities for sustainable theological education. The workshop will also feature examples of how seminaries are making their institutions more sustainable. Participants will also explore how to strengthen institutional commitment to sustainability, particularly how they can respond to two key issues: climate change and humane sustainable food. To register, contact Christine Gutleben cgutleben@hsus.org.

M16-50 (=A16-200)

**International Bonhoeffer Society: Editorial Board, Annual Meeting, Board of Directors**

1:00 pm-6:30 pm

M16-51

**Theology and Ethics Colloquy**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

M16-52

**Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Theme: *The Ethics of Dharma* (DKM2)

Convener: Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin University, Australia

Rita D. Sherna, Binghamton University, Presiding

Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin University, Australia


M16-53 (=A16-201)

**North American Association for the Study of Religion**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Theme: *Ritual Transformation of Agency*

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University and University of Heidelberg

Mimesis, Fractal Dynamics, and Agency in Yoruba Spirit Possessions

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

Priestly, Institutional, and Material Agency in Roman Catholic Sacramental Practice

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

Patronage and Distributed Agency in Brazilian Spirit-possession

Responding: Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside

M16-54

**Adventist Society for Religious Studies, Section 3**

1:00 pm-8:30 pm

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles

Dharma through Thick and Thin

Shyam Ranganathan, York University

How to Generalize and How Not to Generalize about “Dharma”, “Karma” and “Moksa”

Christopher Key Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

Dharma, Karma, and Moksha in Jaina Tradition

Guy Petterson, University of Melbourne, Australia

Salvation through Deeds?: Madeleine Biarreau’s “Anthropology of Desire”

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1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

M16-56
Womanist Approaches to Religion Consultation
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

M16-57 (=A16-202)
Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

M16-58 (=A16-203)
Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
1:00 pm Business Meeting
2:00 pm Eric G. Flett, Eastern University
Persons, Powers, and Pluralities: Thomas F. Torrance’s Trinitarian Ontology of Culture
See www.tftorrance.org for more information.

M16-59
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

M16-60 (=A16-204)
North American Paul Tillich Society
2:15 pm - 4:00 pm
John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Paul Tillich and Religious Pluralism
Christian Danz, University of Vienna
Christianity and the Encounter of World Religions: The Contribution of Paul Tillich to Current Discussions in the Theology of Religion
John Starkey, Oklahoma City University
The Human Predicament and Salvation in Tillich and Thatamanil
Andrew Yan, Hope College
Paul Tillich’s Encounters with Buddhism: An Implication for His Systematic Theology
Luis Pedraja, Middle States Commission on Higher Education
The Tao of Tillich

M16-61 (=A16-205)
Person, Culture, and Religion Group
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

M16-62
Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Theme: Beyond Dominant Perspectives: Reflections on Dharma, Karma, and Moksha (DKM3)
Conveners: Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i, and Adarsh Deepak, DANAM
TBA, Presiding
Koenraad Elst, Author, Antwerp, Belgium
The Non-Retributive Karma Doctrine
Henry John Walker, Bates College
Dharma and Duty in the Gita
Veena R. Howard, University of Oregon, Lone College
A Search for Dharma in Secular World of Diaspora: Is Sadharana Dharma the Only Alternative?
Shiv Raj Pal, Toronto, Canada
Sukhshma-Shareer, the Prime Body of the Atma, and Its Relationship to Dharma, Karma, and Moksha
Sudhir K. Anand, Los Angeles, California
The Arya Samaj View of Moksha
Trichur S. Rukmani, Concordia University, Canada, Responding
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M16-63
North American Association for the Study of Religion
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Theme: Novelty, Presence, and History: Brief Pre-Modern Discourses on Method and Theory
Alison Frazier, University of Texas, Austin
Saintly Presence: The Wager of Latin Hagiography in Renaissance Italy
Nancy Levene, Indiana University, Bloomington
Traces of History in St. Anselm
Constance Furey, Indiana University, Bloomington
Utopian History
Responding:
Nathan Rein, Ursinus College
**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

**FRIDAY CONTINUED**

**M16-105**

*Religious Studies Review Editors Meeting*

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

**M16-106 (A16-301)**

*Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality*

4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Theme: *Teaching for Justice: Research and Teaching Strategies in Higher Theological Education*

Given that we are to live and work toward justice within most faith traditions' perspectives, how does our scholarship and practice encourage "teaching for justice" within institutions of higher education? A panel of scholar-teachers will respond to this question with observations (via programming, syllabi, and/or course assignments) from their research and teaching of spirituality. For more information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.

**M16-107 (A16-302)**

*Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies*

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Harry Wells, Humboldt State University, Presiding

Theme: *In or Out: Homosexuality, the Church, and the Sangha*

Robert Fastiggi, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit

*The Catholic Church and Homosexuality*

Ilene Stanford, Harvard University

*In or Out? Marriage as a Social Practice*

José Ignacio Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Is Homosexual Sex "Sexual Misconduct"? Critical Reflections on Some Classical Indo-Tibetan Sources*

Michael Sweet, University of Wisconsin, Madison

*Shameless Discretion: Insider and Outsider Perspectives of Homoeroticism in the Sangha*

Responding:

Richard Reilly, St. Bonaventure University

6:00 pm Business Meeting

**M16-108**

*New Horizons Reception*

4:00 pm-11:00 pm

This new reception is a social networking event for anyone interested in interdisciplinary approaches to religious studies, theology, biblical studies, philosophy of religion, and religion and science. Light appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. Cost for the evening will be $20 per person/$15 students and should be prepaid by November 1, 2007. Open to all AAR and SBL members. For more information and registration, please contact Elonda Clay at NewHorizonsAAR@yahoo.com.

**M16-109**


4:00 pm-6:30 pm

We will continue our conversation on the contribution Churches of Christ scholars can make to the field of Christian ethics. For more information contact Duane Barron, barron@virginia.edu, or Vic McCracken, vmccrac@emory.edu.

**M16-110**

*Social Ethics in the Churches of Christ*

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Howard Macy, Presiding

Theme: *Book Review: Holiness: The Soul of Quakerism, by Carole Spencer*

Panelists:

Steven Angell

Marge Abbott

Jim LeShana

Responding:

Carole Spencer

**M16-111 (A16-303)**

*Polanyi Society*

4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Jere Moorman, Polanyi Society, Presiding

4:00 pm William Coulson, Center for Studies of the Person

*On Having Misread Polanyi's Theory of Personal Knowledge*

Responding:

Dale Cannon, Western Oregon University

Philip Rolnick, St. Thomas University

5:15 pm William Kelleher, La Canada, CA

*Personal Knowledge as Pure Self-Reflection*

**M16-112**

*Quaker Theological Discussion Group*

4:00 pm-11:00 pm

4:00 pm-6:30 pm: Quaker Theological Discussion Group I

Corey Beals, Presiding

Theme: *A Quaker Sacramentology*

Tim Seid

*The New and Eternal Covenant*

Paul Anderson

*An Incarnational Sacramentology*

Kent Walkemeyer

*Vocation as a Sacramental Way of Life*

Responding:

David Johns

Ann Loades

6:30 pm-8:00 pm: Reception (provided by the Earlham School of Religion)

8:00 pm-10:00 pm: Quaker Theological Discussion Group II

Howard Macy, Presiding

Theme: *Book Review: Holiness: The Soul of Quakerism, by Carole Spencer*

Panelists:

Steven Angell

Marge Abbott

Jim LeShana

Responding:

Carole Spencer
**M16-113**

**Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network**  
*4:00 pm-6:30 pm*

The Network's annual gathering will focus on how to share feminist liberation theological wisdom with future generations. We will explore creative teaching and research possibilities, as well as internships and international exchanges. We are especially interested to hear from young colleagues. All are welcome.

RSVP: Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER), 1-301-589-2509, mhunt@hers.com; Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard Divinity School, 1-617-495-5751, Eschussler@hds.harvard.edu.

**M16-114 (=A16-304)**

**Karl Barth Society of North America**  
*4:00 pm-6:30 pm*

Mark McInroy, Harvard University  
*Karl Barth and Personalist Philosophy: A Critical Appropriation*

John McDowell, Edinburgh University  
*Christology and Prayer in Karl Barth’s Theology*

**M16-115 (=A16-305)**

**North American Paul Tillich Society**  
*4:15 pm-6:30 pm*

David Nikkel, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Presiding  
*Theme: Paul Tillich, Ethics, and Theology*

Daniel Puchalla, University of Chicago  
*The Limits of Love, Power, and Justice: Tillich’s Ontology and Theology against “Full-Spectrum” Military*

Annekatrien Depoorter, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
*Doing Theology in a Context of Religious and Cultural Pluralism: A Comparison and Evaluation of Paul Tillich’s Method of Correlation and the Theological Method of Edward Schillebeeckx*

Jennifer L. Baldwin, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago  
*Erotic Play: A Trip into the Secret Lives of Girls, Feminist Theologies of the Erotic, and the Theological Thought of Paul Tillich*

Sigridur Gotmarsdottir, Drew University  
*The Apophatic “God above God”: Tillich and the Poststructuralist Critique of Negative Theology*

**M16-116 (=A16-306)**

**Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet**  
*6:00 pm-10:00 pm*

Athens Market Taverna  
109 West “F” Street  
6:00 pm Social Hour  
7:00 pm Banquet (Contact Lee Barrett at lbarrett@lancasterseminary.edu)  
8:00 pm K. Brian Soderquist, Søren Kierkegaard Center, University of Copenhagen  
*Using the New Translation of the Journals and Notebooks*

**M16-118**

**Institute for Biblical Research Annual Meeting (1)**  
*7:00 pm-11:00 pm*

**M16-119**

**Annual Reception: Interreligious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) and New World Encyclopedia**  
*7:00 pm-8:30 pm*

This year the Interreligious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) and the Religion Office of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) continues with the second in the series of receptions introducing to the Academy the pending launch and ongoing progress of the *New World Encyclopedia* (a full, general knowledge encyclopedia based in universal values). Once again, reception participants will learn of opportunities to involve themselves as writers, editors, and advisers for this trend-setting project.

**M16-120**

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Perspectives in Religious Studies Editorial Board**  
*7:00 pm-8:30 pm*

**M16-121 (=A16-403)**

**Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies Reception**  
*7:00 pm-8:30 pm*

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* Room Listings Available at [www.aarweb.org](http://www.aarweb.org) and [www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org) *
M16-122 (=A16-404)
Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
7:00 pm-11:00 pm
Theme: How We Do Hindu-Christian Studies
This panel seeks broad audience participation in a discussion of methods, theories, and approaches in the field of Hindu-Christian studies. Panelists will make brief remarks based on papers that will be made available in advance on the HCS listserv, and audience members will then be invited to join in the discussion. To sign up for the listserv or to get copies (after Nov. 2), please email: cbauman@butler.edu.
T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University, Presiding
Harold Coward, University of Victoria
Hindu-Christian Studies: A Retrospective
Susan Abraham, Harvard Divinity School
Theological Approaches to Hindu-Christian Studies
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College
Historical-Critical Approaches to Hindu-Christian Studies
Arvind Sharma, McGill University
Hindu-Christian Studies through the Lens of Ethics
Catherine Cornille, Boston College
Missiology and Hindu-Christian Studies
Kristin Bloomer, University of Chicago
Ethnography and Hindu-Christian Studies
Responding:
T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University
The Future of Hindu-Christian Studies

M16-123
Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M16-124
Accordance Seminar
7:00 pm-11:00 pm
New in Accordance Bible Software: Presentation and demonstration of the latest morphological texts and features, by Roy Brown, developer of Accordance.
Computer Assisted Greek Acquisition: Demonstration of an introductory Greek language course currently being developed for laptop computers and integrated with biblical software, by David P. Parris, Fuller Theological Seminary.
The session will include an overview of the software, questions from users on specific aspects, and discussion of its applications to research and teaching.

M16-125
Teaching Theology and Religion
Editorial Board
7:00 pm-11:00 pm

M16-126
LGBTQ Caucus
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
The LGBTQ Caucus is an informal network of LGBTQ scholars of religion that meets each year during the Annual Meetings to discuss the connections between our scholarship and activist work for social justice, both within the academy and in wider social settings.
For further information, contact: Jay Emerson Johnson at drjay1@earthlink.net.

M16-127
Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Board Meeting
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M16-128 (=A16-405)
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
7:00 pm-9:30 pm
Theme: Dying to Live: A Film and Conversation about Spirituality on the Borderlands
How does “crossing the border” affect one’s spirituality? In this session, the short film Dying to Live will be shown, followed by a panel discussion with Mexican migrants and others whose lives are profoundly shaped by the tense reality of the U.S.-Mexican border. All are welcome to attend and to stay after the discussion to view displays and share conversation. For more information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@ saintmarys.edu.

M16-129
The Word Made Fresh
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Steve Wilkens, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
Theme: The Plurality of Truth
Speaker: John Franke, Biblical Seminary
Dr. Franke engages postmodern thought and culture from the perspective of Christian faith, speaking about the Manifold Witness: The Plurality of Truth.
The Word Made Fresh is a forum that seeks to stimulate creative dialogue among evangelical scholars of diverse backgrounds about pressing issues in contemporary Christianity.
Sponsored by Azusa Pacific University
M16-130

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Discussion
7:00 pm-1:00 pm
Theme: Between the Schoolhouse and the Religious Houses: Unitarian Universalist Theology in Context
Our inaugural Friday evening session will feature a discussion of the historical and cultural contexts for Unitarian Universalist theological work and the key issues implied by these contexts. A panel of scholars and pastors will introduce the theme, with plenty of time for open conversation afterward. Confirmed presenters include Rebecca Parker, Samira Mehta, Emily Mace, and Gabriella Lettini.

Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Meadville Lombard Theological School, UUA Panel on Theological Education, and Beacon Press.

Individuals who wish to gather for supper prior to the session should contact Dan McKanan at 1-320-363-3181 or dmckanan@csbsju.edu before November 5 for more details.

M16-132

Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Robert A. Kraft and Annette Yoshiko Reed, Presiding

M16-133

The Pluralism Project Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm

M16-134

Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)
7:30 pm-10:00 pm
Theme: Bhakti Rasa Through Music and Song (Bhajans) (RT1)
Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i, and Rita D. Sherma, Binghamton University, Presiding
Presenters:
Local Bhajan Group, San Diego
Indira Pal, and Shiv Raj Pal (music), Toronto, Canada
For updates, see: www.danam-web.org/events.htm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-1

Institute for Biblical Research Annual Meeting (2)
7:00 am-12:45 pm

M17-2

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Executive Committee
7:00 am-8:30 am

M17-4

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting
7:00 am-8:30 am

M17-5

Korean North American Theology
7:00 am-8:30 am
Sang Hyun Lee, Presiding
W. Anne Joh will discuss her book, Heart of the Cross: A Postcolonial Christology
Hak Joon Lee will discuss his book, We Will Get to the Promised Land: Martin Luther King Jr’s Communal-Political Spirituality

M17-6 (=A17-7)

International Schleiermacher Society
7:00 am-11:30 am
8:00 am Coffee and breakfast (bring your own)
9:00 am Wendy Farley “Mind Reduced to the Necessity of Seeking”: Opportunities for Buddhist-Christian Dialogue in Schleiermacher’s Theological Anthropology
10:00 am Ethics Series I: (papers pre-distributed beginning in July; contact Ted Vial, tvial@iliff.edu).
Peter Foley, University of Arizona Schleiermacher’s Critique of Previous Ethical Theories in the 1803 Grundlinien
Jeffery Kinlaw, McMurray University Schleiermacher’s Critique of Fichte’s Political Philosophy
11:15 am Planning
11:45 am-12:45 pm Adjourn to nearby restaurant for lunch

M17-7

DIALOG Editorial Meeting
7:00 am-11:30 am

M17-8

Council on Graduate Studies in Religion (CGSR)
8:30 am-12:45 pm
**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

**SATURDAY CONTINUED**

**M17-9**

*Early Methodism: Texts, Traditions, and Theologies: Charles Wesley and the Struggle for Methodist Identity*
9:00 am - 12:45 pm

Sponsors: Liverpool Hope University, University of Manchester, and Duke University Divinity School
9:00 am Welcome
10:10 am Responding:
Richard Heitzenrater, Duke University
S. T. Kimbrough, Jr., Founding President, Charles Wesley Society
Kenneth Newport, Liverpool Hope University
11:20 am Round-table discussion
12:00 pm Charles Wesley news/publications
Additional information: Kenneth Newport, KNEWPORT@hope.ac.uk.

**M17-10**

*Global Ethics and Religion Forum*
9:00 am - 11:30 am

Theme: *Religious Perspectives on Military Humanitarian Intervention*
Nancy M. Martin, Chapman University, Presiding
Panelists:
Joseph Runzo, Executive Director, Global Ethics and Religion Forum
Brian Lepard, School of Law, University of Nebraska
Nathan Tierney, California Lutheran University
Franklin Perkins, DePaul University

**M17-11**

*Graduate Theological Union Alumni Luncheon*
9:00 am - 12:45 pm

**M17-12 (=A17-134)**

*Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies*
9:00 am - 11:30 am

9:00 am Welcome
Wilson Yates, SARTS President
9:10 am Presentations by 2006 SARTS Fellowship Award Winners:
Maureen O'Connell
Stephen Lösel
Rebecca Davis
David Friend
Winners of the 2006 SARTS Fellowship Awards will present their projects, ranging from murals in inner-city Philadelphia to the music of Mozart, and from the cuadros of Peruvian women to Reformation architecture in Europe.
10:50 am Break
11:00 am Business Meeting
For additional information regarding this session, visit us online at www.SARTS.org, or contact Kimberly Vrudny at 1-651-962-5337 or kjvrudny@stthomas.edu.

**M17-13**

*National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion*
9:00 am - 11:30 am

**M17-14**

*Niebuhr Society*
9:00 am - 11:30 am

Theme: *Reinhold Niebuhr’s Moral Man and Immoral Society*
9:00 am Harlan Stelmach, Dominican University of California
*Niebuhr’s Immoral Society and Bellah’s Good Society: A Conversation about Moral Man*
9:45 am Panel Discussion
Gary Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
Rebekah Miles, Southern Methodist University
Max Stackhouse, Princeton Theological Seminary
Ronald Stone, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Josiah Young, Wesley Theological Seminary
10:50 am Research Reports
K. Healan Gaston, University of California, Berkeley
Kevin Carnahan, Hendrix College

**M17-15**

*(Re-)Constructing Advaita*
9:00 am - 11:30 am

Michael McLaughlin, Presiding
Theme: *Rambachan’s The Advaita Worldview and Thatamanil’s The Immanent Divine in Conversation*
9:00 am Panel and Discussion
Panelists:
Wendy Farley, Emory University
Michael McLaughlin, St. Leo University
Joseph Prabhu, California State University
Responding:
Anantanand Rambachan, St. Olaf College
John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University
11:30 am Business Meeting
Corinne Dempsey, Presiding
M17-16

Restoration Theological Research Fellowship Annual Meeting 9:00 am-11:30 am

M17-17

Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum 9:00 am-11:30 am
Ted Grimsrud, Eastern Mennonite University, Presiding
Theme: Reflections on J. Denny Weaver's The Nonviolent Atonement
Panelists:
Sharon Baker, Messiah College
Mark Thiessen Nation, Eastern Mennonite University
Tom Yoder Neufeld, Conrad Grebel University College
Responding:
J. Denny Weaver, Bluffton University Business Meeting

M17-18 (=A17-135)

Søren Kierkegaard Society 9:00 am-11:30 am
Tamara Monet Marks, Florida State University, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard in Dialogue with Non-Christian Religions
K. Brian Soderquist, Søren Kierkegaard Center, University of Copenhagen
Kierkegaard’s Understanding of Non-Christian Religions
Andrew J. Nicholson, State University of New York, Stony Brook
Hinduism-Buddhism: Skillful Means and Bold Assertions
Karen C. Carr, Lawrence University Daoism: Sin, Spontaneity, Nature, and God

M17-19 (=A17-136)

La Comunidad/The Community 9:00 am-11:30 am

M17-20

Towards the Fifth Edition of the UBS Greek New Testament 9:00 am-11:30 am
A revised edition of the UBS Greek New Testament is currently in preparation, with special concern to adapt the text critical apparatus more closely to the requirements of academic use.
This meeting will be an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with the editors of the Greek New Testament and to suggest improvements for the revision. For further information, please contact Florian Voss, German Bible Society, voss@dbg.de.

M17-21

Teaching Introductory Courses: A Wabash Center Workshop 9:00 am-3:30 pm
Advanced registration required at www.wabashcenter@wabash.edu/programs.aspx.
Led by Barbara Walvoord, author of Teaching and Learning in College Introductory Religion Courses: A Study of 533 Classrooms (Blackwell, 2008) and numerous works on teaching in higher education.
An interactive workshop addressing public, private, and religiously affiliated contexts. Topics include faculty and students’ goals for learning; assignments and grading, and pedagogical strategies; what highly effective teachers do.
Lunch will be served.
A free copy of Barbara Walvoord’s book, Teaching and Learning in College Introductory Religion Courses is included.

M17-22

Dharma Association of North America (DANAM) 9:00 am-11:55 am
Theme: Rasa and Vaishnava Traditions (RT2)
Conveners: Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University, and Lance Nelson, University of San Diego
Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University
The Conception and Meaning of Rasa in Bhakti: The Caitanya Vaishnava School
David Buchta, University of Pennsylvania
Bhayanaka as Bhakti-Rasa in Gaudiya Vaishnavism
Krisztina Danka, Eotvos Lorand University of Budapest, Hungary
Rasa—Aesthetics and Metaphysics Interwoven: Literary Works As Revelations in the Bengali Vaishnava Tradition
Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University
Bhakti-rasa for the Advaitin Renouncer: Madhusudana Sarasvati’s Theory of Devotional Sentiment
Gerald T. Carney, Hampden-Sydney College
Rasa as Foundation and Bridge
Neelima Shukla-Bhatt, Wellesley College
Usefulness of the Concept of Bhakti-rasa in Studying Bhakti Forms
Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont College
Paintings: Expressions of Rasa in the 1648 Bhagavata Purana
Ithamar Theodor, University of Haifa
The Infiltration of Rasa into Vaisnavism
For updates, see: www.danam-web.org/events.htm.
M17-23

The Society for the Study of Anglicanism
9:00 am-12:45 pm
Theme: Anglicanism and the Interpretation of Scripture
The meetings this year are in association with the Ecclesiological Investigations Group and the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars.
8:45 am Coffee
9:00 am Introduction
9:15 am Katherine Grieb, Virginia Theological Seminary
10:00 am Gerald West, University of KwaZulu-Natal
10:45 am Coffee Break—donuts and pastries served
11:15 am Responding:
Richard A. Burridge, King's College London
Jo Bailey Wells, Duke University
11:45 am Discussion
Ellen B. Aitken, McGill University Montreal and Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars, Presiding
12:30 pm Short Business Session and Announcements
12:45 pm Close
RSVP and further enquiries to co-conveners Rob Slocum, rbslocum@genevaonline.com, and Martyn Percy, mpercy@ripon-cuddesdon.ac.uk.

M17-24 (=A17-137)

North American Association for the Study of Religion
9:00 am-11:30 am
Theme: Taxonomies in the Study of Religion
Panelists:
Craig Martin, Syracuse University
Strategic Uses of “Religion”. Taxonomy and Metonymy in Political Discourse
Leah Payne, Vanderbilt University
Time on Their Side: Using Philosophy of Time to Understand Distinctions between Early American Pentecostals and Fundamentalists
Thomas B. Ellis, Appalachian State University
Spirituality Redescribed, Self-esteem Misrecognized
Responding:
Aaron Hughes, University of Calgary

M17-25

Adventist Society for Religious Studies, Section 4
9:00 am-12:45 pm

M17-26

Theology for the PC (USA)
9:00 am-11:30 am
Presbyterian Church (USA) pastors and scholars are invited to this meeting dedicated to Doing Theology for the Church. This year’s gathering will focus on emerging Korean American Presbyterian theology and its engagement with what it means to confess Christ in the changing context of Korean American life. A panel made up of a pastor (Kevin Park), professor (Young Lee Hertig), and a governing body leader (Heahwan Rim) will offer presentations, which will be engaged in group discussion. Further information: Anita Brown, Office of Theology and Worship, (888) 728-7228 x5033, abrown@ctr.pcusa.org.

M17-27 (=A17-138)

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
9:00 am-11:30 am
9:00 pm 2007 Presidential Address
Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University
Lost in the Mystery of God: Childhood and the History of Christian Spirituality
10:30 pm Business Meeting
Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union, President-elect, Presiding
All are welcome. For more information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.

M17-28

Emergent Church Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
Keith Matthews, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
Theme: Emergent Church
Panelists:
Tony Jones, National Coordinator of Emergent Village
Scot McKnight, North Park University
Diana Butler Bass, Author of Christianity for the Rest of Us
Co-sponsored by Paraclete Press and Azusa Pacific University
For additional information, contact Don Thorsen, Azusa Pacific University: dthorsen@apu.edu.

M17-29 (=A17-139)

Person, Culture, and Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
M17-30 (=A17-140)
North American Paul Tillich Society and Polanyi Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
Walter Gulick, Montana State University, Billings, Presiding
Durwood Foster, Pacific School of Religion, and Richard Gelwick, Bangor Theological Seminary
Responding:
Donald Musser, Stetson University
Robert Russell, Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences
11:15 am Business Meeting
Walter Mead, Illinois State University, Presiding

M17-31
Lutheran Women in Theological Studies (LWTRS)
9:00 am-11:30 am
Lutheran women in theological and religious studies, as well as some local Lutheran clergywomen, gather annually for scholarship, worship, and friendship. Lutheran women scholars—including graduate students—and other women who teach or study at Lutheran colleges and seminaries are welcome to attend all or part of the meeting. Questions?
To register please contact Sandra Mejia at 773-380-2885 or sandra.mejia@elca.org.

M17-32
Colloquium on Violence and Religion
9:00 am-11:30 am

M17-33
New Religious Movements Group Meeting with Branch Davidians
9:00 am-11:30 am

M17-34 (=A17-141)
Karl Barth Society of North America
9:00 am-11:30 am
George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Discussion of Alyssa Lyra Pitstick, Light in Darkness: Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Catholic Doctrine of Christ’s Descent into Hell (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2007)
Panelists:
Paul J. Griffiths, University of Illinois at Chicago
David Lauber, Wheaton College
John Webster, Aberdeen University
Responding:
Alyssa Lyra Pitstick

M17-35
Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies Board Meeting
11:45 am-3:30 pm

M17-36
An Electronic Database of the Biblical Qumran Scrolls
11:45 am-12:45 pm
This meeting presents, for the first time, a searchable database of the biblical Dead Sea Scrolls. The session will demonstrate searching and display strategies for comparison of the biblical scrolls with other texts of the Hebrew Bible. In addition, a variety of books now available in digital form for the study of the Dead Sea Scrolls will be presented. For more information, contact Michael Heiser at mheiser@logos.com.

M17-37
North American Association for the Study of Religion Business Meeting
11:45 am-12:45 pm

M17-50 (=A17-231)
Christian Theological Research Fellowship
1:00 pm-3:30 pm

M17-51
Syntactically-Tagged Databases for the Hebrew Bible and Greek New Testament
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
This session will overview the latest quantum leap for computerized research and teaching in biblical texts: databases tagged for syntactical structures and functions. The session is appropriate for anyone interested in computer applications for exegesis and teaching of the Hebrew Bible and Greek New Testament. For more information, contact Michael Heiser at mheiser@logos.com.
**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

*SATURDAY CONTINUED*

**M17-52**

Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Theme: *Theorizing Rasa: Culture and Gender (RT3)*

Conveners: Rita D. Sherma, University of Arizona, and Adarsh Deepak, DANAM
Rita D. Sherma, Binghamton University, Presiding

Susan Schwartz, Muhlenberg College
*Rasa/Rakta: Transformations in Red*

Alfred Collins, Anchorage, Alaska
*The Savor of What Is: Rasa as Culture Theory*

Neela Bhattacharya-Saxena, Nassau Community College
*Dance of the Dual Self in Artistic Creations: A Shakta Reading of Rasa Theory*

Madhu Khanna, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
*Rasa and Bhava in the Nityapuja of Goddess Tripurasundari*

George Pati, Valparaiso University
*Mohiniattam: The Rasa and Bhava of Devotionalism*

Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin University, Australia
*Grief and Mourning: Theorizing on the Troubled Bhava’s Cross-culturally*

For updates, see: [www.danam-web.org/events.htm](http://www.danam-web.org/events.htm).

**M17-53**

Mission and Biblical Interpretation: Toward a Missional Hermeneutic
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

What would it mean to read the Bible with an explicit methodological starting point in an ecclesial location understood as fundamentally missional? Join us for our sixth annual session focused on such questions, as Princeton Theological Seminary professors Darrell Guder and J. Ross Wagner present their work on missional hermeneutics in the seminary classroom. We anticipate a thought-provoking and productive discussion. For information, visit [www.gocn.org](http://www.gocn.org) or contact Michael Barram, Saint Mary's College of California, mbarram@stmarys-ca.edu.

**M17-54**

Springer Religious Studies Advisory Board Meeting
1:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**M17-55**

Academic Advisory Board of Reviews in Religion and Theology and Editorial Board of Conversations in Religion and Theology
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**M17-102**

College Theology Society Board Meeting
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**M17-103**

The Fund For Theological Education Reception Honoring 2007-2008 Doctoral Fellows
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**M17-104 (=A17-332)**

African Association for the Study of Religions
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Kathleen O’Brien Wicker, Presiding
4:00 pm *Celebration of AASR’s Fifteenth Anniversary*

Panelists:
Jacob Olupona
Rosalind Hackett
Teresa Mbabi Hinga
Bella Mukonyora

For additional information regarding this session, contact Kathleen Wicker at 1-909-399-9971 or kwicker@scrippscollege.edu.

**M17-101 (=A17-331)**

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm


**M17-100**

American Theological Library Association Member Reception
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**M17-105**

The Fund For Theological Education Reception Honoring 2007-2008 Doctoral Fellows
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Room Listings Available at www.aarweb.org and www.sbl-site.org

M17-105

Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)
4:00 pm-5:30 pm
Theme: RASA Theory Keynote Presentation (RT4)
Convener: Adarsh Deepak, DANAM & Takshashila Institute
Rita D. Sherma, Binghamton University, Presiding
TBA
Keynote Presentation
For updates, see: www.danam-web.org/events.htm.

M17-106 (=A17-333)

Association of Practical Theology
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Susan Dunlap, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Pedagogies in Practical Theology: Interreligious Perspectives on Teaching Spiritual Practices
Panelists:
John Makransky, Boston College
Abdullah T. Antepli, Hartford Seminary
Kathleen Dolphin, St. Mary's College
6:15 pm Business Meeting
Kathleen A. Cahalan, Saint John's University, Presiding
For additional information, contact Kathleen Cahalan, kcahalan@csbsju.edu or Claire Wolfteich, cwolftei@bu.edu.

M17-107

Intra-Christian Conversions Study Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
The Intra-Christian Conversions Study Group invites those interested in the issues of intra-Christian conversions (Protestant to Catholic and Orthodox and vice versa) to attend the group's inaugural meeting. High-profile recent converts, including Francis Beckwith (former President of ETS, Baylor University), will discuss the issues involved in their decision to leave one Christian tradition for another. For additional information, contact Alexander Hwang at hwangalex@yahoo.com or Marc Pugliese at marcphug@gmail.com.

M17-108 (=A17-334)

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, Presiding
Theme: The Thought and Legacy of Masao Abe
Panelists:
Donald W. Mitchell, Purdue University
Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University
James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University
John B. Cobb, Jr., Claremont School of Theology
Stephen Rowe, Grand Valley State University
William R. LaFleur, University of Pennsylvania
Steven Heine, Florida International University
Discussion

M17-109

How Can/Does Christian Theological Education Rise to the Challenge of Religious Pluralism?
4:00 pm-6:30 pm

M17-110

Institute for Ancient Near Eastern and Afroasiatic Cultural Research
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
The theme of this year's symposium is The End of Biblical Studies: A New Beginning for Afroasiatic Studies? It will consider whether deprivileging biblical studies within the academy might promote a deeper appreciation for the broad spectrum of Afroasiatic languages and literatures. Selected IAACR fellows and guests will review Hector Avalos' The End of Biblical Studies (Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2006).
7:00 pm Opening Remarks
Hugh R. Page, Jr., University of Notre Dame
7:15 pm Author's Presentation
Hector Avalos, Iowa State University
7:30 pm–8:15 pm Panel Review / Discussion
Participant names and institutions available at www.iaacr.org.
8:15 Meeting of IAACR Fellows

M17-111 (=A17-335)

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Theme: Teaching the Holocaust in a Seminary or Religious Studies Course
Holocaust studies is an interdisciplinary field that offers rich resources for seminary education and religious studies. Join us for a roundtable consultation on incorporating this history in courses on ethics, systematic theology, church history, biblical studies, and interfaith issues. For additional information regarding this session, contact Victoria Barnett at 1-202-488-0469 or vbarnett@ushmm.org.

M17-112

Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)
5:30 pm-7:00 pm
Theme: DANAM Awards Ceremony (DAC)
Adarsh Deepak, DANAM, Presiding
DANAM Takshashila Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award
Book Awards (2)
For updates, see: www.danam-web.org/events.htm.
M17-113
Baker Academic and Brazos Press Reception
7:00 pm-11:00 pm

M17-114
Wesleyan Theological Society and Society for Pentecostal Studies Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M17-115
Smyth and Helwys Commentary Editorial Board
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M17-116 (=A17-410)
Evangelical Philosophical Society
7:00 pm-11:00 pm
Michael Licona, University of South Africa, Presiding
Theme: Resurrecting Jesus, by Dale Allison
Panelists:
Stephen T. Davis, Claremont-McKenna College
William Lane Craig, Talbot School of Theology
Gary Habermas, Liberty University
Responding:
Dale Allison, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Audience discussion to follow.
For further information regarding this session, contact Scott Smith, scott.smith@truth.biola.edu.

M17-117
A Forum on Sports and Religion: Perspectives on the Pigskin
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
A panel featuring authors in the Mercer Series on Sports and Religion explores various ways that football and faith intersect. Topics include football as an expression of muscular Christianity; football as a quasi-religion; the devotion of fans; the Big Game as focus of pilgrimage; and football and ethics.
Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University, Presiding
Panelists:
Joseph Price, Whittier College
Craig Forney, Palomar College
Greg Sapp, Stetson University
Christopher Anderson, Drew University
Marc Jolley, Mercer University

M17-118
Religion and Science Hospitality Event
7:00 pm-11:00 pm
Sponsored by three science/religion centers:
The Institute for Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) has summer conferences at Star Island, NH; 2008 Topic: Autonomous Individuality: Myth or Reality? IRAS co-publishes Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science.
ZYGON Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), a partnership of Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and CASIRAS, brings together scientists and theologians to research crucial issues of human concern. ZCRS supports masters and doctoral students through LSTC and shares quarters with Zygon.
The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) supports research, provides graduate courses through the Barbour Chair at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, publishes Theology and Science, and runs the Science and Transcendence Advanced Research Series (STARS).

M17-119
Presbyterian Scholars Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and faculty at Presbyterian institutions are invited to this reception to meet and connect with each other. In addition to light refreshments, we hope to find ways to link more closely with one another and with the church—sponsored by the Office of Theology and the Office of Theological Education.
For further information contact Anita Brown, Office of Theology Worship and Education, 1-888-728-7228 x5033.

M17-120
Association of Theological Schools Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M17-121
Brigham Young University and Friends Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M17-122
University of St. Michael's College Faculty of Theology and Toronto School of Theology Annual Reception for Friends and Graduates
7:00 pm-11:00 pm

M17-123
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Room Listings Available at www.aarweb.org and www.sbl-site.org

M17-124

Georgetown University Theology Department Reception
7:00 am-8:30 pm

M17-125

Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Theme: DANAM Reception and Showing Nava-Rasa Through Dance
Conveners: “Friends of DANAM”, Aesthetes, and Rasika-s
DANAM Reception immediately follows the DANAM Awards Ceremony. Come join us for informal meetings and discussions with colleagues and friends over light refreshments and beverages (wine and cheese) and viewing video shows (10-min long) of the Nava Rasa-s (Nine Emotional Sentiments-s) through Dance in both Kathak and Bharatnatyam styles.
For updates, see: www.danam-web.org/events.htm.

M17-126

King’s College London Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
This reception is for alumni, students, prospective students, friends, and guests of King’s College London to hear about recent developments in the Department of Theology & Religious Studies and innovations in theology in London. It is also to launch the publication of Imitating Jesus: An Inclusive Approach to New Testament Ethics (Eerdmans, 2007) by Richard A. Burridge, Dean of King’s College London, and to give advance information about Transformation Theology (T&T Clark, 2008), a new project by Professor Oliver Davies and other King’s College theologians.

M17-127

Buddhist Studies Reception Honoring Patricia Crosby
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
As executive editor for University of Hawai’i Press, Patricia Crosby has been instrumental in promoting the academic study of Buddhism. She has actively assisted the development of both individual projects and publication series that have made important contributions. Her energetic support and wise counsel are deeply appreciated by many scholars in the field, and we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating her work.
Sponsored by the Pure Land Buddhist Studies Series (Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley), Studies in East Asian Buddhism and Classics in Buddhist Studies (Kuroda Institute), Studies in the Buddhist Traditions (University of Michigan), Topics in Contemporary Buddhism (University of Hawai’i), and the Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai English Tripitaka Series (Numata Center for Buddhist Translation and Research, Berkeley).

M17-128

Manchester University Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M17-129 (=A17-411)

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M17-130

Faith and Order Fiftieth Anniversary Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M17-131

Celebrating Leadership in Sustainable Theological Education
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
This reception, following the session on Sustainable Theological Education, is to honor those who have worked to make theological education more sustainable and green. It is also celebrating the launch of a new initiative to move theological education forward on this topic.
Sponsored by the Forum on Religion and Ecology, Drew Theological School and the publishers of two new books, Eco-Spirit: Religion and Philosophy for the Earth (Fordham) and Earth and Word: Classic Sermons on Saving the Planet (Continuum), as well as the Center for Respect of Life and Environment in celebration of their Food, Farming, and Faith Initiative. Food and drink that is humane and sustainable will be served.

M17-132

The Nordic Universities Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M17-133

Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
Members are invited to a reception hosted by the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture.

M17-134

Vanderbilt University Alumni, Faculty, and Friends Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
### Additional Meetings

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Fortress Press invites all AAR and SBL attendees to join us for hospitality, conversation, and the presentation of the 4th Annual Fortress Press innovative teaching awards. To help us select these innovative teachers, we invite you to nominate a colleague at www.fortresspress.com and click on Events. |
| M17-137 | Walter de Gruyter Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm |
| M17-138 | W.F. Albright Institute Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm |
| M17-139 | Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity (ISAAC) and the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm |
| M17-140 | University of California, Santa Barbara Religious Studies Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm |
| M17-141 | New Religious Movements Group Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm |
| M17-142 | Jesuit Departments of Theology and Religious Studies Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm |
| M17-143 | Harvard Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm |
| M17-144 | Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm |
| M17-145 | Milltown Institute (Ireland) Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
Milltown Institute-Ireland alumni/ae, colleagues, friends, and guests are invited to drop in to an Irish reception. Information regarding postgraduate studies in Dublin: Biblical Studies, Patristic, History of Theology, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Ecumenics, Liturgical Studies, Pastoral Ministry (including D. Min.), Spirituality, Mission Theory, Canon Law, and Supervisory Practice for Ministry will be available. Contact: info@milltown-institute.ie. |
| M17-146 | Reception for LGBT Scholars and Scholars of LGBT Studies 7:00 pm-9:00 pm |

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| M18-4 | Lutheran Professors and Graduate Students Breakfast 7:00 am-8:30 am  
Sponsored by Augsburg Fortress. Join us for our annual breakfast. Seating is limited, so please make your reservation as soon as possible and no later than November 9, 2007 at www.augsburgfortress.org/aarsblbreakfast. |
| M18-5 | Disciples of Christ Faculty/Student Breakfast 7:00 am-8:30 am |
M18-6

Free Methodist and Wesleyan Church Scholars Breakfast
7:00 am-8:30 am

M18-7

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Breakfast
7:00 am-8:30 am
Persons connected to the Unitarian Universalist tradition are invited to meet and share a light continental breakfast. Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Meadville Lombard Theological School, UUA Panel on Theological Education, and Beacon Press. For more information contact Dan McKanan at dmckanan@csbsju.edu.

M18-8

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Alumni/ae Breakfast
7:00 am-8:30 am
We welcome Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary alumni/ae to our Annual AAR and SBL Sunday Morning Worship Breakfast. This will be an occasion for us to hear from one another and to interact with interim president Dr. Haddon Robinson. This will also be a time for worship and scriptural reflection. Please join us for this event!

M18-9

I58 Scholars Breakfast
7:00 am-8:30 am
This is a breakfast reception for all those who are committed to an enacted inaugurated eschatology and fully pneumatological model of discipleship. The breakfast is an opportunity to meet and hear from others who are keen to develop new models of theological education and scholarship grounded in a present-tense experience of the Kingdom.
For further information contact Crispin Fletcher-Louis at principal@wtclondon.co.uk.

M18-10

International Journal of Public Theology Editorial Board Meeting
9:00 am-11:30 am

M18-11

Jesuit Departments of Theology and Religious Studies Colloquium
9:00 am-11:30 am

M18-12

Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)
9:00 am-11:45 am
Theme: The Dharma of Moksha-Seekers: Asceticism and Social Engagement (DKM4)
Convener: Swami Tyagananda, Vedanta Society, and Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i
Swami Tyagananda, Vedanta Society, Presiding
Tulasi Srinivas, Wheaton College
The Truant Ascetic: Transcendence and Escape in the Transnational Sathya Sai Movement
Antoinette E. Denapoli, Emory University
God Depends on His Devotees: Social Engagement and Reciprocity between Ascetics and Householders in Rajasthan
Pravrjika Vrajaprana, Vedanta Society
Bridging the Gap between the Sacred and the Secular: Seva as Ascetic Practice
Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University
Sri Krishna Chaitanya as Ascetic, Ecstatic, and Teacher
Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i
Ramanandi Sadhus and the Proliferation of Ram Bhakti in North India
Responding:
Swami Tyagananda, Vedanta Society
For updates, see: www.danam-web.org/events.htm.

M18-13

Theta Alpha Kappa Board Meeting
9:00 am-11:30 am

M18-14

Dempster Fellowship Selection Committee
11:45 am-3:30 pm

M18-15 (=A18-134)

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
11:45 am-12:45 pm

M18-17

Biblical Interpretation Editorial Board Meeting
11:45 am-12:45 pm

M18-18

Hebrew Union College Annual Alumni Luncheon
11:45 am-12:45 pm

M18-19

North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies
11:45 am-12:45 pm

M18-20

Journal for the Study of The New Testament Editorial Board Meeting
11:45 am-12:45 pm
M18-21

Electronic Books and Databases for Research in Josephus, Philo, and the Pseudepigrapha
11:45 am-12:45 pm
This meeting presents an overview of searchable, morphologically tagged databases of the Greek Old Testament Pseudepigrapha, the writings of Philo (the Philo Concordance Project), and the Nieze edition of The Works of Josephus with critical apparatus. Along with these databases, scholarly monographs now available in digital form for the study of these texts will be presented. For more information, contact Michael Heiser at mheiser@logos.com.

M18-22

Lunch Table Teaching Conversations
11:45 am-12:45 pm
Sponsored by The Wabash Center and the AAR Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section
Register to join small-table conversations on specific issues in the teaching of religion and theology. Enjoy a simple box lunch.
Topics include:
Teaching multiple intelligences; Collaborative teaching; Teaching and podcasting; Teaching the Bible to the biblically literate; and Teaching controversial topics.
Advanced registration required. Additional topics, descriptions, more information, and registration online: www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=10894.

M18-50 (=A18-227)

Society of Christian Philosophers
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
R. Douglas Geivett, Biola University, Presiding
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Stephen T. Davis’ Christian Philosophical Theology
Panelists:
Charles Taliaferro, St. Olaf College
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University
William Lane Craig, Biola University
Responding:
Stephen Davis, Claremont McKenna College

M18-51

A Discourse Annotation Database for Biblical Texts
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
This meeting presents a searchable database of descriptive annotations of grammatical features based on their function within the discourse. These annotations describe the pragmatic choices of the biblical writers/editors and their effects. The descriptive aspect of the methodology takes into account stylistic idiosyncrasies. The function-based aspect allows for stylistic comparison. The Greek NT database is complete. Preliminary data for the Hebrew Bible and LXX will be presented. For information contact Steve Runge at srunge@logos.com.

M18-52

Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Theme: Tantra and Rasa: Embodied Divinity and Aesthetic Self-Realization (RTS)
Convener: David Peter Lawrence, University of North Dakota
E.H. Rick Jarow, Vassar College, Presiding

M18-53 (=A18-228)

International Society for Chinese Philosophy
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Vincent Shen, University of Toronto
The Concept of Truth in Classical Confucianism
Chenyang Li, Central Washington University
Cheng and Truth in the Zhongyong
James Wang, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Heidegger and Laozi on Truth
Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University
Truth and Double Truth in Chinese Buddhism

David Peter Lawrence, University of North Dakota
Suggestion, Universalization, and the Disclosure of Sakti: Revisiting Abhinavagupta on the Relations of Aesthetics and Monistic Saivism
Kerry Martin Skora, Hiram College
Abhinavagupta’s Aesthetics of Touch: Synaesthetic Awareness and Lucid Dream-Play
Lorilii Biernacki, University of Colorado
The Ethics of Delight
Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
Aesthetic and Mystical: Reading Tripura Literature through the Lens of Rasa
Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College
A Tantric Semiotics of the Body as Rasa in Classical Indian Dance
David Mellins, Columbia University, Responding
For updates, continue to check at: www.danam-web.org/events.htm.
M18-55

Art/s of Interpretation Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
Lisa J. Poirier, Miami University, Ohio, Presiding
Theme: Syncretism and the Abrahamic Religions
“Every religion has its prehistory, and wherever a prehistory seems to be missing, we are merely uninformed and our research has not been sufficiently painstaking yet. From this point of view every religion is a syncretism.” Joachim Wach (Regionswissenschaft Leipzig, 1924, p. 86)
Join us for a lively round-table discussion that will focus on the extent, impact, history, politics, and hermeneutics of “syncretism” on, within, and around the Abrahamic traditions.
Rick Talbott, California State University, Northridge
Resurrecting Attis: How Religious Syncretism Revitalizes and Adapts Old Myths to New Religious Paradigms
Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge
From Crossroads to Crosshairs: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the Crucible of Syncretism
Responding:
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Jess Hollenback, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse

M18-101

Dharma Association of North America (DANAM)
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Theme: Rethinking Practice and Embodiment in Frederick M. Smith’s The Self Possessed: Deity and Spirit Possession in South Asian Literature
Christopher Chappler, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Panelists:
David Gitomer, DePaul University
Kathleen M. Erndl, Florida State University
John Nemec, University of Virginia
Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University
Gerald J. Larson, Emeriti, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Indiana University
Lloyd Pflueger, Truman State University
Responding:
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa
For latest updates of the agenda, please continue to check the website at: www.danam-web.org/events.htm.

M18-102

Baylor University Press Reception
4:00 pm-8:30 pm

M18-103

Across the Pond! Ecclesiological Investigations from UK PhD Students
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
An open meeting, including:
Mike Cranston
Living At the Edge: Mission to Contemporary Cultures in Southampton England (Anglican Church Attendance is 1.6% of Population)
Nicholas Bamford
Unity or Division: The Challenge of ‘Ecumenism’ to The Greek Orthodox Church in the UK

M18-104 (=A18-276)

Theta Alpha Kappa Board Meeting and Reception
4:00 pm-6:30 pm

M18-105

Korean Biblical Colloquium
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
4:00 pm Greetings
4:20 pm Michelle Lee-Barnewall, Biola University
Paul, the Stoic and the Body of Christ: Corporate Identity and Ethics in 1 Corinthians
5:00 pm Ixang Lee, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Did Ezekiel Know the Deuteronomistic Literature?
5:40 pm Business Meeting
6:00 pm Dinner (at a nearby Korean restaurant, TBA)
Papers will be circulated in advance and discussed at the session. For additional information, please contact John Ahn, jahn@austinseminary.edu; or Paul Kim, pkim@mtso.edu.

M18-106

InterVarsity Press Reception
7:00 pm-11:00 pm
Please join us as Alister McGrath addresses the renewed emergence of atheism—particularly scientific atheism—as typified in such high-profile books as Atheist Universe by David Mills and The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins. McGrath brings to this discussion his own embrace and subsequent rejection of atheism, as well as years of dialogue with leading atheists as in his newest InterVarsity Press publication, The Dawkins Delusion?
Reception begins at 8:00 pm, comments at 8:30 pm.
**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

**SUNDAY CONTINUED**

**M18-107**
Center of Theological Inquiry Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
The following events will take place during this year's reception for CTI members and friends: launch of the final Volume 4 of the CTI series, *God and Globalization* (Continuum, 2007), with Max Stackhouse, author and series editor; launch of the new *International Journal of Public Theology* (Brill), with Sebastian Kim, editor; and brief presentation by William Storrar, director, on the Center's new website from 2008. All interested welcome.

**M18-108**
University of Iowa Reception  
7:00 pm-11:00 pm

**M18-109**
Yale University Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

**M18-110**
Dempster Fellowship Selection Committee  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

**M18-111**
Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

**M18-112**
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Department of Religious Studies Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

**M18-113 (=A18-407)**
Evangelical Philosophical Society  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
William Lane Craig, Biola University, Presiding  
Theme: *Authors Meet Critics: Naturalism, by Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro*  
Panelist:  
Matthew Bagger, Brown University  
Responding:  
Stewart Goetz, Ursinus College  
Charles Taliaferro, St. Olaf College  
For further information regarding this session, contact Scott Smith, scott.smith@truth.biola.edu.

**M18-114**
Westminster John Knox Press Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

**M18-115**
Oxford University Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
The Theology Faculty of Oxford University welcomes colleagues, friends, alumni/ae, and prospective graduate students for drinks and updates on developments and to meet current faculty members. Information is available at www.theology.ox.ac.uk and www.admin.ox.ac.uk/postgraduate.

**M18-116**
United Church of Christ Scholars Reception and United Church of Christ in the West Keynote  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

**M18-117**
University of Notre Dame Theology Department Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

**M18-118**
Wabash Center Dinner for New Teachers  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Annual gathering of new teachers for dinner and directed table conversations about the first years of teaching. Nomination of new teachers for participation is required. October 1 deadline. Contact: Paul Myhre, myhrep@wabash.edu.

**M18-119**
Ashland Theological Seminary Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

**M18-120**
Gay Men's Issues In Religion Group Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

**M18-121**
Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver Joint PhD Program Reception  
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M18-133
Society for Scriptural Reasoning: Quranic Reasoning
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
Theme: Oneness of God in the Qur’an
This session explores the Qur’anic claim that guided rational reflection on the natural world leads to faith in the One, with Most Beautiful Names. We begin with a paper by Joseph Lombard centered on selected Qur’anic verses and then discuss these verses in small groups. For the paper, responses, and to contribute a response, see: etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/jsrforum/gateways.html.

M18-138
Center for Process Studies Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
Join us for wine, cheese, and conversation. Friends and members of CPS and anyone interested in process-relational approaches to religious studies, theology, biblical hermeneutics, and philosophy of religion are invited. Greet John Cobb, Roland Faber, and other co-directors!

M18-139
Brown University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm

M18-140
Mercer University Press and McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm

M18-141
University of Chicago Divinity School Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm

M18-142
University of Virginia Reception for Faculty, Alumni, and Friends
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M18-143
Drew University Reception for Alumni/ae
9:00 pm-11:00 pm

M18-144
Princeton Theological Seminary Alumni/ae Reception
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M18-135
Duke University Graduate Reception
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Nazarene Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends Reception
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M18-137
Emory Graduate Division of Religion Reception
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M18-145
Marquette University Department of Theology Reception
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M18-147
Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
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M18-148
Johns Hopkins University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm

M18-149
Scottish Universities Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
Former students and friends of the sponsoring Scottish universities (Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and Stirling), and the Highland Theological College are cordially invited to get together to renew acquaintances, catch up on news of developments and plans, and simply enjoy the company, with drinks and light refreshments. For further information, contact Prof. L. W. Hurtado, New College/School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, L.hurtado@ed.ac.uk.

M18-150
Brite Divinity School Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
Durham University Department of Theology and Religion Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm
The Department of Theology and Religion at Durham, UK welcomes alumni/ae, colleagues, friends, and guests. Information will be available at www.dur.ac.uk/theology. For those interested in the following research areas: Biblical and Ancient Languages, Catholic Studies, Church History, Ethics, Hebrew Bible, Jewish Studies, New Testament, Philosophical Theology, Study of Religion, and Systematic and Contemporary Theology. Several faculty will be present, and information brochures will be available.

Concordia Reception (Concordia Seminary, Concordia Theological Seminary, Concordia Academic Press) 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

John Templeton Foundation Reception 9:30 pm-11:30 pm

The Graduate School and Friends of Jewish Theological Seminary Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Florida State University Religion Department Reception 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Hendrickson Publishers Reception 7:00 pm-11:00 pm

Highlands Institute for American Religious Philosophical Thought 5:45 pm-6:15 pm

Robert M. Price and The Pre-Nicene New Testament 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

American Journal of Theology and Philosophy 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Restoration Quarterly Breakfast 7:00 am-8:30 am

Dead Sea Discoveries Editorial Board Meeting 7:00 am-8:30 am

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni Breakfast 7:00 am-8:30 am

Fuller Theological Seminary Breakfast 7:00 am-8:30 am
Speaker: Richard J. Mouw, President and Professor of Christian Philosophy, Fuller Theological Seminary Threescore and... : Fuller and the Future
For reservations contact Fuller’s Office of Alumni/ae and Church Relations: alum-alumni@dept.fuller.edu or call 1-626-584-5498 by November 12.

Friends of Regent College 7:00 am-8:30 am
**Additional Meetings**

**M19-6**

**Lutheran Women in Theological Studies (LWTRS)**
7:00 am-8:30 am
7:00 am Morning Prayer
7:15 am Phyllis Anderson, President, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Theological Education: Institutional, Ecumenical, and Ecclesial Perspectives

No registration required.
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**M19-7**

**Union Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education Annual Breakfast**
7:00 am-8:30 am

**M19-8**

**Wabash Center Grant Writing Consultation**
9:00 am-3:30 pm
Drop in for conversation about your grant ideas or help with grant writing. Appointments are not required, but may be made in advance. Contact: Paul Myhre, myhrep@wabash.edu.

**M19-9**

**Consultation on Dutch Protestant Traditions**
9:00 am-11:30 am

The topic of this year’s consultation is *The Question of Theocracy*. The notion of theocracy has recently been linked to Islamic and Christian fundamentalism and thus summarily dismissed. Theocratic theology, however, does not belong to fundamentalism; the rich and complex theology of the Dutch theologian, A.A. van Ruler (1908-1970), is intentionally theocratic and clearly not fundamentalistic. The consultation will explore the Utrecht theologian’s controversial theocratic theology and assess the place of theocracy in the Dutch theological tradition as a whole. The honorary chair of the consultation is Paul Fries of New Brunswick Theological Seminary. The consultation is sponsored by the Abraham Kuyper Center for Public Theology, kuyper.conference@ptsem.edu at Princeton Theological Seminary. All are warmly invited to attend.

**M19-10**

**Journal for the Study of Judaism Editorial Board Meeting**
11:45 am-12:45 pm

**M19-11**

**Electronic Books and Databases for Ugaritic and Northwest Semitic Inscriptions**
11:45 am-12:45 pm

This meeting includes a demonstration of the use of a searchable database for the Ugaritic corpus (Ugaritic Databank, Madrid) and searchable scholarly reference works for Ugaritic. The session will also feature a new database for Microsoft Windows users for select Northwest Semitic inscriptions representing languages and dialects such as Hebrew, Aramaic, Phoenician, Moabite, and Ammonite. The inscriptions database includes morphological tagging. For more information, contact Michael Heiser at mheiser@logos.com.

**M19-12**

**Wabash Center Religiously Affiliated College and University Faculty Lunch**
11:45 am-12:45 pm

Annual gathering for lunch and directed table conversations concerning the context of our teaching in religiously affiliated college and university institutions. Space is limited. Advance registration is required. October 31 deadline. www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=10897.

**M19-14**

**University of Regensburg Institute of Protestant Theology Alumni Luncheon**
11:45 am-1:00 pm

**M19-101**

**Initiative for the Study of Religion and Culture in Africa and the African Diaspora (ISRCAD)-Biblia Africana Authors Reception**
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

This gathering is being held to: (1) share information about ISRCAD; (2) call attention to new and ongoing projects under the aegis of the Africana Studies Department at the University of Notre Dame—including its Peters Fellowship Program and Africana Core Texts Initiative; and (3) celebrate completion of the *Biblia Africana* commentary project. For further information, please contact Hugh R. Page, Jr., hpage@nd.edu.
### M19-102 (=A19-404)

**Society of Christian Philosophers**  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Doug Harink, King’s University College, Presiding  
Theme: *William J. Abraham’s Crossing the Threshold of Divine Revelation*  
Panelists:  
- D. Stephen Long, Marquette University  
- James Beilby, Bethel University  
- James K. A. Smith, Calvin College  
Responding:  
- William J. Abraham, Southern Methodist University

### M19-104 (=A19-405)

**European Society of Women in Theological Research**  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

### M19-106

**Ethnic Chinese Biblical Colloquium**  
7:00 pm-11:00 pm  
Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University, Presiding  
Theme: *The Bible in Asia*  
7:00 pm Panelists:  
- Devadasan N. Premnath, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry  
- John Y. Yieh, Virginia Theological Seminary  
8:30 pm Break  
9:00 pm Business Session: ECBC members only  
For additional information, contact Jeffrey Kuan at kjkuan@psr.edu.

### M19-107

**Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Governing Board Meeting**  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

### M19-108

**Bahá’í Studies Colloquy 2007**  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Susan Maneck, Jackson State University, Presiding  
Christopher White, Georgia State University  
*How Can My Pen Write Superhuman Things? Juliet Thompson and the Imagined Middle East*  
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Discussion  
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### M19-109

**Azusa Pacific University Reception**  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm

### M19-110

**Sheffield University Alumni Reception**  
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### M19-111

**Pro Ecclesia Reception**  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm

### M19-112

**Syracuse University Department of Religion Reception**  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm

### M19-113

**Sheffield Phoenix Press/Sheffield University Reception**  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm

### M19-114 (=A19-406)

**Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy**  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont-McKenna College, Presiding  
Theme: *Demanding Equality on Religious Grounds: Celebrating the Buddhist and Interreligious Scholarship of Bibhuti Singh Yadav*  
Douglas L. Berger, Southern Illinois University  
*The Social Meaning of the Middle Way: B.S. Yadav and the Madhyamika Critique of the Indian Ontologies of Identity and Difference*  
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William Allen, Temple University  
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Responding:  
- Purushottama Billmoria, Melbourne University

### M19-115

**Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology**  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
The Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology invites all scholars whose work or interests intersect with Mormonism in any way to attend this gathering, which will feature a panel discussion of a recent book of wide interest to scholars of Mormon thought, as well as an opportunity to socialize and make new contacts. For more information, visit the SMPT website: www.smpt.org/announcements.html.
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A18-300 Sun 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

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A18-132 Sun 11:45 am-1:00 pm

What's My Job? Academic Citizenship and the Well-being of Schools, Departments, and Programs
A17-100 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am

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Charles Taylor: Religious Mobilizations
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