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DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Book Bag Giveaway
Redeem the coupon provided with your registration materials for a free tote bag in the Registration Area on the lower level of the Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel. Program Book is inserted in the bag.

Childcare
Childcare is offered for an hourly fee to AAR members. Onsite registration is limited to space available. Childcare is located in Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel-Conference Room 4L and 4M.

Find a Friend Board
The boards located in the Exhibit Hall of the Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel provide a voluntary colleague locator system. Print-out sheets will list those individuals who elected to have their information posted on the boards. Those who did not choose this option ahead of time may add their names.

Food Outlet
If you need a quick bite to eat, a concessions service is available in the Northeast Hall on the Lower Level of the Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel during exhibit hours.

General Attendee Message Boards
Registration Area, Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel. Messages are posted alphabetically on the self-serve board.

Lost and Found
Please return any found items to the AAR Member Services desk in the Registration Area of the Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel. Any unclaimed items at the end of the meeting will be turned over to the hotel’s lost and found.

Name Badge Holders
Plastic name badge holders will be available in Registration.

Press Registration and Packet Pick-Up
Registration Area, lower level of the Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel.

Passport Booth
Northeast Hall, Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel. Please come by this booth to register or renew your passport, so that you can attend the 2009 AAR Annual Meeting in Montréal.
HOTEL LOCATOR MAP

HOTEL INFORMATION

1. Chicago Hilton Towers
   720 South Michigan Avenue
   Chicago, IL 60605
   Phone: 312-922-4400

2. Palmer House Hilton
   17 East Monroe Street
   Chicago, IL 60603
   Phone: 312-726-7500

3. Essex Inn
   800 South Michigan Avenue
   Chicago, IL 60605
   Phone: 312-939-2800

4. Silversmith Hotel
   10 South Wabash Avenue
   Chicago, IL 60603
   Phone: 312-372-7696

5. Hampton Majestic Chicago
   22 West Monroe Street
   Chicago, IL 60603
   Phone: 312-332-5052

SHUTTLE SERVICE

A complimentary shuttle service will be available to transport attendees between the meeting sites. Pick-ups and drop-offs will be at the Chicago Hilton Towers and the Palmer House Hilton. Annual Meetings attendees who require special transportation assistance may check at the information stations at Registration for assistance.
ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Please visit the AAR Member Services Desk located in Registration if you encounter any problems with accessibility in Annual Meeting locations. The Easy Access Chicago Guide can be picked up at the Member Services Desk.

Shuttle service is available to meeting hotels for the convenience of Annual Meeting attendees, including a barrier-free bus. Please notify the shuttle attendant at the bus stop if you require assistance.

If shuttle service is not adequate to meet an attendee's physical needs in navigating official Annual Meeting locations, AAR will reimburse the cost of making alternative arrangements (i.e., a private taxi). To receive the reimbursement, please submit all taxi receipts with a letter detailing the nature of your physical disability and the Annual Meeting locations that were inaccessible no later than January 31, 2009. Only travel between official Annual Meeting locations (hotels listed on the Hotel Locator page in this Program Book) will be covered.

Please see http://easyaccesschicago.org/transportation/ for a list of accessible transportation options.

Wheelchair Rental Companies
- The Mobility Shop
  3334 Commercial Avenue
  Northbrook, IL 60062
  847-412-9000
  888-404-5554
  www.themobilityshop.com
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  www.medservdm.com

LOUNGES

Mothers...
Need a quiet place to nurse your baby? Visit the Women's Lounge in CHT-PDR 6.

Find a place of respite and quiet reflection in the Prayer Lounge in CHT-Conference 4A.

Students - Enjoy the comforts of the Student Lounge in CHT-PDR 7.
ANNUAL MEETING JOB CENTER

Held this year in the Northwest Hall of the Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel, the Job Center at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion provides employers and candidates with interview facilities, a message service center, job listings, and candidate credentials for review.

All Annual Meeting registrants are invited to visit the center; those who expect to be conducting a job search at future Annual Meetings are especially encouraged to tour the center, particularly after the center's busiest time on Saturday, November 1.

LOCATION

Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel, Northwest Hall

Job Center Hours of Service

Fri., October 31, Registration Only ............ 7:00 PM-9:00 PM*
Sat., November 1 ........................................ 8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Sun., November 2 ......................................... 8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Mon., November 3 ....................................... 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

*On Friday, October 31 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, the Job Center will be open with the exception of the interview hall. Registrants are encouraged to review CVs and position advertisements, utilize the message center, and make or confirm interview reservations. Registration will be open for those who need to register onsite.

CANDIDATE SERVICES

All registered candidates receive:

- Opportunity to file a CV for employer review.
- Access to the Job Center message system to send and receive 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 Job Center. Those who registered by October 13 had the option of uploading an electronic CV.

Organized by job classification, the online CVs are available to employers through January 31, 2009 and onsite at the Annual Meeting Job Center. Onsite registrants and those who did not upload their CV by the deadline may bring two copies to the Job Center to be filed alphabetically. Please see www.aarweb.org/jump/jobcenter for more information.

Candidate Fees

Preregistration: $25
Onsite registration: $50

EMPLOYER SERVICES

All registered employers receive:

- Use of the Interview Hall and the ability to invite any Annual Meeting registrant to an interview.
- Placement of job advertisement in the Annual Meeting Edition of Job Postings, available onsite to all candidates.
- Job Center icon next to Job Postings Online job advertisement.
- Access to candidate credentials, in print at the Job Center and online through January 31, 2009.
- Access to the Job Center message system to send and receive confidential communication with registered candidates.
- Ability to reserve a Private Interview Room for an additional fee.

Employers who register onsite will not be able to reserve Private Interview Rooms or Interview Hall space prior to arriving onsite.

Employer Fees

First job: $275 ($325 onsite)
Each additional job: $60 ($85 onsite)
Forty-seven years after John F. Kennedy became the first successful Roman Catholic contender for a White House previously occupied only by Protestant men, Americans again have watched candidates for the White House publicly confront questions about their religious beliefs. Scrutiny over both Mitt Romney's and Barack Obama's respective church affiliations dominated early and late primaries. More recently, the Pentecostal roots and evangelical credentials of Vice President nominee Sarah Palin have shored up post-convention Republican support and raised questions about how her beliefs would influence public policy. In this charged atmosphere, the Religion and Media Workshop invites you to discuss Election 2008 with nationally-renown reporters and scholars. Sessions include:

- **Making Religion in the Public Square**
  - Steve Waldman (co-founder and CEO of Beliefnet.com)
  - Christian Lundberg (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

- **When “Mitt’s a Mormon” Is News**
  - Kathleen Flake (Vanderbilt Divinity School)
  - Melissa Proctor (Harvard University)
  - Manya Brachear (The Chicago Tribune)

- **Race and Religion in the Race for the White House**
  - Dwight N. Hopkins (University of Chicago)
  - Melissa Harris-Lacewell (Princeton University)

- **Roundtable on Evangelicalism and Politics**
  - Sociologist Michael Lindsay (Rice University)
  - Journalist Jeff Sharlet (www.TheRevealer.org)
  - Historian Randall Balmer (Columbia University)
  - BBC journalist Jane Little

See the registration form on page 10.
Taking Religion(s) Seriously: What Students Need to Know
An Annual Meeting Leadership Workshop
Friday, October 31, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Krista Tippett, the host of Minnesota Public Radio's popular Speaking of Faith program, will open the Academic Relations Committee's annual Leadership Workshop during the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Chicago on Friday, October 31.

The daylong workshop, "Taking Religion(s) Seriously: What Students Need to Know," will explore the common goal of religion courses: that all students learn to think seriously about the ways religion impacts public life and their role as citizens. In this workshop we will investigate what this goal entails and then invite participants to consider how the curriculum they oversee addresses (or could address) it; how the mission and culture of their institution shapes this objective; and how it might contribute to assessment of their program’s effectiveness.

The interactive workshop will feature several speakers, panelists, and breakout sessions. Following the opening introduction by Chester Gillis, Georgetown University, Tippett will open with a discussion of "Educating Students for Public Life." After questions and answers, a panel discussion will follow, addressing "How does the goal that all students learn to think seriously about the ways religion impacts public life and their role as citizens interact with the mission and culture of your institution?" The concluding plenary will concentrate on a principal question: "How should this goal be assessed and how do you assess it?"

The workshop will expand a specific area addressed by the Teagle Foundation-funded "The Religion Major and Liberal Education," which guided the theme of last year's Leadership Workshop. Colleagues in your institution, such as chairs, other faculty members, faculty being developed to assume leadership responsibilities, and deans, may be interested in attending this workshop. Chairs may want to bring a team of faculty or send a designated faculty person.

Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.

The cost for the workshop is $100, which includes the entire day of sessions, lunch, and a book on the topic. The Leadership Workshop is arranged by the Academic Relations Committee. Members are Fred Glennon, chair, Chester Gillis, L. DeAne Lagerquist, Steve Young, Rosetta Ross, Edwin David Aponte, and Kyle Cole, staff liaison.

Preliminary Agenda:

9:00 AM–9:15 AM Introductions
9:15 AM–9:45 AM Educating Students for Public Life
9:45 AM–10:15 AM Break-out Session
10:15 AM–11:00 AM Discussion: How does this interact with the mission and culture of your institution?
11:00 AM–12:00 PM Break-out Session
12:00 PM–1:15 PM Lunch
1:15 PM–2:00 PM Assessment of your institution: Addressing the question—How should this be assessed and how do you assess it?
2:00 PM–3:30 PM Plenary session on objectives and assessments

For more information, contact Kyle Cole, Director of Professional Programs, at kcole@aarweb.org, or by phone at 404-727-1489.

The Leadership Workshop is arranged by the Academic Relations Committee of the American Academy of Religion, chaired by Fred Glennon.

See the registration form on page 10.
RELIGION AND MEDIA WORKSHOP
Friday, October 31, 2008
Participation is limited to the first 50 registrants.

Name
Institution
Mailing Address
Phone
Fax
E-mail

Registration is US$55 before October 30, 2008, or US$70 onsite (fee includes lunch).

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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
Friday, October 31, 2008
Participation is limited to the first 75 registrants.

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Department
Institution
Serving as Chair Since ____________________________ Number of Faculty in Department ____________________________
Mailing Address ____________________________
Phone Fax
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PROGRAM UNIT PROPOSALS

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 15, 2008. The Program Committee meets each December to review and approve any proposals. 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 the unit from other existing program units.

Additional information required:

- 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.
- Provide the unit's Call for Papers (125 words or less) in case the unit is accepted.

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. Seminars are limited to a lifespan of five years.

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.

Interested in learning more about the process?
Come to the How to Propose a New Program Unit session (A2-281) on Sunday, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm in CHT-PDR1.
AAR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

With more than 11,000 members, the American Academy of Religion (AAR) is the world's largest organization serving teachers, scholars, and other professionals in the field of religion. AAR members are affiliated with institutions of higher education, and are also media and publishing professionals, clergy, independent scholars, high school teachers, and non-profit community workers. The professional diversity of the AAR's membership reflects the substantial and growing role religion plays in the lives of individuals and communities as well as social, political, and economic events worldwide. Through academic conferences and meetings, publications, and a variety of programs and membership services, the Academy fosters excellence in the scholarship and teaching of religion.

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Editor: Charles A. Mathewes, University of Virginia.

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A30-100
Sustainability Task Force Meeting
10:00 am-4:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4G
Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

A31-100
Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Boulevard A
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, Presiding

A31-101
Leadership Workshop
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Astoria
Krista Tippett, Speaking of Faith, Presiding
Theme: Taking Religion(s) Seriously: What Students Need to Know
That all students learn to think seriously about the ways religion(s) impacts public life and their role as citizens may be a common goal of religion courses offered at all sorts of institutions; however this objective is not always articulated and may be submerged in more specialized concerns. In this workshop we explore what this goal entails and then invite chairs to consider how the curriculum they oversee addresses (or could address) it; how the mission and culture of their institution shapes this objective; and how it might contribute to assessment of their program’s effectiveness. Exchange of experience and ideas will be central to the day’s work.
Panelists:
Steve Young, McHenry County College
L. DeAnE Lagerquist, Saint Olaf College
Ellen LeVee, Spertus College
James Kenneth Echols, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Responding:
Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University
Separate registration is required. See page 9 for further details.

A31-102
Religion and Media Workshop
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Waldorf
The roundtable discussion on Faith, Fundamentalism, and First Families will last from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm.
Kaley Middlebrooks Carpenter, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Jenna Titusman, University of North Carolina and Auburn Media, Presiding
Theme: Religion in the Race for the White House
Forty-seven years after John F. Kennedy became the first successful Roman Catholic contender for a White House previously occupied only by Protestant men, Americans again have watched candidates for the White House publicly confront questions about their religious beliefs. Scrutiny over both Mitt Romney’s and Barack Obama’s respective church affiliations dominated early and late primaries. More recently, the Pentecostal roots and evangelical credentials of Vice President nominee Sarah Palin have stirred up post-convention Republican support and raised questions about how her beliefs would influence public policy. In this charged atmosphere, the Religion and Media Workshop invites you to discuss Election 2008 with nationally-renown reporters and scholars.
Panelists:
Christian Lundberg, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Steve Waldman, Beliefnet
Melissa Proctor, Harvard University
Manya Brachear, Chicago Tribune
Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University
Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Princeton University
Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago
D. Michael Lindsay, Rice University
Jeffrey Sharlet, New York University
Randall Balmer, Columbia University
Jane Little, Freelance Journalist, Former BBC Reporter
Separate registration is required. See page 8 for further details.
### AAR Annual Meeting Program: Friday Afternoon

**M31-101**
North American Paul Tillich Society  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Madison  
Theme: Contemporary Theology Responds to Tillich  
Matthew Aaron Tennant, University of Oxford  
*Tillich and the Wild Things: Evil and Transformative Soteriology*  
Todd Bates, University of Central Florida  
*Tillich and the Ontology of the "Homo Sacer" — Bare Life and Sovereign Power*  
Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College  
Paul Tillich Theology of Religions for Comparative Theology  
Jim Champion, Inver Hills Community College  
Ernst Becker and Paul Tillich: Cultural Meaning and the Encounter with Death

**M31-102**
North American Association for the Study of Religion Executive Council Meeting  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Pullman Boardroom

**M31-103**
Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board of Directors Meeting  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-McCormick Boardroom

**A31-103**

**Women's Caucus Workshop**  
12:00 pm-3:00 pm  
CHT-Williford A  
Paula Trimble-Familetti, Chapman University, Presiding  
Donna Freitas, Boston University  
The Second Shift of Academia: Making Smart Decisions about Writing, Publishing, and Audience  
Arisika Razak, California Institute of Integral Studies  
Honoring the Differences that Help Us Build Strong Alliances  
Melissa Stewart, Adrian College  
Tell Us Your Issues and Needs as a Woman in the Field of Religion

**M31-200**
North American Association for the Study of Religion  
1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Boulevard C  
Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding  
Theme: The Case(s) of Turkey: From Secularization to De-Secularization?  
Michael Brett Wilson, Duke University  
Secularism and the Qur'an: Dealing with an Arabic Qur'an in the Context of Turkish Nationalism  
Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside  
Is the Secular Study of Religion in Turkey a Western "Imposition"?  
Refika Sarionder, University of Bielefeld  
Alevi and Turkish Secularism  
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University  
Body Symbols and Media Events: How Islamicist Politics and Women's Veiling Became a Major Constitutional Challenge of Turkish Secularism

**M31-201**
Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship  
1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-PDR 3  
1:00 Business Meeting  
George Hunsinger, Hazel Thompson  
McCord Professor of Systematic Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Thomas F. Torrance’s Theology of the Sacraments with Special Emphasis on the Eucharist  
See www.tftorrance.org for more information.

**M31-203**
North American Paul Tillich Society  
1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4K  
Theme: Tillich as Catalyst of Personal Transformation  
Echol Nix, Furman University  
Tillich as Apologetic Preacher: Theology in the Form of Sermons  
Courtney Wilder, Midland Lutheran College  
Reading Martin Luther King Jr. as a Tillichian: “The Courage to Be” and “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop”  
Nathaniel Holmes Jr., St. Thomas University  
Paul Tillich and the Gospel of Prosperity

**M31-204**
Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board of Directors Meeting  
1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
PH-Salon 1

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**Location Key:**  
CHT = Chicago Hilton Towers  
PH = Palmer House Hilton  
Maps located on pages 14-25

_AAR Annual Meeting Program_
M31-206
Bonhoeffer Society: Editorial Board, Board of Directors, and Annual Meeting
1:00 pm-6:00 pm
CHT-Grand Tradition Room

A. Gregory Schneider, Pacific Union College, California, and Mei Ann Teo, Artist-in-Residence, Pacific Union College
Knowing through Becoming — Exercises in Documentary Theater: Reflections on Red Books: Our Search for Ellen White
PCR Annual Dinner to follow at a local restaurant. Exact location TBA.

M31-300
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Theme: Teaching Spirituality Well
Catholic Theological Union Courtyards 2 and 3
5401 S. Cornell Ave
Chicago IL 60615
All are welcome. CTU can be reached via Metra trains, CTA buses, and cab; a bus will also be provided from the Annual Meeting site, returning after our evening reception. For details, visit sccs.press.jhu.edu/annual_meeting/index.html
Those staying for the evening program may RSVP for dinner ($10.00) at CTU’s dining room. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Anita Houck at ahouch@stmarys.edu.

M31-210
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group (formerly Person, Culture, and Religion)
2:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 7
2:00 pm-3:45 pm Diane Jonte-Pace, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Theme: Book Panel: Mourning Religion
Bill Parsons, Diane Jonte-Pace, and Susan Henking, eds., University of Virginia Press, 2008
Panelists:
Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary
Naomi Goldenberg, University of Ottawa
Responding:
Celia Brickman, Center for Religion and Psychotherapy, Chicago
William Parsons, Rice University
Susan Henking, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
3:45-4:00 pm Break
4:00-5:00 pm Sebastian Murken, University of Trier, Germany
Heavenly Services: Psychological Reflections on Today’s Attractiveness of Angels
5:15-6:30 pm Praxis Reflection

M31-305
Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental C
Sandra Costen Kunz, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding
Sascha de Lac, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, and Paula Arai, Louisiana State University
The Body and the Mind: Buddhist Bowing and Neuroscience
Robert Aitken, Roshi, Diamond Sangha, Hawaii
"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory": Zen and the Two-Hemisphere Brain
Noreen Herzfeld, St. John’s University, Collegeville
"Your Cell Will Teach You Everything": How Practice Shapes Thought in Neuroscience and Early Christian Monasticism
Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University
Cognitive Error and Contemplative Practices: The Cultivation of Discernment in Mind and Heart
Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
Verbal Imagining: Scientific Reflection on Visual Cognition in Light of Traditional Tibetan and Christian Theologies of the Image

M31-304
North American Association for the Study of Religion
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C
Luther H. Martin, University of Vermont, Presiding
Theme: The Testability of Cognitive Theories of Religion
Justin L. Barrett, Oxford University
So Counterintuitiveness Helps Explain Religion: What’s the Evidence?

Symbol Key:
2008 US Elections
AAR Award Winners
Art Series
Books Under Discussion
Business Meeting
Especially for Students
Film
New Program Unit
Professional Pracitces & Institutional Location Sessions
Receptions and Breakfast
Sustainability and Religion
South Asian Scholars & Scholarship
Student Sessions
AAR
FRIDAY AFTERNOON

M31-306
North American Paul Tillich Society
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Theme: Explorations and Expositions of Themes in Tillich
Christian Danz, University of Vienna
Symbols Are "The Language of Religion": The Conditions of Tillich's Theory of Symbol in His Early Writings
Guy Hammond, Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Unconditionality without Sovereignty: Tillich, Caputo, and the Minimalist Theologies of Postmodernity
Jan-Olav Henriksen, Norwegian School of Theology
Tillich and Eros in Light of Marion's Erotic Phenomena

M31-307
Karl Barth Society of North America
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South

Keith Johnson, Wheaton College
"The Invention of the Antichrist?" Reconsidering Barth’s Rejection of the Analogia Entis
Kevin Hector, University of Chicago
Election and the Trinity: How My Mind Has Changed

M31-400
Søren Kierkegaard Society
6:30 pm-9:00 pm

Theme: Kierkegaard and Ramanuja
6:30 pm Banquet (Location TBA)
8:00 pm Merigala Gabriel, Madras, Christian College
Kierkegaard and Ramanuja

M31-404
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B

Chakravathi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding
Theme: Perspectives in Indian Philosophy of the Mind
Judy Saltzman, California Polytechnic Institute
Cosmic Order and Hierarchy in Vedanta and Neo-Platonism
Douglas L. Berger, Southern Illinois University
The Embodiment of Self-Consciousness: Reconfiguring Nyaya Ontology toward a Proposed Solution of the Problem of Interaction
Purushottama Bilamoria, Deakin University
The Rise and Fall of Dualist Accounts of the Mind: East and West

A31-104
Job Center Orientation
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
CHT-Northwest Hall
Jessica B. Davenport, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

A31-105
Welcome Reception
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
CHT-Grand Ballroom

Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago, Presiding
Join your friends and colleagues for conversation and fun at the Welcome Reception. Wine and cheese, and live jazz combine to make this a great way to catch up with friends old and new. The Exhibit Hall will be open during the reception time to give you a sneak peek at all the exhibits!
Don’t forget to get a Montréal postcard by participating exhibitors and drop it off at the AAR booth to be entered into a $250 giveaway!

M31-411
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Theme: Art and Spirituality: A Reflective Exploration
The Art Gallery
Catholic Theological Union
5416 S. Cornell Ave.
Chicago IL 60615

All are welcome. A light reception will be included. CTU can be reached via Metra trains, CTA buses, and cab; a bus will also be provided from the Annual Meeting site before our afternoon session, returning downtown after the evening reception. For details, please check our website at http://sscs.press.jhu.edu/annual_meeting/index.html. For more information, please contact Anita Houck, Secretary, at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.
Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies (SARTS)
7:00 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-Continental B

Theme: Reception and Lecture by Judith Dupré: Building as Being: The Ethical Function of Architecture

The reception will include a remembrance and recognition of the life and work of John Dillenberger. The evening program will feature a lecture by Judith Dupré, with commentary by some of Chicago's most renowned architects. Dupré is author of six illustrated non-fiction books including Skyscrapers (1996, 2008) and Churches (2005). Non members as well as members are welcome to this event.

M31-413

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
7:00 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-Joliet

Amy Allocco, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: Constructing and Crossing Religious Boundaries in South Asia: A Discussion with International Visiting Scholars

Panelists:
Tissa Balasuriya, Centre for Society and Religion, Colombo
K. Srinivasan, Vivekananda College, Chennai
Responding:
Paul M. Collins, University of Chichester

A31-106

Film Series: Haro Hara! Pilgrimage to Kataragama, Sri Lanka
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-PDR 1

Samuel Holt, New York, NY, Presiding

This film chronicles the journey of a group of pilgrims down the war-torn east coast of Sri Lanka. The film documents the pilgrims as they meet with holy men, perform never before recorded religious acts and proceed peacefully through areas plagued with conflict, on their way to Kataragama, the site of a multi-religious festival in Southeast Sri Lanka. The film was shot in 2003 and 2004, capturing a world where peace was a possibility and a vibrant, tolerant culture would prevail, if given the chance. Haro Hara presents archival footage of a peaceful Sri Lanka and promotes the hope that, just as the pilgrims return to Kataragama every year, so, too, will peace and prosperity return to the island.

M31-414

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-PDR 2

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding

A Son's Sacrifice (2007), dir. Yoni Brook (27 minutes).

Antonio D. Sison, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

This film follows the journey of Imran, a young American Muslim who struggles to take over his father's halal slaughterhouse in New York City. A first-generation American, Imran must confront his mixed heritage (Puerto Rican and Bangladeshi) and gain acceptance from his father's immigrant community at the traditional storefront slaughterhouse. On the holiest day of the year, Imran must lead a sacrifice that will define him as a Muslim, an American, and a son.


Kevin Lewis, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Presiding

An angel appears to Jonas in his sleep announcing glad tidings... "the sea will birth a miracle... a multiplication of fish here and now." But the miracle is shrouded in mystery and Jonas needs to unlock the secret of the ancient code "ICHTHUS." He finds himself searching for clues in his childhood haunt, a humble fishing village along Lingayen Gulf, in the northern Philippine province of Pangasinan. In a journey that is as much inward as it is outward, Jonas inadvertently casts his net into the hidden regions of a parable. Ichthus is a mythic-poetic short film written and lensed by Chicago-based Filipino theologian Antonio Sison.

Mouseholes (1999), dir. Helen Hill (8 minutes).

Experimental film-maker Helen Hill (1970–2007) created Mouseholes using hand-crafted animation and integrating sequences of different kinds of image, including animated cut-out puppet figures, still photos, home movie snippets, simple drawing, and a bit of traditional film. Thematically, Mouseholes treats the dying and death of her beloved grandfather, a long retired railroad worker, followed by his envisioned resurrection to join pre-deceased aunts at a tea party in heaven, and finally then by Hill's concluding quick rumination on the possibility of opening a channel of communication with him (and for him) metaphorically through enabling mouseholes.

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* AAR Annual Meeting Program *
M31-419
Polanyi Society
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-PDR 3
Theme: Symposium on Tony Clark’s Divine Revelation and Human Response (Some Polanyian Reflections)
Panelists:
Chris Kettler, Friends University
Walter Mead, Illinois State University; President of Polanyi Society
Responding:
Tony Clark, Friends University
Followed by open discussion.

M1-1
European Society of Women in Theological Research
7:00 am-8:45 am
CHT-Conference Room 41
Theme: Explorations — The Future Role of the North American ESWTR

M1-2
North American Paul Tillich Society Board Meeting
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-Clark 9

A1-3
Graduate Student Committee Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
PH-Sandburg 6
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

A1-4
International Members’ Breakfast
7:30 am-8:45 am
CHT-Lake Michigan
Richard Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding
Breakfast and question and answer session for international members of the AAR.

A1-5
New Members Continental Breakfast
7:30 am-8:45 am
CHT-AAR Suite
John R. Fitzmier, AAR, Presiding
New (first-time) AAR members in 2008

M1-4
Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
PH-Indiana

M1-5
La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion at the AAR and SBL Board Meeting and Panel Discussion
8:00 am-10:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4G
are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.
A1-101

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding
Theme: Milton Matters: A Quadracentennial Consideration of His Reception
David L. Simmons, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Prometheus and Paradise Lost: Transformations of Milton's Satan in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
"Ride On, King Jesus": Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained in Negro Spirituals
Joshua Pederson, Boston University
Surprised by Syntax: Paradise Lost, City of Glass, and the Fall of Language
Jeremy Garber, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Fantastic Theological Anthropology in Milton's Paradise Lost, Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials, and Neil Gaiman's The Sandman

A1-102

Buddhism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental B
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding
Theme: From San Juan to Sukhavati: Reflections on Buddhist Studies and the Career of Luis O. Gomez
Panelists:
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College
Clair W. Huntington, Hartwick College
Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley
Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

A1-103

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Religion in South Asia Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 3
Bill Wust, Meghan Warren, and Heidi Waymire, Northern Arizona University, are co-authors of Bruce Sullivan's paper.
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Globalization and South Asian Religions: Redefining the Discourse beyond Diaspora
Panelists:
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University
Hanna H. Kim, New York University
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Sangeetha Ekambaram, Syracuse University
Karen Pechilis, Drew University
Steven W. Ramey, University of Alabama
Frank J. Korom, Boston University
Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

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A1-104

History of Christianity Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: Practices of Seeing in the History of Christianity

Ann M. Caron, St. Joseph College
Practices of Seeing: Vehicles of Meditation and Devotion

Emma J. Anderson, University of Ottawa
Devil in the Details: Visual Rhetoric and Historical Misrepresentation in Depictions of the "North American Martyrs," 1649-Present

Amy Ann Slagle, University of Southern Mississippi
Seeing Multiplicity: Eastern Orthodox Icons as Mirrors of American Ethnic Diversity

Rosanne Morici, Syracuse University
Spirit as Surface: The Iconophilia of Kandinsky's On the Spiritual in Art

Responding:
Kristin Schwain, University of Missouri, Columbia

Business Meeting:
Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University, and Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding

David Corner, California State University, Sacramento

Nathaniel Barrett, Boston University
Evolutionary Alternatives for Philosophy of Religion: Looking Past Evolutionary Psychology to a Wider Field of Possibilities

A1-105

North American Religions Section and Afro-American Religious History Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-International Ballroom South

Philip K. Goff, Indiana University and Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

Theme: Albert Raboteau's No-Longer-'Invisible Institution': An Anniversary Retrospective

Panelists:
Dennis C. Dickerson, Vanderbilt University
Mark Noll, University of Notre Dame
Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia
Curtis Evans, University of Chicago
Paul W. Harvey, University of Colorado

Responding:
Albert J. Raboteau, Princeton University

Business Meeting:
Philip K. Goff, Indiana University and Purdue University, Indianapolis, and Kathleen Plake, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A1-106

Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard A

Kevin Schilbrack, Wesleyan College, Presiding

Theme: Evolutionary Theory and Religion

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University
Are Evolutionary/Cognitive Theories of Religion Relevant for Philosophy of Religion?

Neil Arner, Yale University
Christian Engagements with Evolutionary Accounts of Morality

A1-107

Study of Islam Section and Law, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Sayeed Rahman, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: At the Crossroads of Religion, Law, and Society: Fatwas as Sites for the Study of Islamic History and Legal Authority

Juan Camilo Gomez-Rivas, Willamette University
Ibn Rushd al-Jaddi's Fatwas to Marrakesh

Josie Hendrickson, Emory University
Is al-Andalus Different? Authority and Tradition in Three Mālikī Fatwas on Trading with the Enemy

Justin Stearns, Middlebury College
"There Are No Good Doctors Anymore": Expert Knowledge in Early Modern Muslim Legal Decisions

Muhammad Khalid Masud, Council of Islamic Ideology
Istīfa’ as a Discourse on Religious Authority

Responding:
Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto
Women and Religion Section  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Wilson  

Rosemarie Bernard and Sharmin Sadequee have withdrawn from the session.

Isra Yazicioglu, St Joseph's University, Presiding

Theme: Muslim Women: History, Theory, and Practice of Faith

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

American Muslim Women Scholars and the Study of Gender Issues in Islam

Tracy Hawkins, Claremont Graduate University

Transformative Power in an Unexpected Place: The Unique Position of Second-Generation Immigrant Shi'i Muslim American Women.

Mary Nyangweso, Drew University

Negotiating Agency, Culture, and Religion: A Case of Muslim Women in Kenya

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-PDR 3

Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, Presiding

Theme: Augustine and the Secular

John Penniman, Emory University

"Seek More Profitable Sights": Augustine, Secular Spectatorship, and the Spectacles of the Church

Jeffrey Biebighauser, University of Nottingham

Pagan Sacraments? Ontology and Theurgy in Augustine

William D. Wood, University of Notre Dame

Power, Deception, and the Political Imagination in Blaise Pascal's Pensées

Eric Bugyis, Yale University

From Augustinian Appetitus to Kantian Urteilskraft in the Political Thought of Hannah Arendt

Business Meeting:

Robert P. Kennedy, St. Francis Xavier University, Presiding

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4J

Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: Bible and the Arts: Reception of the Bible, Its Invocations, and Applications in the Arts within the Context of Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities in the United States

Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame

The Bible and Africana Esotericism—Toward an Architectonic for Interdisciplinary Study

Charlene Moore Cooper, Howard University

Musical Interpretations of Biblical Passages: The African American Influence

Valerie Bridgeman Davis, Memphis Theological Seminary

"When You Have Forgotten Sunday": Biblical Overtures in the Poetry of Gwendolyn Brooks and Other African American Women

Business Meeting:

Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
SATURDAY MORNING

A1-112 ★
Confucian Traditions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 1
Jennifer Eichman, Seton Hall University, Presiding
Theme: Confucian Ethics: A Panel Discussion on New Directions in the Field
Panelists:
Bryan Van Norden, Vassar College
Aaron D. Stalnaker, Indiana University, Bloomington
Responding:
Mark Larrimore, The New School
Eric Gregory, Princeton University
Business Meeting:
Keith Knapp, The Citadel, Presiding

A1-113
Contemporary Pagan Studies Group and Religion and Popular Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford B
Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania, Presiding
Theme: Talking with the Dead
Sonja Spear, Indiana University, Indianapolis
Haunted Irvington: Civic Pride, Memory, and the Klan
Anne R. Key, California Institute of Integral Studies
"Los Muertos Tienen Sed, los Vivos Culpas" (The Dead Are Thirsty, and the Living Are Culpable): The Use of Image in Rituals Honoring the Ancestors in Pre-Conquest and Modern Mexico
Chas S. Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, and Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach
Campus Pagans and the Day of the Dead: Civil Religion and Cultural Boundaries
Jason Winslade, DePaul University
"When the Veils Are Thin": An Occult Performance Theory
Adrian Harris, University of Winchester
The Halloween of Cross Bones

A1-114
Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Grand Tradition Room
Richard King, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Representing and Performing Indigenous Religions in Drama, Ethnography, and State Spectacle
Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
To Be Possessed: "Religion" and the Purification of Spirits
Michael Zogry, University of Kansas
Lost in Conflation: Visual Culture and Constructions of the Category of Religion
David A. Shefferman, Manhattan College
Transforming Tourism: "Religion," Visual Culture, and the Exuberance of Cuban State Spectacle
Responding:
Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University

A1-115
Ecclesiological Investigations Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford C
Michael Attridge, University of St. Michael's College, Presiding
Theme: Consensus Statements on the Church: What Remains Divisive?
Barry A. Ensign-George, Presbyterian Church (USA)
Denomination as Ecclesiological Category: Sketching an Assessment
Pieter De Witte, Catholic University of Leuven
The Church as the Communion of Justified Sinners: Lutheran-Roman Catholic Ecclesiological Dialogues in the Wake of the "Joint Declaration"
Dennis M. Doyle, University of Dayton
Eucharistic Hospitality as an Ecumenical Sticking Point: The United States's United Methodist–Roman Catholic Document Through Divine Love
Phyllis Zagano, Hofstra University
Consensus Statements on the Church and Women's Ordination
Miriam Haar, Trinity College, Dublin
Apostolicity: Continuity and Discontinuity

A1-116
Korean Religions Group and World Christianity Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 7
Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Theme: Women and Christianity in East Asia
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
Christianity and Women in China
Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School
Reclaiming Theological Significance of Women's Religious Choice-in-Differential
**A1-117 Practical Theology Group**

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

CHT-Continental C

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *The Use of Power in Arenas of Practical Theology*

- Annemie Dillen, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
  - *Power, Justice, Asymmetry, and Relationality in Pastoral Care and Parent-Child Relationships*

- Lynn Bridgers, College of Santa Fe
  - *Fiduciary Trust: Transference, Counter-transference, and Power in Academic Teaching*

- Karen-Marie Yust, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education
  - *The Temptations of Power and Practices for Teachers' Resistance*

- Doug Gay, University of Glasgow
  - *Moving Power: The Politics of Worship*

**Responding:**

- Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University

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**A1-118 Qur'an Group**

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

CHT-Boulevard B

Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: *The Disobedient Prophet? Tensions between Qur'anic Verses and Prophetic Practice*

Jonathan Brown, University of Washington

- *Is the Devil in the Details? Tension between Minimalism and Comprehensiveness in the Production of Religious Law in the Life of the Prophet*

Rume Ahmed, University of Virginia

- *To Forgive Is Human, to Slay Divine: Muhammad's Response to an Imperative to "Slay the Pagans Wherever You Find Them" (Q. 9:5)*

Ayesha Chaudhry, New York University

- *I Wanted One Thing and God Wanted Another*: The Dilemma of the Prophetic Example and the Qur'anic Injunction on Wife-Beating

Scott Lucas, University of Arizona

- *Perhaps You Only Kissed Her?* Muhammad's Attitude to Sexual Crimes in Sunni Hadith Literature

**Responding:**

- Kecia Ali, Boston University

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**A1-119 Reformed Theology and History Group**

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

PH-Salon 8-9

Sheldon W. Sorge, Louisville Institute, Presiding

Theme: *The Significance of Confession in the Reformed Tradition*

Hannah Cleugh, University of Oxford

- *"To Give Account of His Faith": The Contested Place of Confession in English Reformed Baptism*

Donald Wood, University of Aberdeen

- *The Relative Authority of Church Confession*

Ian Hazlett, University of Glasgow

- *Were Reformed Confessions Essential to Witness or Were They Contingent Expedients?*

Jeffrey Wilcox, Marquette University

- *Neither by Creed nor Confession: The Trinitarian Theology and Reluctant Confessionalism of Moses Stuart*

**Business Meeting:**

- Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, and Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding

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**Symbol Key:**

- Books Under Discussion
- Professional Practices & Institutional Location Services
- Business Meeting
- Business Meeting Especially for Students
- Business Meeting Film
- Business Meeting New Program Visit
- Business Meeting Reception and Breakfast
- Business Meeting Sustainability and Religion
- Business Meeting South Asian Scholars & Scholarship
- Business Meeting Tours
- Business Meeting Wildcard Session

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**AAAR Annual Meeting Program**

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A1-120

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford A
Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding
Theme: Teaching Peace
Le Anne Clausen, Chicago Theological Seminary
Unauthorized Peacemaking: Transforming Seminaries and Healing the World (Influences and Early Lessons from the Center for Faith and Peacemaking)
Anna Halafoff, Monash University
Netpeace: Multifaith and Secular-Religious Networks for Common Security
Elizabeth N. Agnew, Ball State University
Needs and "Nonviolent Communication": Peacemaking and the Religious Studies Curriculum
Atalia Omer, Harvard University
Religious Studies and the Study of Religion and Peace-building
Heidi Tauscher, Emory University
Atlanta World Pilgrims: An Interfaith Pedagogy for Peacemaking, Interreligious Cooperation, and Social Activism
Business Meeting:
Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding

A1-121

Schleiermacher Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Waldorf
Jan Rohls has withdrawn from the session.
Brent Sockness, Stanford University, Presiding
Theme: Schleiermacher Studies in Germany/Europe: New Avenues and Vistas
Panelists:
Andreas Arndt, Freie Universitaet Berlin
Friedrich Wilhelm Graf, University of Munich
Eilert Herms, University of Tuebingen
Cornelia Richter, Philippus-Universitat Marburg

A1-122

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 2
Cleo McNelly Kearns, Rutgers University, Presiding
Theme: Theology and Materialism
Joshua Delpech-Ramey, Rowan University
Immanent Spirits: Deleuze's Hermetic Materialism
Jacob Sherman, Cambridge University
Contesting Materialism: Philosophy, Theology, and the Bergson-Einstein Debate
Anthony Paul Smith, University of Nottingham
"Nature Is Not...": An Apophatic Critique of Nature
Business Meeting:
Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding

A1-123

Western Esotericism Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Erie
Allison P. Coudert, University of California, Davis, Presiding
Theme: Esotericism and the Visual Imagination
Joyce Pijnenburg, University of Amsterdam
The Role of Mental Imagery in Giordano Bruno's German Period Work
Tessel Bauduin, University of Amsterdam
"Entrée des Médiums": Mediumistic Art and Technique in Surrealism
Melvyn Draper, University of California, Davis
The Modern Magus: Austin Osman Spare and the Visible Underworld of the Soul
Matthew Rogers, Northwestern University
"By the Hoary Hosts of Hoggoth": Comic Book Occultism and Excursus Religion

A1-124

Animals and Religion Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Marquette
Heather Eaton, St. Paul University, Presiding
Theme: "Real" Animals and Religion
Esther D. Reed, University of Exeter
Animals in Orthodox Iconography
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Eternal Bonds: Pet Memorial Rituals and Conceptualizations of the Afterlife of Pets in Contemporary Japan
David Clough, University of Chester
The Anxiety of the Human Animal: Martin Luther on Animality and the Image of God
A1-126 Christianity and Academia Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 2
Diana Akiyama, Occidental College, Presiding
Panelists:
Michael G. Cartwright, University of Indianapolis
Mark Schwehn, Valparaiso University
Phillip J. Linden, Xavier University, Louisiana
Responding:
Nicholas Meriwether, Shawnee State University
Douglas Henry, Tualatin, OR
Business Meeting:
David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding

9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4D
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Harvey Whitehouse, and Justin Barrett, University of Oxford
The Cognitive Science of Religion: Foundational Principles and Future Priorities
Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Religion and Sexuality Consultation

9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 5-6

R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: Purity and Redemption: Practices of Sexual Bodies and Body Politics

Elizabeth Bucar, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
"Transing" Sex in Islam: The Case of Sex Change Operations in Iran

Karen Trimble Alliaume, Lewis University
Redeeming Sex: Religious and Feminist Rhetorics of Sexual Liberation and Virtuous Citizenship

Elizabeth Gish, Harvard University
High Priests and Princesses: Father-Daughter Purity Balls and the Sexual Purity Movement

Dominic Wetzel, City University of New York
Sexuality, Pentecostalism, and Charismatic Practices

Business Meeting:
R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University, Presiding

Robert Jackson has withdrawn from the session.

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding

Theme: Religion Education in Public Schools in Europe, the United States, and Asia

Florian Pohl, Emory University
Teaching Religion: Indonesia's National Curriculum and the Question of Religious Diversity

Wanda Alberts, University of Bremen
Teaching and Learning about Religion(s) in Secular School Contexts

Jeffrey Thibert, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Strengthening the Argument for Religious Education in American Public Schools (With a Little Help from Our International Friends)

Erik Owens, Boston College
Can/Should American Public Schools Teach Religious Freedom?

Koichi Mori, Doshisha University
Religious and Citizenship Education in Public Schools in Japan: A Comparison with the United States

Business Meeting:
Bruce Grele, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Religion Education in Public Schools: International Perspectives Consultation

9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Marshfield

Religion, Public Policy, and Political Change Consultation

9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard C

Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation

9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Astoria

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Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 4
Kate Ott, Religious Institute, Presiding
Theme: Keeping the Light: Third Wave Feminist Teaching and Activism
Panelists:
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Nami Kim, Spelman College
Aana Vigen, Loyola University, Chicago
Malinda Elizabeth Berry, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Business Meeting:
Kate Ott, Religious Institute, Presiding

Transhumanism and Religion Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Joliet
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding
Theme: Perspectives on Human Enhancement
Todd Daly, Urbana Theological Seminary
Returning to Eden: Reflections on the Transhumanist Vision of Extended Life with Respect to the Ascetic Tradition in the Desert Fathers
Jennifer Thweatt-Bates, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Glorified Body? Transhumanist Dualism and Theological Anthropology
Philip Douglas, Michigan State University
Brain Uploading: The Transhumanist Quest for Immortality
Stephen Garner, University of Auckland
Constructing a Theology of Technology in Response to Transhumanism
Responding:
Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

Colloquium on Violence and Religion
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Clark 3 and 4
Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Theme: For the Exploration, Criticism, and Development of Rene Girard's Mimetic Theory
9:00 am Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
Book Presentation: Beyond Sacred Violence: A Comparative Study of Sacrifice
Responding:
Thomas Wilson, Hamilton College
10:10 am Break
10:20 am Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School
Book Presentation: Saved from Sacrifice: A Theology of the Cross
Responding:
Jozef Niewiadomski, University of Innsbruck
Discussion will follow each presentation/response. Questions? Contact martha.reineke@uni.edu.
M1-102
Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Red Lacquer Room
Alice Keefe, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Presiding
Theme: Thomas Merton Forty Years after His Death: Buddhist and Christian Perspectives
Daijaku Judith Kinst, California Institute of Integral Studies
Self-Surrender in Merton’s Writings and Contemplative Psychology
Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University
Thomas Merton Meets Tibetan Buddhism
Paula Hirschboeck, Edgewood College
Non-dual Wisdom as Feminine: Sophia and Prajnaparamita in Merton’s Poem, “Hagia Sophia”
Kristin Johnston Largen, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg
Was Thomas Merton’s Soteriology Influenced by His Experience with Buddhism?

M1-106
North American Association for the Study of Religion
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-LaSalle 2
Bryan Rennie, Westminster College, Presiding
Theme: Religious Institutions in the Context of Finance Market Capitalism
Terry Rey and Suzanne Parlier, Temple University
What Is Religious Capital? Looking for Answers from Bourdieu to Stark
Anne Koch, University of Munich
Neo-Institutionalist Theses on a German Regional Yoga-market
Jeremy Carrette, University of Kent
Rachel McClary, Harvard University
Religion and Economic Development: A Two-Way Causation

M1-103
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Chicago
Theme: 2008 Presidential Address and Business Meeting
9:00 am Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
Under the Sign of Jonah: Studying Spirituality in a Time of Ecosystemic Crisis

M1-108
North American Paul Tillich Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Clark 1
Theme: Evangelical Responses to Tillich
David Barbee, University of Pennsylvania
What Would Paul Tillich Do? A Tillichian Contribution to Evangelical Ethics
Carlos Bovell, Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto
Can an Evangelical Say ‘That God Does Not Exist’?

M1-109
Soren Kierkegaard Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Price
David Gouwens, Brite Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard and Levinas
Presenters:
Martin Mataštik, Purdue University
M. J. Ferreira, University of Virginia
J. Aaron Simmons, Hendrix University
David Kangas, Pacific School of Religion

M1-112
Karl Barth Society of North America
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Clark 5
Theme: Panel Discussion on Nicea and Its Legacy by Lewis Ayres
Panelists:
Paul Molnar, St. John’s University
Kathryn Greene-McCreight, New Haven, CT
Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University
Responding:
Lewis Ayres, Duke University
M1-114
Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Indiana
John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Female Authority and Religious Power in Hindu Traditions: A Reappraisal of Grace Jantzen’s Power, Gender, and Christian Mysticism
David Buchta, University of Pennsylvania
An Honorary Male or an Honorary Non-female? Baladeva Vidyabhusana on Gargi Vacaknavi
Tracy Sayuki Tieheier, Loyola Marymount University
Engendering the “Mysticism” of the Alvars
Michelle Voss Roberts, Rhodes College
Power, Gender, and the Classification of a Kashmir Saiva Mystic
Antoinette E. DeNapoli, Emory University
“Crossing over the Ocean of Existence”: “Mystical Experience” and Religious Authority amongst the Female Hindu Suddus of Rajasthan
Responding:
Ella Johnson, University of St. Michael’s College
Panelists will make brief remarks based on abbreviated papers to make room for audience participation. Full papers will be made available in advance on the HCS listserv. To get copies after Oct. 15, please email: reid.locklin@utoronto.ca.
11:00 am Business Meeting

M1-116
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group (formerly Person, Culture, and Religion)
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-LaSalle 3
9:00 am-10:30 am Open Discussion of Works in Progress
New scholars and graduate students welcome!
10:30 am-11:30 am PCR Business Meeting/Elections
Kathleen Bishop and Pamela Cooper-White, PCR Co-Chairs

M1-117
Plenary Address
11:45 am-12:45 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Exploring the Soul of the Human Community
Poet Nikky Finney, a native of South Carolina, is an associate professor of creative writing at the University of Kentucky. She is also a founding member of the Afrilachian Poets, a community-based writing collective that, as the name suggests, acknowledges and celebrates the role African Americans have played in the development of the culture of Appalachia.
Finney is the author of a collection of short stories and two books of poetry, Wings Made of Gauze and Rice. She and her work are also featured in a video about the Afrilachian Poets, Coal Black Voices.
Panelists:
Nikky Finney, University of Kentucky

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Books Under Discussion
Business Meeting
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New Program Unit
Professional Practice & Instructional Location Sessions
Receptions and Breakfast
Sustainability and Religion
South Asian Scholars & Scholarship
Tours
Wildland Session

* AAR Annual Meeting Program *
Special Topics Forum
11:45 am-1:00 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan
Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: ATLA Graduate Student Luncheon: Careers beyond the Academy
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the American Theological Library Association
The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) and the AAR Graduate Student Committee cordially invite all doctoral students attending the Annual Meeting to gather for a panel conversation about the full spectrum of careers for those with advanced degrees in Religious Studies. PhD graduates will discuss their experiences working in fields outside of university teaching. The purpose of the luncheon is to provide a relaxed atmosphere for advanced graduate students to discuss very real questions about their future within the field. RSVP for this event at www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/RSVP/ATLA/main.asp.
Panelists:
Ernest Vasseur, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake Country
Beth Bidlack, University of Chicago
James Spinti, Eisenbrauns

North American Association for the Study of Religion Business Meeting
11:45 am-12:45 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room

Wildcard Session
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2
Slavoj Zizek has withdrawn from this panel.
Creston Davis, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: On the Relation between A/Theism and the Political; or, The Political Theology of the Void, Parmenides, and St. Paul
Alain Badiou, University of Paris Saint-Paul and the Politics of the Void
Ernesto Laclau, Northwestern University
The Multiple and Hegemony: Badiou's "Void" and the Via Negativa
Kenneth Reinhard, University of California, Los Angeles
There Is Something of One (God): Lacan and Political Theology
Mark C. Taylor, Columbia University
Holy Terror: A Political Ontology
Responding:
Kenneth Surin, Duke University

Buddhism Section and Women and Religion Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Lake Erie
Karen Derris, University of Redlands, Presiding
Theme: The New Nun’s Movement in Buddhism: Challenges, Debates, and Promise
Premakumara De Silva, University of Colombo
Discourse and Counter-discourse(s) on the New Bhikkhuni Order in Sri Lanka: An Ethnographical Inquiry
Hiroko Kawanami, Lancaster University
Caught between the International and the Local: Views of Burmese Nuns on the New Ordination Movement
**A1-203 Ethics Section**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Lake Huron

Jane Hicks, St. John Fisher College, Presiding  
Theme: Engineering Life: Current Issues in Biomedical Ethics

Cheng Peter T. C., La Trobe University  
A Framework to Reconcile Confucian East-Christian West Biomedical Perspectives on Human Cloning

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University  
Implications of the Papal Shift on Treatment of the Terminally Ill

Amy Michelle DeBaets, Emory University  
Patenting the Genome: A Christian Proposal

Responding:  
Ronald Green, Dartmouth College

Business Meeting:  
Jane Hicks, St. John Fisher College, and Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

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**A1-204 Religion and Politics Section and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Williford B

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, and Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding  
Theme: Pluralism and Peacemaking

Ebrahim Patel, Interfaith Youth Core  
The Kids Are Alright: Young People, Religious Extremism, and the Interfaith Movement

Helene Slessarey-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology  
Prophetic Activism in an Age of Empire

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University  
Roots of Peacemaking: Indigenizing America at Onondaga Lake

Ellen Van Stichel, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, and Julianne Funk Deckard, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven  
Political and Religious Motivations for Cross-Fertilization: Peace and a Catholic Theological Perspective

Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary  
War and Pluralism

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**A1-205 Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Waldorf

Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding  
Theme: Recent Authors Analyze Religion, Politics, and the Election

Panelists:  
D. Michael Lindsay, Rice University  
Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union  
Robert P. Jones, Center for American Progress

Responding:  
Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Princeton University

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**A1-206 Religion in South Asia Section**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Williford A

Alf Hiltibeitel, George Washington University, Presiding  
Theme: The Divine Child in South Asian Religious Traditions

Panelists:  
Shubha Pathak, American University  
Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen  
John Hawley, Barnard College  
Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa  
Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont McKenna College

Responding:  
Paula Richman, Oberlin College

Business Meeting:  
Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College, Presiding
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SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A1-207
Study of Islam Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Marquette

The Study of Islam Section’s business meeting has been moved to this session.
James W. Laine, Macalester College, Presiding

A1-208
Theology and Religious Reflection Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Continental B

Derek Simon, St. Thomas University, Presiding

A1-209
African Religions Group and Hinduism Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D

T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University, Presiding
Theme: Hinduism in Africa: Adaptation and Integration. P. Pratap Kumar, University of KwaZulu-Natal Patterns of immigration and Hindu Practices and Beliefs in South Africa and East Africa.

A1-211
Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 4

Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary, Presiding

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A1-212
Black Theology Group, and Men's Studies in Religion Group, and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Williford C
Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
Theme: Gendered Conversations between Black Females and Males
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University
Beyond "The Down Low": Constructing Black Gay Male Identity beyond Problem and Plague
Aundrea Matthews, Rice University
Talk to Me: Theological Discourse and the Hermeneutic of Reconciliation
Tamura Lomax, Vanderbilt University
The Femininity of the Other
Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher, Texas College
Towards a Xodus Masculinity
Theodore Hickman-Maynard, Boston University
Abused by Hip Hop: A Practical Theological Reflection on Gender Identities among Hip Hop Generations

A1-213
Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 8-9
Roger Jackson, Carleton College, Presiding
Theme: The Uttaratantra Debate: Examining Competing Claims Regarding the Significance of the Uttaratantra in Classical Tibetan Buddhist Literature
Tsering Wangchuk, University of Virginia
Sentient Beings Do Not Have the Tathāgata-essence: Dratsepa Rinchen Namgyal on the Uttaratantra
Michael R. Sheehy, Jonang Foundation
Is the Uttaratantra-sastra Really a Madhyamaka Text? Jo nang pa Understandings of Tibetan Buddhist Doxography and Historiography
Yaroslav Komarovsky, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Shakyja Chokdens Interpretation of the Ratnagotravibhāga
Bo Jiang, Columbia University
Rgyal-tshab's Doctrinal Classification of the Uttaratantra
Responding:
John J. Makransky, Boston College

A1-214
Chinese Religions Group and Daoist Studies Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
Poul Andersen, University of Hawai'i, Manoa, Presiding
Theme: Practices of Transformation in Daoist Ritual
Panelists:
Julius N. Tsai, San Diego State University
Mark Meulenbeld, University of Wisconsin, Madison
David Mozina, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Clarke Hudson, University of Virginia
Responding:
Paul Copp, University of Chicago

A1-215
Comparative Religious Ethics Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 5-6
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Moral Anthropology in South Asia
Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University
Tricking God: Alternative Moralities in a Harsh Climate
Maria Heim, Amherst College
How to Be Good: Intention and Motivation in Buddhist Stories
Leela Prasad, Duke University
Time, Timing, and Tellability: On the Making of Ethical Subjects in Narration
Responding:
Emily Hudson, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
Aaron D. Stalnaker, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding
AAR SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A1-216 ★
Contemporary Pagan Studies Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Grand Tradition Room
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding
Theme: Polytheism in Practice
Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University
Chinese Communism Loses the Polytheistic Challenge: The Reality of Religion in Contemporary China
Anna Fedele, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris
Feminist Spirituality and Its Metamorphoses in Traditionally Catholic Countries of Southern Europe
Mariya Lesiv, University of Alberta
Glory to Dazhboh (Sun-god) or to All Native Gods? Monotheism and Polytheism in Ukrainian Neo-Paganism
Responding:
David L. Miller, Syracuse University
Business Meeting:
Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, and Michael York, London, United Kingdom, Presiding

A1-217
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: Medellin at Forty: Rethinking Liberation Theology’s “Church of the Poor” in the Age of Globalization
Panelists:
Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego
John Burdick, Syracuse University
Gustavo Gutiérrez, Lima, Peru
Sylvia Marcos, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos and Claremont Graduate University
Responding:

A1-218 ★
Law, Religion, and Culture Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
William Novak has withdrawn from the session.
Winnifred Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo, Presiding
Theme: Mark de Wolfe Howe, The Garden and the Wilderness (University of Chicago Press, 1965)
Panelists:
Elizabeth Dale, University of Florida
Kathleen Flak, Vanderbilt University
W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago
Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania
Randall G. Styer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Business Meeting:
Robert A. Yelle, University of Memphis, Presiding

A1-219 ★
Mysticism Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Continental C
June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding
Theme: The Stages of Mystical Development
Katherine Rousseau, University of Colorado, Denver
Bodies and Maps: The Sensory Journey in the Apocalypsis of Paul
John Reardon, Fordham University
Do Different Mystical Experiences Interrelate as Developmental Stages? Revisiting R. C. Zaehner’s Theory of Mysticism
Ann M. Caron, St. Joseph College
Christian Medieval Women Mystics: Spiritual Senses and Stages of Mystical Development
Alberto Varona, Access Institute, and Travis Chilcott, University of California, Santa Barbara
Religious Practice, Doctrines, and the Production of Mystical States
Business Meeting:
Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose, Presiding

A1-220 ★
Native Traditions in the Americas Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B
Michael McNally, Carleton College, Presiding
Theme: Sacred Spaces and Sacred Places
Mark W. Graham, College of Wooster
Removal, Remembrance, and Remorse: Investigating Motive and Memory at Sites of Serial Memorialization of Ohio Native Americans
Kathleen J. Martin, California Polytechnic State University
Philosophy, Tradition, and Environmental
Ethics: Connecting Indigenous Students to the "Plant Tribes" in the Tall Grass Plains
Melissa Menon, Syracuse University
Recovering the Sacred: Healing and Homeplace
Responding:
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia
Business Meeting:
Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, and Mary C. Churchill, Sonoma State University, Presiding

**A1-222**

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 1

Gregory Shaw, Stonehill College, Presiding
Theme: The Role of Myth in Platonic/Pythagorean Traditions
David U. B. Liu, Duke University
Ethical Ontologies in Plato, Plotinus, and Pico
R. D. Hedley, University of Cambridge
Vico, Myth, and the Neoplatonic Inheritance
Louise Hickman, Newman University College, Birmingham
Arthur Versluis, Michigan State University
Ralph Waldo Emerson and Platonism

**A1-224**

**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 3

Pamela Cooper-White, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
Theme: After September 11: Psychological and Religious Reflections on Terror and Anxiety
Anisah Bagasra, Claflin University
The Dehumanization of Arabs and Muslims Post September 11: Its Social and Psychological Implications for American Muslims
James W. Jones, Rutgers University
The Religious and Psychological Roots of Religious Terrorism
Storm Swain, Union Theological Seminary
Trinity, Trauma, and Transformation: A Trinitarian Pastoral Theology Reflected in the Experience of the Chaplains at the September 11 Temporary Morgue at Ground Zero

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Roman Catholic Studies Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C
Timothy M. Matovina, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Theme: The Changing Parish: Interdisciplinary Approaches
William Clark, College of the Holy Cross
Church and Authenticity in the “Reconfigured” Parish
Mary Ellen O’Donnell, Mercyhurst College
The Perfect Earrings, a Decaf Latte, and a State of Grace: Catholic Sacraments at the Mall
John Seitz, Harvard University
Lived Dilemmas of Ritual Change, or What Is a Church, Really?
Brett Hoover, Graduate Theological Union
Negotiating the Church: The Separate and Interconnected Worlds of Latino/a Immigrant Catholics and Euro-American Catholics in a Shared Parish in the Midwest, 1990-2008
Business Meeting:
Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University, and Daniel Speed Thompson, Saint Mary’s University, Presiding

Wesleyan Studies Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Joliet
Douglas M. Strong, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding
Theme: Wesleyans and Sexuality
Christopher J. Anderson, Drew University
Miss America and Methodism: Twentieth-Century Beauty Pageants as Christian Mission
Darryl Stephens, Emory University
Clerical Maladministration and Sexual Sins: Cautionary Parallels in Twentieth-Century Methodism Regarding Divorce and Homosexuality
Elaine A. Heath, Southern Methodist University
Swallowing Life: Eucharistic Healing and the Shame of Sexual Abuse
Responding:
Pamela Couture, Saint Paul School of Theology
Business Meeting:
Rex D. Matthews, Emory University, Presiding

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E
Claire Katz, Texas A & M University, Presiding
Theme: On the Neighbor
Sean Dempsey, Boston University
The View from Elsewhere: Literature and the Neighbor
Joseph Ballan, University of Chicago
Chorale for Two Voices: Singularity, Duality, and Community in Franz Rosenzweig’s The Star of Redemption

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A1-230  ★
Contemporary Islam Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard A
Malika Zeghal, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Contemporary 'Ulama: Approaches to Reform, Critique, and Dialogue
Liyakat Takim, University of Denver
Revival of Religious Thought: The Reevaluation of Classical Texts by Contemporary Shi'i Jurists
Jawad Qureshi, University of Chicago
Nuri Friedlander, Harvard University
The Mufti and the Media: How Muslim Scholars Use Mass Media and the Reactions They Inspire
Ned Friedland, Brandeis University
A Common Word
Responding:
Muhammad Khalid Masud, Council of Islamic Ideology
Business Meeting:
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding

A1-231  ★
Music and Religion Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F
Philip Stoltzfus, University of St. Thomas, Presiding
Theme: Improvisation: Chicago and Beyond
Awet Andemicael, Yale University Secularity in Black Gospel Music: A Theological Consideration
Nathan Crawford, Loyola University, Chicago
Attunement and the Religious Task: Using a Musical Metaphor to Think about Religion
David Wilmington, Baylor University
The Devil's Music Goes to Church: Duke Ellington's Sacred Concerts as Inter-community Theological Engagement
Katy Scrogin, Claremont Graduate University
Religiosity and Non-conformism: The Curious Exception of the Violent Femmes
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
"Ancient to the Future": Religion and Improvisation in the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians
Business Meeting:
Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding

A1-232  ★
Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University, Presiding
Theme: Pentecostalism and Prosperity: Changing Discourses
Michael J. McClaymond, Saint Louis University
Prosperity Already and Not Yet: An Eschatological Interpretation of the Health and Wealth Teaching in North American Pentecostalism
Jonathan L. Walton, University of California, Riverside
"From the Storefront Margins to the Megachurch Mainstream": The Influence of the Black Spiritual Movement on Contemporary African American Protestant Christianity
Philip Wingier-Rayo, Pfeiffer University
The Transculturalization and the Transnationalization of the Government of 12: From Seoul to Bogota to Charlotte, North Carolina
Responding:
Gaston Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College
Business Meeting:
Amos Yong, Regent University, and James K. A. Smith, Calvin College, Presiding
A1-233

Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Heather White, Vassar College, Presiding

Theme: Queering Culture(s)

Annie Blakeney-Glazer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
"I Am Not a Lesbian": Christian Athletics and Gender Transgression

Mindy Morton, Loyola University, Chicago

Arm the Hypermasculine Jesus: Power, Sex, and Religion in the United States Air Force Academy

Sarah Whedon, Simmons College, and Carolyn Croissant, Tufts University

Queer Families, Mormon Polygamy, and Big Love

Andre Musskopf, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil

Theological Fagotting with Frida Kahlo’s La Venadita — Applying Queer Methodology from a Brazilian Perspective

Responding:

Kathryn Lofton, Indiana University, Bloomington

Business Meeting:

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, and Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

A1-234

Religion and Colonialism Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Wilson

Caleb Elfenbein, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: The "Denaturalization" of the Concept of Religion

Richard King, Vanderbilt University

A Few Words on Why the Category of Religion Is Being "Denaturalized" at this Moment in History

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

India within the Bounds of European Discourse — Before "Religion"

Cassie Adcock, University of Chicago

Of Insults and Outrage: The Legal Regulation of Proselytizing in Colonial North India

Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne, Australia

The Limits of Secular Post-Coloniality: Wedged between Personal Law and Uniform Civil Code

Angie Heo, University of California, Berkeley

Defining Limits on Church Power: The Politics of Coptic Orthodox Priesthood in Contemporary Egypt

Business Meeting:

Caleb Elfenbein, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

M1-203

Evangelical Philosophical Society Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Price

Chad Meister, Bethel College, Presiding

Theme: Religious Diversity

Paul Moser, Loyola University

Religious Exclusivism

Keith Yandell, University of Wisconsin, Madison

The Diversity of Religious Experience

Responding:

Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary

M1-204

Association for Practical Theology Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room

Craig Dykstra, Lilly Endowment Inc., Presiding

Theme: Panel Discussion on For Life Abundant: Practical Theology, Theological Education, and Christian Ministry (eds., Dorothy Bass and Craig Dykstra, 2008)

Practical theology is undertaken within a complex and interdependent ecology that provides the discipline's resources, shapes its agenda, and receives its products. From different locations within this intellectual, ecclesial, cultural, and social ecology, panelists will extend and critique the argument of For Life Abundant: Practical Theology, Theological Education, and Christian Ministry (eds., Dorothy Bass and Craig Dykstra, 2008).

Panelists:

Seren Jones, Union Theological Seminary

Yolanda Smith, Yale University

Lillian Daniel, First Congregational Church (UCC)

Responding:

John Witvliet, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship
Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4H
Betty A. DeBerg, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Theme: AAR Guidelines for Teaching about Religion in K-12 Schools
Sponsored by the Religion in the Schools Task Force
The AAR Board of Directors has approved a proposal by the Religion in the Schools Task Force to construct AAR Guidelines for Teaching about Religion in K-12 Schools. This session will focus on the first draft of this three-year initiative and is intended as an opportunity to solicit feedback from AAR members. These guidelines are written for teachers, administrators, school boards, parents, and other citizens who seek guidance regarding how to teach about religion responsibly. They will complement guidelines put out by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and the National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE), where religion is referenced but not elaborated upon.
Panelists:
Mark Alan Chapman, Southern Methodist University
Bruce Greve, California State University, Chico
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University

Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C
Annie Blakeney-Glazer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding
Theme: "If I Knew Then What I Know Now": Lessons for the First Year Teaching
Responding:
Paul Myhre, Wabash Center

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
The first year in a faculty position can be a daunting experience. This special topics forum addresses the teaching component of a faculty member's life in the academy; bringing together experienced teachers from a variety of institutional settings to share their wisdom on the first years of teaching. Ranging from public research universities to liberal arts colleges to private religious institutions and divinity schools, the four panelists will offer concrete advice on specific topics; from constructing a lecture-based course for a large number of students to engaging students in critical dialogue at faith-affiliated institutions. Following short presentations by the panelists, we will break into small groups and continue our discussions, enabling participants a more intimate interaction with panelists whose experiences reflect a particular institutional setting. It is our hope that sharing pedagogical strategies will foster best practices and excellence in teaching religion and theology. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.
Barbara Jo McClure, Vanderbilt University
Harnessing Theological Diversity in the Classroom
Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University
Integrating Research and Teaching: Designing Courses For Your Students and Yourself
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Pedagogy in Practice: Mentoring and Service-Learning in Religious Studies
David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College
Critical Dialogues, Collaborative Learning: Teaching Religious Studies and the Liberal Arts

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A1-303

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D
S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Theme: Re-enchantment and Reconnection: On the Relation of Religion and Contemporary Art
Panelists:
David Morgan, Duke University
Deborah J. Haynes, University of Colorado, Boulder
Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University
Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University
Tomoko Masuzawa, University of Michigan

A1-304

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Comparative Theology Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding
Theme: Axis Chicago: Comparative Study in Hyde Park and Beyond
Panelists:
Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago
Paul Griffiths, Duke University
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Lee H. Yearley, Stanford University
Responding:
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University

A1-305

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Waldorf
Marla Frederick, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Zora Neale Hurston as Social Scientist and Anthropologist
Panelists:
Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University
Rachel E. Harding, Iliff School of Theology
Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

A1-306

Religion in South Asia Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford A
Elizabeth L. Wilson, Miami University of Ohio, Presiding
Theme: Women's Leadership and Monastic Organization in Theravada Buddhism
Panelists:
Carol S. Anderson, Kalamazoo College
Ann Heirman, Ghent University
Gisela Krey, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University
Suzanne Morzik, Mount Holyoke College
Nirmala S. Salgado, Augustana College
Vanessa Rebecca Sasson, Marianopolis College
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
Ingrid Jordt, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

A1-307

Study of Islam Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Marquette
Nargis Virani, The New School, Presiding
Theme: Critical Theory in Practice: Ongoing Projects from the Field
Usamah Ansari, York University
Tandrusti Deen ka Kaam hai: Health as a Matter of Religion in “Book Nine” of Ashraf Ali Thanvi’s Bahishti Zewar (Heavenly Ornaments)
Junaid Quadri, McGill University
Tradition, Reform, and Modernity in Egypt: The Case of Muhammad Bakhit, Mufti of Egypt
Susan Schomburg, Bates College
Understanding "Islamization": the Living Legacy of Muhyiuddin 'Abdul Qadir Gilani and the Qadiri Sufi Order in Tamil-Speaking South Asia
Sadiyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
A Tafsir of Praxis: Gender, Marital Violence, and Resistance in a South African Muslim Community
Richard McGregor, Vanderbilt University
The Implications of "Comparative Religion" in Essay Twenty-two of the Ikhwan al-Safa (Tenth-Century Iraq)
Responding:
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

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**A1-308 Teaching Religion Section**
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-PDR 1
Jeffrey M. Brackett, Ball State University, Presiding

Theme: Dogs and Deceivers: How Metaphors Inform the Practice of Teaching
Susan Willhauck, Wesley Theological Seminary
God’s Stuff: The Constructive Powers of Chaos for Teaching Religion
Katy Shroun, Emory University
Let Me Entertain You: The Exciting Perks and Perils of Teaching American Religion as a Vaudeville (or Burlesque?) Performer
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
A Pedagogical Framing: A Teaching Metaphor of Incarnational Joy
Amy Carr and John K. Simmons, Western Illinois University
Between Guru and Deceiver? Responding to Unchosen Metaphors in the Religious Studies Classroom
Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College
My Life as a Caffeine-added Dog

Tissa Balasuriya, Centre for Society and Religion, Colombo
Susan Abraham, Harvard University
Business Meeting: Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, and Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

**A1-311 Bioethics and Religion Group**
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Astoria
George D. Randels, University of the Pacific, Presiding

Theme: Medical Practice and Religious Belief/Critical Approaches to Issues in Religion and Bioethics
Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University, and Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University
A Barrier or a Bridge: Understandings of Religion amongst Pediatric Oncologists
Denise Marie Dudzinski, University of Washington
Innovations in Interdisciplinary Dialogue: Practicum in Religion, Bioethics, and Science
Terri Laws, Rice University
Agency or Surrogacy? Race, Class, and Gender in Medical Research Recruitment
Gerard Mannion, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
Artificial Nutrition and Hydration: What Has Changed in Catholic Teaching and Why? Discerning Constructive Proposals Beyond the Impasse
Business Meeting: Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, and Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding

**A1-309 Theology and Religious Reflection Section**
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental B
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: Dissent, Tradition, and Rights: Religion, Modernity, and Planetary Life in South Asia
Panelists:
Vandana Shiva, Navdanya Research Foundation for Science, Technology, and Ecology

Laurie Maffly-Kipp, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Reorienting Mormonism: Race, Ethnicity, and the Possibilities for Paradigm Shifts in the LDS Church

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A1-312

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental A
Willis Jenkins, Yale University, and Jennifer McBride, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr.: Receiving Their Legacies for Christian Social Thought
Panelists:
Josiah U. Young, Wesley Theological Seminary
Larry Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
Traci C. West, Drew University
J. Cameron Carter, Duke University

Yaroslav Komarovsky, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Building Bridges and Burning Bridges: On the Question of Transition from Conceptual to Non-Conceptual Understanding of Reality
Ying Ching Hui, Rice University
Contemplation of Rhetoric and Epistemology of Immediacy: A Study of the Rhetoric of Immediacy and Spontaneity in Chinese Chan and Tibetan Dzogchen
Responding:
John D. Dunne, Emory University

A1-314

Chinese Religions Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
Stephen F. Teiser, Princeton University, Presiding
Theme: Telling Sacrifices: Intertextuality and Efficacy in Prayers from Medieval China
Jesse J. C. Choo, Villanova University
Tailor-made Childbirth: Prayers for Safe Delivery among the Dunhuang Documents
Alexei Ditter, Reed College
Medieval Chinese Prayers for Rain in an Age of Climate Change
Chen Huayu, University of the West
The Flames of Offering: Medieval Prayers for the Buddhist Lantern Ritual from Dunhuang
Ian Chapman, Harvard University
Reborn from Stone: Merit Transfer in Northern Dynasties Daoist Inscribed Images

A1-313

Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group and Buddhist Philosophy Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 8-9
Tom Yarnall, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: Buddhism and Jewish Thought
Anne C. Klein, Rice University
The Contemplative's Body at Ease: Rest, Effort, and Reality
David Gray, Santa Clara University
The Yoga of Ultimate Equipoise: Indian Buddhist Reflections on the "View" of the Tantras

A1-315

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Religion in Europe Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental C
Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding
Theme: Theorizing Religion in Europe: Approaches, Topics, and Debates
Christof Mandry, University of Erfurt
The Controversy over "Religion" as a Source of European Identity in the European Union's Constitution Process
Titus Hjelm, University College, London
Emerging Pluralism and the Legitimacy of Religions: The Case of Finland
Ulrike Popp-Baier, University of Amsterdam, Utrecht University
The Emergence of Spirituality: Megatrends in Postmodern Society or Methodological Artifact?
Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside
Islam, Nationalism, and the Study of Religion in Contemporary Turkey
Responding:
Hans G. Kippenberg, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt

A1-316

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4J
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding
Theme: Visual/Material Culture and the Meanings of "Religion"
Jeffrey Morrow, University of Dayton
From Living Word to Ossified Text: Hobbes, Spinoza, the Bible, and the Redefinition of Religion
Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University
Picture Perfect: Religion, Representation, and Categories of Comparison
Gabriel Robinson, University of Chicago
Picturing and Practicing Primordial Religion: The 1918 Exposition "El Arte en la Tauromaquia"
Responding: Colleen McDannell, University of Utah
Business Meeting: Richard King, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A1-318
Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Wilson
James Berg, College of the Desert, Presiding
Theme: Religious Resources in Ressignifications of Queer Identity: The Case of Christopher Isherwood, "Homosexualist" and Disobedient Subject
Victor Marsh, University of Queensland
The Disobedient Subject: Disrupting Authorized Versions of Masculinity and Spirituality in Christopher Isherwood's Autobiographical Narrative
Katherine Bucknell, London, United Kingdom
Christopher Isherwood: Hinduism and Homosexuality
Jamie M. Carr, Niagara University
Going Back in Time: Sexuality, Spirituality, and Anglo-American "Modernity"
Mario Faraone, University of Trieste
"Staring and Staring into the Mirror, It Sees Many Faces within Its Face": Images and Reflections of the Spiritual Self in Christopher Isherwood's Narrative
Pravrajika Vrajaprana, Vedanta Society of Southern California
His Guru and the Swami's Disciple: The Guru-Disciple Relationship as the Locus of Christopher Isherwood's Advaita Vedanta
Responding: Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University
Business Meeting: Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, Presiding

A1-319
Islamic Mysticism Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 7
Ruediger Seesemann, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Islamic Theology and Sufism
Laury Silvers, Skidmore College
"God Loves Me": Early Pious and Sufi Women and the Theological Debate over God's Love
Yasir Kazi, Yale University
Martin Nguyen, Harvard University
On the Way to God's Word: At the Crossroads of Kalam and Sufism in the Works of al-Qushayri (d. 465/1072)
Noah Salomon, University of Chicago
Evidence, Secrets, and the Problem of Epistemic Justification in Contemporary Sudanese Sufi Theology
Responding: Frank Griffel, Yale University
Business Meeting: Vincent J. Cornell, Emory University, Presiding

A1-320
Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Joliet
Curtis L. Thompson, Thiel College, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard's Attack upon Established Christianity
Mark Lloyd Taylor, Seattle University
The Hermit Emerges Victorious: Contempt for Women in Kierkegaard's Attack upon the (Male) Ecclesiastical Establishment
David R. Law, University of Manchester
Kierkegaard's Anti-Ecclesiastical Invective in the Moment
Jennifer Veninga, Graduate Theological Union
Imagining the Numerical: Majority and Minority in Søren Kierkegaard and Arjun Appadurai
Avron Kulak, York University
Kierkegaard and the Moment: Heroes, History, and Hermeneutics
Business Meeting: Andrew J. Burgess, University of New Mexico, and Marilyn Piety, Drexel University, Presiding

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A1-321

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 1

Robert M. Berchman, Dowling College, Presiding
Theme: Diverse Traditions and Receptions of Platonic/Neoplatonic Thought
Ilinca Tanaseanu-Doebler, Ohio State University
The Notion of Theurgy in Late Byzantium
Adrian Guiu, University of Chicago
Thomas Aquinas between Maimonides and the Liber de Causis: The Reception of Dionysius the Areopagite in the Context of the 1241 Condemnation
Mark A. McIntosh, Loyola University, Chicago
Newman as Neoplatonist
Krista Duttenhaver, University of Notre Dame
Eros and the Self in Simone Weil's Plato
Business Meeting:
Jay Bregman, University of Maine, Orono, Presiding

A1-322

Religion and Disability Studies Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E

Rebecca Raphael, Texas State University, Presiding
Theme: Disability in Theology: Past and Present
Mary Caygill, Trinity Methodist Theological College and University of Auckland
Theology of Health, Health of Theology: How Healthy Are the Connections?
Cynthia Holder Rich, Western Theological Seminary
Health, Wellness, and Mental Illness, Disability or Disorder: The Role of the Church
William Myatt, Loyola University, Chicago
Sence Sickness in William of Saint Thierry
Kristi Upson-Saia, Occidental College
Scars, Marks, and Deformities in Augustine's Resurrected Bodies
Responding:
Bill J. Leonard, Wake Forest University

A1-323

Religion and Ecology Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford C

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University, Presiding
Theme: New Directions in Religion and Ecology
A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida
Gandhi's Agrarian Legacy: Food Democracy, Farm Animals, and Social Movements
Elizabeth Allison, University of California, Berkeley
Religion, Spirituality, and Perceptions of the Environment in Bhutan and Nepal
Amanda Holmes, University of Florida
Spirits in the Forest: Yoruba Diaspora Religion and Ecology in Cuba
Joseph Witt, University of Florida
Religion and Resistance to Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining in Appalachia
Business Meeting:
David L. Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, and John A. Grim, Yale University, Presiding

A1-324

Religion and Popular Culture Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College, Presiding
Theme: Looking Back: Moments in the History of Religion and American Popular Culture
Erika W. Dyson, Columbia University
Excessive Theatricals: "God-fearing Magicians" and the Regulation of Spirit Return
Layne Little, Pondicherry, India
The Secret Masters behind the American Superhero: American Pop-cultural Encounters with Yogis and Ascended Masters in the High Himalayas
Diana Walsh-Pasulka, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Death Wears a Friendly Face: The Child Psychopomp in History and Culture
Michael Altman, Duke University
Contact, Travel, and Mapping: Popular Representations of Hindus in Nineteenth-Century American Magazines

A1-325

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard A

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding
Theme: Visual Imageries of Reality and Fantasy
William A. Barbieri, The Catholic University of America
L'Image Juste: Visual Ethics and the Battle of Algiers
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
Theorizing Ritual through Film: Indexicality, Visual Ethnography, and Ritual Practice
A1-326

Ritual Studies Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2

Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

Theme: Thinking Grimes: A Critical Engagement on the Occasion of Ronald Grimes’s Retirement from Wilfrid Laurier University

Panelists:
- Tom F. Driver, Union Theological Seminary, New York
- Helen Phelan, University of Limerick
- Fred W. Clothey, University of Pittsburgh
- Theodore W. Jennings, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Ruel W. Tyson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Eric Venbruin, Radboud University, Nijmegen
- Colleen D. Hartung, Gettysburg College

Responding:
- Ronald L. Grimes, Wilfrid Laurier University

A1-327

Roman Catholic Studies Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C

Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: Catholic Violence and Violent Catholics

James T. Fisher, Fordham University
Cokeye Dunn Shot Me: American Catholic Studies in the Code of Violence

Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University
“The Continually Wounded Heart of Christ”: Religion and Violence in American Catholic Boxing

Naoko Frances Hioki, Graduate Theological Union
Truth and Violence: Catholic Iconoclasm against Buddhist Images in Early Modern Japan

Salvador Leavitt-Alcantara, Graduate Theological Union
The Historized Theological Methodology of Ignacio Ellacuria, S. J., and the Phenomenon of Violence

A1-328

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North

James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding

Theme: Public Education, Knowledge, and Visions for Non-toxic Religion

Panelists:
- Daniel Dennett, Tufts University
- Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College
- William Schweiker, University of Chicago
- Diane L. Moore, Harvard University
- Martin Marty, University of Chicago

Responding:
- David G. White, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:
- Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding

A1-329

Tantric Studies Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford B

Marcy Braverman-Goldstein, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: Heterogeneous Tantras in Practice: A Simulated Engagement of the Scholarship of David G. White

Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College
Tantra as a Cultural Practice of Applied Mathematics: The Examples of Nepal, Bali, Andhra Pradesh, and Bhutan

Jeffrey C. Ruff, Marshall University
“So, a Vetāla and Pīḍaśi Ran into Abhinavagupta on the Street One Day . . .”: The Scholarship of David White and Teaching Hindu Polytheism, Tantra, and Yoga

Shaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
Tantra in Practice: The Scope and Significance of Visualization in Everyday Tantra

Kerry Martin Skora, Hiram College
Mimetic Images and Embodied Presences: The Tantric Dialectic of Reality and Virtuality

Responding:
- David G. White, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:
- Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding
A1-330
Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
Russell Re Manning, University of Cambridge, Presiding
Theme: Tillich and Issues in Phenomenology
Chris L. Firestone, Trinity International University
Tillich’s Indebtedness to Kant: Two Recently Translated Review Essays on Rudolf Otto’s Idea of the Holy
Robison B. James, University of Richmond and Baptist Theological Seminary, Richmond
How Fichte and Husserl Clarify the American Tillich
Nathan Eric Dickman, University of Iowa
Anxiety and the Face of the Other: Tillich and Levinas on the Origin of Questioning
David Miller, Union College
Looking at the Truth of Art in Tillich and Marion: Symbolic Depth and the Saturated Phenomenon
Business Meeting:
Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University, Presiding

A1-331
Biblical/Contextual Ethics Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Amy Laura Hall, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: The Turn toward the Study of Jesus in Biblical Ethics
William Carter Aikin, Hanover College
Instruction and Invitation: The Moral Teachings of Jesus as Both Disclosure and Direction
Kerry Danner-McDonald, Graduate Theological Union
What Jesus Did for the Disciples He Does for Us, So We Do It for Others: William Spohn and the Faithful Imagination
Steven H. Schroeder, Shenzhen University
Explosive Poetry Institutionally Contained: Jesus as Poet and Teacher of Ethics
Betsy Perabo, Western Illinois University
Nobody Knows What Jesus Would Do: Humility, Imagination, and the Use of Force
Business Meeting:
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

A1-332
Coptic Christianity Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4G
Lois Farag, Luther Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Martyrdom and Coptic Christians
Panelists:
Cornelia Horn, Saint Louis University
Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University
Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University
Business Meeting:
Lois Farag, Luther Seminary, Presiding

A1-333
Open and Relational Theologies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 5-6
Lynne Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College, Presiding
Theme: The Person, Role, and Significance of Jesus Christ
Anna Case-Winters, McCormick Theological Seminary
Reframing Incarnation: A Process-Panentheist Proposal
Daryll Ward, Kettering College
Identity and Temporality: Exploring Perfection and Incarnation
Michael Zbarschuk, Pacific Lutheran University
Creative, Responsive, Loving Jesus? Mining Process Theology for Resources for an Open and Relational Christ
Marit Trestad, Pacific Lutheran University
Atone Me through Covenant: A Process Feminist Approach
Responding:
Tyron Lee Inbody, United Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

A1-334
Religion and Cities Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Grand Tradition Room
Lawrence Mamiya, Vassar College, Presiding
Theme: Religion as a Factor in Urban Dynamics (Cultural, Political, Economic, and Spatial) with a Particular Focus on American Cities
Amanda Baugh, Northwestern University
Sacred in the City? Interfaith Religious Environmentalism in Chicago

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Richard Bohannon, Drew University
Theodicy in the Public Square: Questioning the City in the Aftermath of Disaster
Elise Edwards, Claremont Graduate University
Exploring the Urban Context through Narrative and Theological Analysis: A Study of Erik Larson's The Devil in the White City
Kevin O'Neill, Indiana University, Bloomington
From Guatemala City to Chicago: Neo-Pentecostal Constructions of Illegality
Isaac Weiner, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Urban Cacophony: Listening to Religious Conflict on City Streets

Business Meeting:
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

A1-335
Religion and Sexuality Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B

Bernadette Brooten, Brandeis University, Presiding
Theme: Womanist/Feminist Sexual Ethics: Overcoming Slavery's Legacy — Presentations from the Brandeis Feminist Sexual Ethics Project

Dorothy Roberts, Northwestern University
The Paradox of Silence and Display: Sexual Violation of Enslaved Women and Contemporary Contradictions in Black Female Sexuality

Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago
Slavery, Black Women, and Sexual Justice: A Theological Perspective

Nancy Ravles, Seattle, WA
Prayer for My Daughter

A1-336 New!
Sikh Studies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 4

N. G. Barrier, University of Missouri, Presiding
Theme: Framing Issues in Sikh Studies
Rahuldeep Singh Gill, University of California, Santa Barbara
Opening the "Key": Towards a New Perspective on an Early Sikh Commentator
Prabhsharandeep Singh Sandhu, Birmingham University
Nihilism, Sufi Discourse, and Modernism in the Works of Harinder Singh Mahboob
Amit P. Shah, University of California, Santa Barbara
Ugradante: The Dasam Granth and the Namdhari Tradition

Michael Nijhawan, York University
Prayer, Song, and Ethics: Notes on Sikh Performances in Unhappy Circumstances

Prabhsharanbir Singh, Punjabi University, Patiala
Sikhs as Homo Sacer: Politics of the Body and Sovereign Power

A1-337 New!
Theology and the Political Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room

Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College, Presiding
Theme: The Politics of Theology, the Theology of Politics
Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College
Liberalism's Theology of Consent

K. Christine Pae, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Political Theology and Theology of Sex in the Context of Globalized Militarism: United States Overseas Militarism and Military Prostitution in a Time of War
Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
Whose War? Which Genocide? Theology, Politics, and the Lord's Resistance Army in Northern Uganda
Vincent Lloyd, University of California, Berkeley
Politics of the Middle: John Milbank, Gillian Rose, and the Sharia Controversy
Miriam Perkins, Catholic University of America
Saving the Day: The Heroics of Conversion in Evangelical Preaching on the Sunday after September 11

Business Meeting:
Corey David Bazemore Walker, Brown University

A1-338
Countdown to the Centennial: AAR Celebrates 100 Years, 1909-2009
5:15 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-AAR Suite

Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Friends of the Academy, members of the Sterling Circle, AAR leadership, and other invited guests gather for an informal kickoff of AAR's Centennial Celebration. The year-long activities will officially begin in Montreal in 2009 and conclude in Atlanta in 2010.
SATURDAY EVENING

A1-400

Racial and Ethnic Minorities Reception
6:30 pm-8:00 pm
CHT-Grand Ballroom

Anthony Pinn, Rice University, Presiding

Interested persons are welcome to this reception celebrating the contributions of racial and ethnic minority scholars in the Academy.

M1-300

Association for Practical Theology
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Chicago

Theme: Pedagogies for the Urban Context

This session invites critical reflection on the implications of urbanization and the complexities of urban ministry for our pedagogy as theological educators and pastoral leaders.

Panelists:
- Cynthia Millsap, Director, Nurturing the Call, Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE)
- Bryan P. Stone, Boston University

Responding:
- Jeffery Tribble, Columbia Theological Seminary

M1-306

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
4:00 pm-6:30 am
PH-LaSalle 2

Theme: Contesting Evangelicalism: Symposium on the Cambridge Companion to Evangelical Theology

Panelists:
- Timothy Larsen, Wheaton College
- Roger Olson, Truett Theological Seminary
- Melissa Wyndy Corbin-Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary
- Amos Yong, Regent University

M1-404

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-Joliet

Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University, Presiding

Theme: Reflections on the Work of Henry Rosemont, Jr.

Sumner Twiss, Florida State University
Confucian Ethics, Concept-Clusters, and Human Rights

Jinli He, Trinity University
Xiao and Family Reverence: Translator’s Reflection on The Classic of Family Reverence: A Philosophical Translation From A Comparative Perspective

David Jones, Kennesaw State University
No Pets Allowed: Rosemont and the Master on the Family

Kurtis Hagen, State University of New York, Plattsburgh
Reconstructing Confucianism

M1-412

Society of Christian Philosophers
7:00 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E

Andrew Chignell, Cornell University, Presiding

Theme: The Moral and Spiritual Prospects of Vegetarianism

Terence Cuneo, University of Vermont
Conditional Moral Vegetarianism

Matthew Halteman, Calvin College
Compassionate Eating as Care of Creation

Stephen H. Webb, Wabash College
A Christian Case for Compassion for Animals

Responding:
- Julie Meadows, Presbyterian College

M1-425

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
7:00 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-Waldorf

Theme: Presentations of Projects from Luce Award Winners for 2007-2008

Featuring presentations by Colleen Cullinan, Scott Robinson, Allen Terrell, and Kathleen Turner, followed by a business meeting of the Society.

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Emilie M. Townes, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of African American Religion and Theology at Yale University, has been instrumental in constructing womanist theology. Her books, *Womanist Justice, Womanist Hope: In a Blaze of Glory: Womanist Spirituality as Social Witness; Breaking the Fine Rain of Death: African American Health Care and A Womanist Ethic of Care* are considered groundbreaking texts in the field. An ordained American Baptist clergywoman, Townes served as an interim minister at the Christ the Redeemer Metropolitan Community Church in Evanston, Illinois and held teaching positions at theological schools and seminaries, including Union Theological Seminary. She holds three degrees from the University of Chicago: a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts from the Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry. She earned a PhD from the Joint Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary/ Northwestern University Program in Religious and Theological Studies.

Panelists:
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University

Film Series: *A Purple State of Mind*
9:00 pm-10:30 pm
CHT-PDR 1

Craig Detweiler, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Craig Detweiler and John Marks became friends in college in the 1980’s, a time when Craig became a Christian and John became a skeptic. Since then, Craig has become a filmmaker and scholar of religion and culture, and John has become a journalist and television producer. In this film, they are reunited for several conversations on religion and politics, to reflect on the cultural and religious divide in the United States (“Red” vs. “Blue”) and the possibilities of moving beyond the impasse.
SUNDAY MORNING

A1-405

Women in the Profession Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Williford C
Sponsored by the Women's Caucus and the Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
The Women's Caucus welcomes all friends to join us in (re)telling the history of the Women's Caucus in the American Academy of Religion.

A1-406

Members' Dance Party
9:00 pm-12:00 am
CHT-Grand Ballroom
AAR members are invited to join one another at the Members' Dance Party for music and dancing. Don't forget the free drink ticket mailed with your name badge!

A1-407

Student Members' Party
9:30 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Williford B
Halloween? All Saints Day? Dia de los Muertos? Regardless of what you want to celebrate, join other AAR student members at the annual AAR Student Members' Party. There will be music, drinks, and the opportunity to meet and greet other AAR student members. You will even receive one free drink ticket, and you may walk away with some fabulous kitsch! Bring your dancing shoes if you are up for it!

A2-1

Annual Business Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
CHT-Marquette
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, Presiding
Join the AAR Board of Directors for a brief business meeting and a continental breakfast.

A2-2

Status of LGBTIQ People in the Profession Task Force Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
CHT-PDR 5
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

A2-3

Nominations Committee Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
CHT-PDR 7
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

A2-4

Academic Relations Committee Meeting
7:30 am-9:00 am
CHT-Pullman Boardroom
Fred Glennon, LeMoyne College, Presiding
How do field educators place persons in ministerial settings when students know nothing about church polity or history? How do we do theology or religious education when would-be pastors need basic understanding of a tradition? How can we teach interreligious dialogue when students know other traditions but not their own?

Panelists:
Lee Hayward Butler, Chicago Theological Seminary
Emily Click, Harvard University
Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Claremont School of Theology
Daisy L. Machado, Union Theological Seminary
John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University
Lynne Westfield, Drew University

A2-102
Special Topics Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental C

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University
Interdisciplinarity and African Theology
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University
Writing for Popular Audiences
Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good/The New Press
Revisioning Scholarship

Panelists:
Muneer Fareed, Islamic Society of North America
Krista Tippett, Speaking of Faith
Munir Shaikh, University of California, Los Angeles
Omer Moazzam, University of Chicago
Laila Al-Arian, Al-Jazeera English

A2-103
Wildcard Session
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental A

Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Theme: America's War on Terror: Assessments of Its Impact on Muslims and the American Public
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Panelists:
Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC
Giles B. Gunn, University of California, Santa Barbara
Mary Gerhart, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Kevin Lewis, University of South Carolina, Columbia
Anthony C. Yu, University of Chicago
Wesley A. Kort, Duke University
Clark M. Brittain, Greenville Technical College
Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia

Ample time will be provided for discussion and question and answer.
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SUNDAY MORNING

A2-104

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Astoria

Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: Writing with Spirit: Four Women Writers Reflect on Art as Spiritual Practice

Patricia Monaghan, DePaul University
A Celtic Path: Oracular Writing in the Irish Tradition

Judith Roche, Seattle, WA
Poetry as Soul-making

Linda Hogan, Trinity College, Dublin
Writing and Spirituality: A First Nations' Perspective

Elizabeth Cunningham, Staatsburg, NY
The Gospel of Fiction
Business Meeting:

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, and Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding

A2-105

Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Joliet

Mark L. Blum, University at Albany, Presiding

Theme: Transmission, Authenticity, and Knowledge: Sacred Works and the Transformation of Japanese Culture

Hiroki Kikuchi, University of Tokyo
Ferocious General on the Dharma Stage: The Development of Sacred Works (Shōkyō) of the Tendai Abbot Jien and His Lineage

Susumu Uejima, Kyoto Prefectural University
Sacred Writings and the Transmission of Dharma Lineages: Kajiiji and the Transformation of Shingon Buddhism

Brian Ruppert, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
From the Body of the Master: Discourses of Authenticity in Japanese Esoteric Buddhist Sacred Writings (Shōkyō)

Asuka Sango, Carleton College
Debating the "Esoteric" in Medieval Japan: Transmission of Lineage and Knowledge in Buddhist Ritual

Responding:
Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

A2-106

Christian Systematic Theology Section and Scriptural Reasoning Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard C

Samuel Wells, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: Liturgy, Eucharist, and Transfiguration

Matthew Myer Boulton, Harvard University
A New Passover? Christian Eucharistic Doctrine and the Jewish Passover Meal

Kevin L. Hughes, Villanova University
Transfigurations: Scriptural Reasoning upon Mount Tabor

H. Peter Kang, University of Virginia
Viewing the Church as Israel through Liturgy and Ritual

Thomas Burke, Boston College

Responding:
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

A2-107

History of Christianity Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: Possession among Christians in India: Issues of Authenticity, Authority, and Identity

Will Sweetman, University of Otago
The Cessation of the Oracles: Authenticity and Authority in Missionary Reports of Possession in India

Eliza Kent, Colgate University
Syncretism and Sin: The Yuyomayan Sect in Colonial Kerala

Matthew N. Schmalz, College of the Holy Cross
Distinguishing between Hindu and Catholic Exorcism in a North Indian Village

Kristin Bloomer, University of Chicago
Possession: Syncretic and Somatic Semantics

Responding:
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

A2-108

North American Religions Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 4-6

Joel W. Martin, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: Colonialism and Violence: Rethinking the Narrative(s) of American Religious History

Panelists:
Andrea Smith, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor

Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University and Purdue University, Indianapolis

Tracy Leavelle, Creighton University

Sylvester Johnson, Indiana University, Bloomington

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A2-109

Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-International Ballroom North

Graham Ward, University of Manchester, Presiding
Theme: Religious Motives in the Philosophy of Stanley Cavell
Panelists:
Hent de Vries, Johns Hopkins University
Mark Jordan, Emory University
Ludger Viefhues, Yale University
Responding:
Stanley Cavell, Harvard University

A2-110

Religion and Politics Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford B

Mark Silk, Trinity College, Presiding
Theme: Religion and the 2008 Presidential Campaign
Panelists:
Eric Gregory, Princeton University
Erik Owens, Boston College
Melissa Proctor, Harvard University
Corey David Bazemore Walker, Brown University
Responding:
Jerome E. Copulusky, Goucher College

A2-111

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard B

David T. Gortner, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Presiding
Theme: Youth Spiritualities and Youth Rituals
Panelists:
Gordon Lynch, Birkbeck, University of London
Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University
Inner City African-American Youth Rituals in the Aftermath of Violent Loss
Almeda Wright, Emory University
Personal Jesus, Public Faith: Youth Spirituality and Civic Engagement
Kimberly Belcher, University of Notre Dame
Sacred Space, Festal Time, and the Construction of Identity at Mar Thoma Diocese in Chicago
Responding:
Jerome E. Copulusky, Goucher College

A2-112

Study of Islam Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Waldorf

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding
Panelists:
Alan Godlas, University of Georgia
Daniel Varisco, Hofstra University
Shafique Virani, University of Toronto
Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Laury Silvers, Skidmore College
Ebrahim Patel, Interfaith Youth Core
David Freidenreich, Franklin and Marshall College

A2-113

Study of Judaism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 12

Heidi Ravven, Hamilton College, Presiding
Panelists:
Cass Fisher, University of South Florida
Reading Divine Perfection in the Mekhilta de-Rabbi Ishmael: Theoretical Prejudice and Reflective Practice in Rabbinic Thought
Chaya Halberstam, Indiana University, Bloomington
Mining and Undermining Justice in Sifre Deuteronomy
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University
Divine Freedom and Human Agency: Cashing Out the Philosophers' Account of Theological Wisdom
Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University
Prophets in Modernity: Correlations and Counterhistories in Heschel and Cohen
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia
Beyond Humanism: Pragmatic Arguments for a Jewish Philosophy of Science

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- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Especially for Students
- Films
- New Program Unit
- Professional Practices & Institutional Location Sessions
- South Asian Scholars & Scholarship
- Tours
- Sustainability and Religion
- Wildcard Session

AAR Annual Meeting Program
A2-114

Teaching Religion Section and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group

9:00 am-11:30 am

Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: Pedagogical Challenges in Teaching the Holocaust and Genocide
Gilya Gerda Schmidt, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Teaching the Holocaust in a Department of Religious Studies at a State University
Vern Neufeld Redekop, Saint Paul University
Participatory Learning, Who’s in the Room, Secondary Trauma, and Making It Real: Pedagogical Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching Holocaust and Genocide in a Conflict Studies Program
Tam Parker, University of the South
Teaching Genocide in the Classroom: Culture of Moral Relativism
Rebecca Raphael, Texas State University
The Extraordinary Man as Both Barrier and Ally: Notes on Teaching the Rwandan and Burundian Genocides in Philosophy Courses
Responding:
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida

A2-115

Anthropology of Religion Group

9:00 am-11:30 am

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000, Presiding

Theme: Putting Your Self out There: Risk and Faith in Fieldwork
Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
“If They Kill Us, At Least the Others May Have a Chance to Get Away”: Modeling Solidarity and Risk on the Sudan/Uganda Border
Andrew Dawson, Lancaster University
Participation and Positionality in a New Religious Context
Edwin Koster, Free University of Amsterdam
Converting to the Informants’ Religious Tradition? On the Possibility of Switching between Insider and Outsider Perspectives
Responding:
Bron Taylor, University of Florida

A2-116

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group

9:00 am-11:30 am

Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding

Theme: Paul, Law, and Postmodernity
Ted Grimsrud, Eastern Mennonite University
Justice Apart from the Law (and Empire): Paul’s Deconstruction of Idolatry
Mary C. Moorman, Southern Methodist University
Beyond the Law: Covenant as Generosity in Romans

A2-117

Black Theology Group and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Consultation

9:00 am-11:30 am

Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: Identity and Belief Constructions in Afro-Pentecostal and Black Church Theological Traditions
Estrelda Alexander, Regent University
Recovering Black Theological Thought in Writings of Early African-American Holiness-Pentecostal Leaders
Frederick Ware, Howard University
On the Compatibility/Incompatibility of Pentecostal Premillennialism with Black Liberation Theology
Stephen G. Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Not as Far off as Once Thought
Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary
Constructions of Identity and Belief in Black Pentecostal and Black Church Theological Traditions

Frederick Depoortere, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
Love beyond the Law? Slavoj Žižek’s Reading of 1 Corinthians 13
Oz Lorentzen, Prairie Bible College
Without Excuse: A Philosophical Theological Reading of Paul and the L(l)aw
Business Meeting:
Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding
A2-118 Comparative Religious Ethics Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Lake Ontario  
Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University, Presiding  
Theme: Critical Assessment of Arguing the Just War in Islam (Harvard University Press, 2007) by John Kelsay  
Panelists:  
G. Scott Davis, University of Richmond  
James T. Johnson, Rutgers University  
Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Irene Oh, University of Miami  
Responding:  
John Kelsay, Florida State University  

Nathaniel Barrett, Boston University  
The Art of Exemplary Conduct: A Comparative Investigation of the Aesthetic Dimension of Ethics in Xunzi and John Dewey  
Responding:  
Joseph Lam, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  

A2-120 Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group and Men's Studies in Religion Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Salon 3  
Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, Presiding  
Theme: Across the Great Divide: Men, Masculinities, and the Challenge of Gay Religious Scholarship  
Panelists:  
Merle Longwood, Siena College  
Paul Collins, University of Chichester  
Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University  
Ronald E. Long, Hunter College  
Responding:  
Bjorn Krondorfer, St. Mary's College of Maryland  

A2-119 Confucian Traditions Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4H  
Vivian-Lee Nyitray, University of California, Riverside, Presiding  
Theme: Music in Confucian Moral Cultivation  
Erica Brindley, Pennsylvania State University  
Bodily Ethics and Notions of the "Taboo": The Case of Heterodox Music in Early Confucian Discourse  
Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College  
Harmonic Rhythm and Ritual in Xinglixue Thought as a Means to Promote Tianren Heyi ("Heaven-and-Human Oneness") in the Twenty-first Century Global Junzi  
Mingmei Yip, City University of New York  
Forbidding Emotion: Confucianism and Qin Music  

A2-121 Hinduism Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-PDR 2  
John D. Dunne, Emory University, Presiding  
Theme: Grammar and the Gods: When Metaphysics and Language Rules Collide  
Marzenna Jakubczak, Pedagogical University of Krakow  
The Grammar of Ahamkara and Asmita in Samkhya and Yoga  

A2-122 Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Salon 7  
Elizabeth Say, California State University, Northridge, Presiding  
Theme: Queer Families  
Juan A. Herrero Brasas, California State University, Northridge  
Queer Families Queering Society: Same-sex Marriage, Catholicism, and the Family Contention in Spain  
Linn Tonstad, Yale University  
Queering the Trinitarian Family: A Cultural Politics of the Divine Imaginary  
Andrea Tucker, Vanderbilt University  
Mr. Potato Head Can't Raise Kids: Transgender Activism and the Queering of Gender and Family  
Business Meeting:  
Elizabeth A. Say, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
SUNDAY MORNING

A2-123 ★

Practical Theology Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford A

Thomas Beaudoin, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Theme: Theologies of the Laity
Susan Willhauck, Wesley Theological Seminary
Big Hair and Jesus: Theological Challenges from Lay People Engaged in Ministry in the World
Theresa A. Ladrigan-Whelpley, Graduate Theological Union
Evolving Lay Practices and Vocational Identities within Roman Catholic Monastic and Apostolic Religious Charisms
James Pitts, University of St. Andrews
Liberative and Congregational: An Anabaptist Social Theory for Practical Theology
Nicole Johnson, Mount Union College
"A More Excellent Way": Lived Experience of Nonviolence as Resource for Reflection and Practice within the United Methodist Church
Responding:
Roberto Goizueta, Boston College
Business Meeting:
Bonnie Miller-McCormick, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A2-124

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4G

Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding
Theme: Problems with Pragmatism
William James Meyer, Maryville College
Pragmatic Perspectives and the Discursive Error in Western Thought
Lawrence Whitney, Boston University
Leftovers and Side Effects: Problems in Pragmatist Cosmology
Joseph Winters, Princeton University
Between Chicago and Frankfurt: Dewey, Adorno, and the Retrieval of the Aesthetic

A2-125

Religion and Disability Studies Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 1

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Theology, Disability, and the New Genetics: Why Science Needs the Church
Panelists:
Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen
Amy Laura Hall, Duke University
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Business Meeting:
Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

A2-126 ★

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4D

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina, Presiding
Theme: Topics in Religions, Medicines, and Healing
Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara
Treating Anomic Illness: Toward a Dialogue with Tibetan Buddhist Medicine and a Mind-Body-World-Transcendent Approach
Joy R. Bostic, Case Western Reserve University
Hybridization and Healing in African American Family Systems: A Case Study
Brett Hendrickson, Arizona State University
Theories of Sickness in Religious Studies: Focus on the United States-Mexico Borderlands
Amy P. Langenberg, Columbia University
Cleansing the Heart-Mind and Managing the Person: A Comparison of Early First Millennium Ayurvedic and Buddhist Discussions of Childbirth
Responding:
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University
Business Meeting:
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding
Ritual Studies Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Grand Tradition Room

Ute Huesken, University of Oslo, Presiding
Theme: Loss and Found: Emerging Rites, Emerging Ritual Theories
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado, Boulder
T-Pop and the Lama: Buddhist "Rites Out of Place" in Tibetan Monastery-Produced VCDs
Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Are Media Presentations of Science Ritualizing Racial Identity? The PBS Documentary African American Lives and Genetized Black Identity
Michael Houseman, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes
Ritualizing the Loss of Animals in Contemporary Western Culture
William McCorkle, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
When Dead Bodies Do Tell Tales: Personality Traits and Cognitive Constraints Concerning the Ritualized Disposal of Corpses in Experimental Conditions
Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo
The Efficacy of Unperformed Rituals: Lessons from Online Discussion of Japanese Buddhist Post-Pregnancy Loss Rituals
Responding:
Eric Venbrux, Radboud University, Nijmegen
Business Meeting:
W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Sacred Space in Asia Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4E

Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding
Theme: The Power of Place
Benjamin Fleming, University of Pennsylvania
Making Sacred Space in Medieval Bengal: Land-Grant Inscriptions in the Chandra Dynasty
Michael C. Linderman, University of Pennsylvania
The Rest of the Kingdom: Procession and Sovereignty in the Monumental Pilgrim Rest House of Raja Serfoji II of Tanjavur, South India
Cameron David Warner, Harvard University, Middlebury College
Reading the Renovations to the Central Chapel of the Lhasa Temple (Jokhang)
Responding:
Brian Nichols, Rice University
Business Meeting:
Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding

9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Wilson

Nina Azari, University of Hawai‘i, Hilo, Presiding
Theme: Affect: A Link between Religious Studies and Affective Neuroscience
Douglas F. Watt, Harvard Medical School
Social Affective Neuroscience: A Taxonomy of Primary Emotion and Its Implications for Religious Studies

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Huron

Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University, Presiding
Theme: Paul Tillich and Political Theology
Gregory Walter, St. Olaf College
Critique and Promise in Paul Tillich's Political Theology: Engaging Giorgio Agamben on Sovereignty and Possibility
Bryan Wagoner, Harvard University
Tillich in Dialogue with Adorno and Horkheimer
J. Heath Atchley, Mount Holyoke College
Sounding the Depth of the Secular: Tillich with Thoreau
Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University
Tillich and King on Love and Justice and the Significance for Models of Restorative Justice
SUNDAY MORNING

A2-131

North American Hinduism Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4C
Leslie C. Orr, Concordia University, Presiding
Theme: Representing and Misrepresenting Hinduism in North America
Panelists:
Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University
Leena Taneja, Stetson University
Gillian McCann, Nipissing University
Richard Mann, College of William and Mary
Shana Lisa Sippy, Columbia University
Business Meeting:
Lola L. Williamson, Millsaps College, and Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

A2-132

Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Michigan

Matththew Williams, Fund for Theological Education, Presiding
This interactive session is designed for students of color who are considering applying to a graduate program in religious or theological studies. The goals of this session are to introduce students to the professional guild of religious and theological studies, provide opportunities for participants to dialogue with distinguished faculty and current graduate students, provide useful information on the graduate application process, and to increase the pipeline for future faculty of color in the guild. This session is jointly sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and the Fund for Theological Education. Please contact Myesha D. Jenkins (mjenkins@aarweb.org) or Matthew W. Williams (mwilliams@thefund.org) for more information.

A2-133

Religion and Migration Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Erie
Thomas Pearson, Wabash Center, Presiding
Theme: Encountering Self and the Other: Multi-sited Religion in the Process of Migration
Gemma Cruz, Saint Ambrose University
In Search of Promised Land: Religion in the Life of the Filipina Domestic Workers in Hong Kong
Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University
Labor Migration and the Balik Islam Movement in the Philippines
Rupa Pillai, Amarillo, TX
The Goddess Crossing the Dark Waters: The Development of Kali Worship in Guyana
Leah Sarat, University of Florida
Reenacting the United States-Mexico Border: Migration, Tourism, and Religious Identity in El Alberto, Hidalgo
Responding:
Terry Rey, Temple University
Business Meeting:
Marie Marquardt, Agnes Scott College, and Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding

A2-134

Religion in Europe Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 8-9
Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: The Meaning and Limits of Secularization in Modern Europe
Elissa McCormack, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
A Model Citizen-Priest: Henri Grégoire and the Civil Constitution of the Clergy
John Wood, Saint Louis University
Abraham Kuyper, Covenant, and Secular Society
Jennifer Veninga, Graduate Theological Union
Secularity in the Context of Established Religion: The Dynamics of Religious and Secular Imaginations in Contemporary Denmark
Todd Green, Vanderbilt University
Retelling Modern European Religious History: The Alternative Narrative of Presence in Philip Jenkins's Gods Continent
Michael DeJonge, Emory University and Free University, Berlin
Pope Benedict XVI and Jürgen Habermas: Allies for a "Post-Secular" Europe?
Business Meeting:
Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, and Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding

A2-135

Religion in Southeast Asia Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Wilford C
Jason Carbine, Whittier College, Presiding
Theme: Religion in Southeast Asia
Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont
Monastic Labor: Preliminary Thoughts about the Work of Theravada Monks
Edith Franke, University of Marburg
Shifting Identities of Buddhism in Islamic Shaped Indonesian Society

Tiffany Hacker, National University of Singapore, and Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University
Of Muscular Gods and Technicolor Buddhhas: Thai Popular Buddhist Imagery and Everyday Religious Expressions in Contemporary Southeast Asia

Alicia Turner, University of Chicago
Saving the Sasana: The Burmese Monastic Demonstrations and a History of Alternative Buddhist Modes of Identity

Mustaghfiroh Rahayu, Florida International University
Which/Whose Powers are Playing in this Pesantren? Construction of Sexual Discourse in Indonesia's Islamic Boarding Schools

Business Meeting:
Sor-Ching Low, Muhlenberg College, Presiding

A2-137
Special Topics Forum
11:30 am-1:00 pm
CHT-Grand Ballroom

Nadia Lahutsky, Texas Christian University and Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Mentoring Luncheon
Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
Graduate students and new scholars have to navigate the waters of, first, the job search and, then, progress toward tenure. These steps in your career can be complicated by both personal identity issues and institutional peculiarities. At the mentoring lunch all questions about these processes are welcomed. Reserve a seat at the lunch where you can connect with established mid-career and senior scholars who will be available for conversation and networking.

M2-100
Theta Alpha Kappa Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Pullman Boardroom

M2-103
North American Paul Tillich Society Business Meeting
11:45 am-12:45 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

M2-105
Christian Theological Research Fellowship
11:45 am-12:45 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E
Theme: Contesting Evangelicalism: American Pop Culture, Žižek, and Evangelicals
Beth Felker Jones, Wheaton College, Presiding
Presenter: David Fitch, Northern Seminary
Responding:
James K. Smith, Calvin College
Bruce Benson, Wheaton College

M2-106
African Association for the Study of Religion
11:45 am-1:45 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4G
Theme: Tapping African Wisdom to Heal the Wounds of Colonialism and Slavery
Cynthia Hoehler-Fatton, University of Virginia, Presiding
Panelists:
Teresa Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
Leslie James, DePauw University
Mutumbo N'kulu N'sengha, California State University, Northridge
Business Meeting:
Kathleen O'Brien Wicker, Scripps College, Presiding

Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Pre-modern Christianity Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4I
Carly Daniel-Hughes, Concordia University, Presiding
Theme: Thinking with "Sex" and "Sexuality" in Pre-modern Christian Texts
Taylor Petrey, Harvard University
The Usefulness of the Sexual Organs in Ps. Justin Martyr's On the Resurrection
Kate Wilkinson, Emory University
The Reproductive Anatomy of Virgins: The Conception of Christ in the Virgin's Mouth in Ambrose and Jerome
Susanna L. Drake, Duke University
"A Synagogue of Malakoi": Sexual Stereotypes in John Chrysostom's Sermons Against the Jews

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A2-200
Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Continental C

Ira Bhaskar has withdrawn from the session

Dwight Friesen, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Theme: Art, Aesthetics, and Performance
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee

This forum will explore the way in which performance — in the guises of yoga, art, and filmmaking — contributes to the bodily and aesthetic bases of an academic understanding of Hinduism. At the same time, these practices help construct the identity of "India" in ancient and modern ages, and this identity also comes to include or exclude other religio-cultural institutions like Islam in South Asia. Experts in fields of yoga, Sanskrit, and film studies will contribute to the performative dimensions of South Asian religions.

Panelists:
M. A. Jayashree, University of Bangalore
Responding:
Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

A2-201
Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding
Theme: The Marty Forum: Wendy Doniger
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

The recipient of the 2008 Martin Marty Award for contributions to the public understanding of religion is Wendy Doniger, Mircea Eliade Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Religions in the University of Chicago Divinity School. Doniger has authored or co-authored numerous influential books on mythology and translations of Hindu texts, including Siva: The Erotic Ascetic; The Origins of Evil in Hindu Mythology; Splitting the Difference: Gender and Myth in Ancient Greece and India; The Bedtrick: Tales of Sex and Masquerade; and The Implied Spider: Politics and Theology in Myth. The Marty Forum provides an informal setting in which Doniger will talk about her work with Charles Howard Candler Professor and Professor of Early Indian Religions at Emory University, Laurie Louise Patton.

Panelists:
Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University

A2-202
Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Joliet

Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: "Bringing Sexy Back": A Town Hall Meeting for the AAR Graduate Student Community
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

Graduate students are on the cutting edge of the academy — the newest research, the sexiest topics, the most heated struggles. The AAR Graduate Student Committee and the student director are here to address your concerns and are excited to bring you innovative new programming aimed at student needs. Please join us for a town hall meeting that will offer student members an opportunity to hear about expanded student services and network with one another. Additionally, we will discuss current trends in the academy and how such trends will impact the next generation of scholars of religion.

We eagerly anticipate your presence at this important event in the life of the AAR student community and encourage you to: 1) Come discuss new graduate and undergraduate student services; 2) Meet members of the Graduate Student Committee (GSC); and 3) Greet the 2008-2009 student director.

Panelists:
Whitney Bauman, Forum on Religion and Ecology
Annie Blakeney-Glazer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa
Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University
Special Topics Forum  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
CRT-Conference Room 4D  

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Theme: Conversation with Fred Glennon, the Excellence in Teaching Award Winner

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

Join us for a conversation about teaching with this year's winner of the AAR Excellence in Teaching Award winner, Fred Glennon.

Panelists:
Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College

Wildcard Session  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
PH-Salon 8-9  
Jon R. Stone has withdrawn from the session.

Julius Nam, Loma Linda University, Presiding

Theme: The End Is Not What It Used to Be: The Taming of the Apocalyptic Movements in American Religions

Panelists:
Kenneth G. C. Newport, Liverpool Hope University
Ginger Hanks Harwood, La Sierra University
Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University
Richard Landes, Boston University

Wildcard Session  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
CHT-Grand Tradition Room  

Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: Remembering and Forgetting in the Formation of Religious Subjectivities

Eliza Slavet, University of California, San Diego
Remembering, Repeating, and Working Through Motes the Egyptian and the Psychoanalytic Model of Cultural Discourse
Amy Holmes, Australian National University
Depicting Miracles as an Art of Memory: A Case Study of the Himalayan Buddhist Biography of Togden Shakya Shri (1853-1919)
Jeffrey M. Brackett, Ball State University
The Rhetorical Guru: Remembering Samartha Ramdas Swami
Cameron David Warner, Harvard University and Middlebury College
Remembering and Forgetting the Significance of Princess Wencheng: Micro-historical Challenges to the Master Narrative of Tibetan Buddhist Historiography
Kristen Rudisill, Bowling Green State University
Preemptive Nostalgia and Displaced Tradition: A Tamil Brahmin Marriage in Washington, D. C.
David Reinhart, DePaul University
Memory and a Prayer from Ravensbrück
Responding:
Albert J. Raboteau, Princeton University

Wildcard Session  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
CHT-Lake Huron  

Thomas Ryba, University of Notre Dame and Purdue University, Presiding

Theme: The Post-secular Turn in Literary Studies

Michael Kaufmann, Temple University
Literary Studies and Post-secularism
Kathryn Ludwig, Purdue University
In Between the Sacred and the Secular: Religious Possibility in Don DeLillo's Underworld
Magdalena Maczynska, Marymount Manhattan College
Playing Games with the Sacred: Post-secular Perspectives in Post-modernist Fiction

Wildcard Session  
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
PH-Salon 3  

Ronald Y. Nakasone, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Asian Perspectives on the Religious in Dance and Literature

Angela Yarber, Graduate Theological Union
Embodied Darkness: The Impact of Butoh on Southeast Asia
Martha Ann Kirk, University of the Incarnate Word
Vietnamese and Vietnamese-American Liturgical Dance: Resisting Oppression and Reconstructing Identity

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A2-208

Buddhism Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Will Tuladhari-Douglas, University of Aberdeen, Presiding

Theme: Buddhism in the South Asian Context: What Can Newars Teach Buddhist Studies?

Panelists:
Todd T. Lewis, College of the Holy Cross
Lauren Leve, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Christoph Emmrich, University of Toronto, Mississauga
Bronwen Bledsoe, Cornell University
Dina Bangdel, Virginia Commonwealth University

A2-209

Christian Systematic Theology Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North

Gerard Loughlin, Durham University, Presiding

Theme: Beyond Supersessionism

Stephen Sours, Duke University
Eschatology Without Ecclesiology? The Significance of Hebrew's Figural Reading for the Relationship between Israel and Church

Damon McGraw, National Institute for Newman Studies
Messianic Memory: Retelling the Story of the Kingdom

Scott Bader-Saye, University of Scranton
Can a Blessing be Given? Jews, Christians, and the Exchange of Gift

A2-210

Ethics Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard A

Gaston Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College, Presiding

Theme: Ethics and the Vote 2008

Helen Daley Schroepfer, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Election 2008: Religion and the Mobilization of "Freedom" and "Equality"

Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University
Challenging Electoral Hegemonies: The Ethical Potential of (Religiously Attuned) Community Organizing

David True, Wilson College
The Limits of Law, Power, and Compassion: Reinhold Niebuhr and the Immigration Debate

A2-211

History of Christianity Section and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Consultation
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario

Arun W. Jones, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Pentecostalisms in Africa: Histories and Theologies

David Tonghui Ngong, Baylor University
Material Well-being in the Soteriological Discourse of African Neo-Pentecostal/Charismatic Christianity: The Legacies of African Traditional Religion

Genevieve Nrenzah, Florida International University
The Pentecostal-Charismatic Religious Movement and Changing Discourses on African Religions in Ghana

Adelaide Boadi, Drew University
Emerging Pentecostal Theologies of the Global South and Their Reshaping of Worldwide Pentecostalism: The Case of Africa

A2-212

Study of Islam Section and Qur'an Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Willisford A

Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College, Presiding

Theme: Varieties of Qur'anic Hermeneutics

Tehseen Thaver, University of Virginia
"Ijaz and Tafsir: An Analysis of the Relationship between the Qur'an and the Writings of Two Shi'i Scholars of the Qur'an"

Ahmed Abdel Meguid, Emory University
The Significance of Adam's Repentance in Qur'an 2:37 and Ibn al-'Arabi's Bezels of Wisdom

Betul Yavuz, Rice University
"Show Me How You Resurrect the Dead": Hermeneutics of the Prophethood in Tabari and Early Sufi Commentaries with Reference to Abraham

Amer Latif, Marlboro College and State University of New York, Stony Brook
"Flying on the Wings of Gnosis: Autonomy and Voice in Ruzbihan Baqli's Qur'an Commentary (18:60-82)"

Responding:
Barbara R. von Schlegell, Ursinus College

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A2-213

Study of Judaism Section  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Continental A  
Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University, Presiding  
Theme: The Figure of the Jew  
David Nirenberg, Johns Hopkins University  
The Jewish Question: From Ancient Egypt to the Present  
Responding:  
Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Bloomington  
Paul Mendes-Flohr, University of Chicago

A2-214

Women and Religion Section and Religion and Ecology Group  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Astoria  
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding  
Theme: Feminist Possibilities and Perspectives: Women, Religion, and Ecology  
Beth Blissman, Oberlin College  
Exploring the Mother of God in Ecological Context  
Martti Kheel, Graduate Theological Union  
Feminist Perspectives on Vegetarianism: Beyond the Model of Abstinence  
G. Simon R. Watson, University of Toronto  
Salvation as Eschatological Hope for All Bodies in the Here and Now: The Possibility of the Ecofeminist Approach

A2-215

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4J  
Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School, Presiding  
Theme: Project: The Bible in Latino/a American Society and Culture  
Panelists:  
Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University

A2-216

Christian Spirituality Group  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Waldorf  
Evan B. Howard, Spirituality Shoppe, Presiding  
Theme: The New Monasticism  
Brian Campbell, Emory University  
Raven's Bread and the Contemporary Hermit Revival: Negotiating Identity and Practice  
Philip Harrold, Trinity School for Ministry  
The "New Monasticism" as 'Ancient-Future Belonging: Imagination and Memory in the Emerging Church  
Martha McAfee, Southern Methodist University  
Neo-Monasticism: It's New, but Is It Monastic?  
Business Meeting:  
Wendy Wright, Creighton University, Presiding

A2-217

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4E  
Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College, Presiding  
Theme: Indo-Judaic Studies in the Twenty-first Century: Current Trends and Future Trajectories in the Comparative Study of Hinduisms and Judaisms  
Nathan Katz, Florida International University  
The Present and Future of Indo-Judaic Studies  
Richard Marks, Washington and Lee University  
Jacob in India: A Nineteenth-Century Jew Encounters Idolatry and Holiness among Hindus  
Philippe Bernet, University of Lausanne  
Comparing Normative Discourses: On Hospitality in Brahmanic and Rabbinical Texts  
Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Indo-Judaic Studies: Connecting Cultures Outside of and in Spite of the West

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A2-218

Comparative Theology Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Ravi M. Gupta, College of William and Mary, Presiding
Theme: Writs and Chains: Verbal Testimony as Limit and License in the Comparative Theological Project
Panelists:
Steven Tsoukalas, Wesley Biblical Seminary
Eva Mroczek, University of Toronto
David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota
Reid Locklin, University of Toronto
Responding:
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

A2-219

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
Scott Kenworthy, Miami University of Ohio, Presiding
Theme: Origen and Origenisms
Bryan Stewart, Valparaiso University
Ecclesiology and Priesthood in Origen of Alexandria: A Call for Reassessment
Douglas Burton-Christie, Loyola Marymount University
Origen’s Dream of the End: Apocatastasis Funtion Reconsidered
Mark McInroy, Harvard University
A Contemporary Reappraisal of Origen’s Doctrine of the Spiritual Senses

A2-220

Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Williford C
Jesse Terry Todd, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: The Construction of Maleness and Masculinity in Diasporic and Post-Queer Contexts
Ronald E. Long, Hunter College
Gay and Vegetarian — An Exploration in Linkage in a Post-Queer Environment
Andre Musskopf, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil
What if the Prodigal Son Were Gay? Debating Masculinity from Luke 15
John Anderson, Loyola University, Chicago
Narratives, Gay and Straight: How Heterosexual Scholars Can Engage and Collaborate with Gay Theology
Responding:
Donna Berman, Charter Oak Cultural Center

A2-221

Hinduism Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Lake Erie
Brian A. Hatcher, Illinois Wesleyan University, Presiding
Theme: Categories and Trajectories of Modernity in the Late-Colonial Religious Milieu
Jason Fuller, DePauw University
Useful (and Not-So-Useful) Categories for Understanding the Development of Modern Hinduism
Ferdinando Sardella, Gothenburg University
Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati and the Hidden Personalist History of Hinduism
Steven Vose, University of Pennsylvania
Gandhi and Rajacandra: Reading a Friendship Born of Modernity
Responding:
Mark Rowe, McMaster University

A2-222

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Marquette
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding
Theme: Survival and Persistence of Indigenous Traditions
Molly Bassett, University of California, Santa Barbara
Earthy Things: The Place of the “Sacred” in Nahua Worldviews
Mary Nyangweso, Drew University
Persistence of African Religions in African Diaspora Points of Contact
Merose Hwang, University of Toronto
Questioning the Urgency to Preserve: Shamanism Studies and the Anti-Mudang Movement

A2-223

Japanese Religions Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Continental B
Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University, Presiding
Theme: Buddhism in Contemporary Japan
Levi McLaughlin, Princeton University
Doctrinal Instruction in Sōka Gakkai: Buddhism as Modern Education
Lisa Kuly, Cornell University
The Case Of Ōbara Shrine’s Parturition Hut: Intersection at the Crossroads of this World and the Other World
John Nelson, University of San Francisco
Household Altars in Contemporary Japan: Rectifying Buddhist “Ancestor Worship” with Home Décor and Consumer Choice
Responding:
Mark Rowe, McMaster University
A2-224
New Religious Movements Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
PH-Salon 4-6

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding
Theme: Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future of New Religions Study
Eileen Barker, London School of Economics
INFORM: Information Network Focus on Religious Movements
Massimo Introvigne, CESNUR
CESNUR: Center for Studies on New Religions
I. Gordon Melton, Institute for the Study of American Religion
ISAR: Institute for the Study of American Religion
Responding:
William M. Ashcraft, Truman State University

A2-225
Religion and Disability Studies Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Williford B

Noam Ostrander and Carlos Drazen have withdrawn from the session.
Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding
Theme: Health, Wellness, Disability, and Spirituality
Elizabeth Gordon, Graduate Theological Union
Meaningful Life as a Psychiatric Treatment Goal: A Qualitative Analysis of Healing from the Perspective of Mental Health Clients

A2-226
Science, Technology, and Religion Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
PH-Salon 1

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University, Presiding
Theme: Neuroscience, Transcendence, and Moral Exemplars
Panelists:
Michael L. Spezio, Scripps College
James Van Slyke, Fuller Theological Seminary
Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University
Responding:
Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University

A2-227
Wesleyan Studies Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
PH-Salon 7

Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding
Theme: What Makes Theology "Wesleyan"?
Panelists:
Dennis C. Dickerson, Vanderbilt University
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Don Thorsen, Azusa Pacific University
Charles M. Wood, Southern Methodist University

A2-228
Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan

Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: "...With Every Color Flower Represented": Multiple Methods in Womanist Approaches
Tinesha J. Williams McNeill, Drew Theological School
I Am Not My Hair: Rerighting the Standard of Beauty for African-American Women
Almeda Wright, Emory University
Womanist Approaches to Fragmented Adolescent Spirituality: Recreating and Reclaiming Womanish Spirit
Christiana Peppard, Yale University
Pauli Murray, Poetry, and Ethics
Monique Moultrie, Vanderbilt University
What Did Jesus Do? Explorations into the Jesus of Process and Womanist Thought
Business Meeting:
Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding
**A2-229 New! ⭐**

Comparative Philosophy and Religion Seminar
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-McCormick Boardroom
Katrin Froese has withdrawn from the session.

Morny Joy, University of Calgary, Presiding
Theme: *Comparative Philosophy and Religion, beyond Incorporation: Alternative Approaches to Non-Western Philosophical Systems, Categories, and Ideas*
Panelists:
- Arindam Chakrabarti, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- Christopher Framarin, University of Calgary
- Lin Chen-Kuo, National Chenchi University
- Tsingsong Vincent Shen, University of Toronto
Responding:
- Tinu Ruparell, University of Calgary
Business Meeting:
- Morny Joy, University of Calgary

**A2-230 New! ⭐**

Religion, Food, and Eating Seminar
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Pullman Boardroom
Nora Rubel has withdrawn from the session.

Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College, Presiding
Theme: *Religion, Food, and Eating in North America: Introductory Meeting*
Panelists:
- Marie W. Dallam, Temple University
- Reid L. Nelson, Brigham Young University
Business Meeting:
- Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College

**A2-231 New!**

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Consultation
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Jennifer Hockenbery, Mount Mary College, Presiding
Theme: *When Truth Is a Woman but Reason Is a Whore: Quandary of the Lutheran Philosopher*
Panelists:
- David Hockenbery, Columbus State Community College
- David J. Gouwens, Brite Divinity School
- Charles Peterson, Marquette University

**A2-232**

Planning Session: Women of Color
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2

Time Change (was A2-252, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm)

Mary C. Churchill, Sonoma State University, Presiding

**A2-250**

Special Topics Forum
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding.

Sponsored by JAAR
Three panelists, Jean Bethke Elshtain, Brian Hehir, and Emilie Townes, will discuss Amy Sullivan's *The Party Faithful: How and Why Democrats Are Closing the God Gap*. Sullivan will reply to their thoughts, and a conversation will ensue, with time for questions from the audience.

Panelists:
- Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
- J. Bryan Hehir, Harvard University
- Emilie M. Townes, Yale University
Responding:
- Amy Sullivan, *Time Magazine*
A2-251

Special Topics Forum
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Continental C
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida, Presiding
Theme: Religion and the Environment in South Asia: A Discussion with Vandana Shiva
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee
In this discussion and presentation, Vandana Shiva, a renowned physicist, activist, and ecologist, discusses religion, indigenous peoples, and the preservation of the environment.
Panelists:
Vandana Shiva, Navdanya Research Foundation for Science, Technology, and Ecology

A2-254

Wildcard Session
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 8-9
James W. Jones, Rutgers University, Presiding
Theme: Spirituality: Cross-Cultural Perspectives and Measurement
Heinz Streib, University of Bielefeld
Conceptualizing “Spirituality”: Reconsidering the Classics
Ralph W. Hood, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
The Semantics of Spirituality

A2-255

Wildcard Session
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 3
This Wildcard session was incorrectly listed as being sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section in the Annual Meeting Program Planner.
Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding
Theme: Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (Walter DeGruyter, 2009)
Panelists:
Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University
Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas
Brian M. Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Martin Forward, Aurora University
Bernard McGinn, University of Chicago
Barry Don Walfish, University of Toronto
Nils Holger Petersen, University of Copenhagen
David Thomas, University of Birmingham

A2-256

History of Christianity Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario
Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding
Theme: The Reformation and Early Modern Christianity: Current Issues, Trends, and Challenges
Panelists:
Susan Boettcher, University of Texas, Austin
Euan Cameron, Union Theological Seminary
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University
Ralph Keen, University of Iowa

A2-257

Philosophy of Religion Section and Roman Catholic Studies Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles, and University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Nature and Grace
Robert St. Hilaire, Harvard University
Nature and Grace Revisited: Contemporary Thomist Controversies and the Insights of Pierre Rousselot, S. J.
Joshua Davis, Vanderbilt University
The Subject of Nature, the Meaning of Grace: Subjectivity, Meaning, and Modernity in the Nature/Grace Debates
Robert Matava, University of St. Andrews
Counterfactuals of Freedom, the Grounding Objection, and Divine Determinations: A Critical Thomist Appraisal of the Theory Praemotionis Physicae
A2-258
Religion and the Social Sciences Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard A
Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University, Presiding
Theme: Interreligious Cooperation and Social Activism
Ann B. McClenahan, Harvard University
A Case Study of Jewish-Christian Social Activism in Boston
Ina Merdjanova, Sofia University
Interreligious Peace-building in the Balkans: Challenges and Perspectives
Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Religious Pluralism, Spiritual Passion, and Political Activism: The Case of Religious Environmentalism

A2-260
Study of Islam Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Williford A
Ahmet Karamustafa, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding
Theme: Interrogating Muslim Masculinities: A Preliminary Conversation
Panelists:
Amanullah De Sondy, University of Glasgow
Farah Zeb, London, United Kingdom
Aysha Hidayatullah, University of California, Santa Barbara
Kecia Ali, Boston University

A2-261
Study of Judaism Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Continental A
Beth Berkowitz, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding
Theme: Taking Note of Narrative in Rabbinic Law
Jane Kanarek, Hebrew College
A Match Made in Heaven: Rebecca and the Construction of Rabbinic Marriage
Naftali Cohn, Concordia University, Montreal
Narrating the Iterative: The Mishnah's Ritual Narrative Genre
Barry Wimpfheimer, Northwestern University
The Inverse of Talmudic Legal Narrative
Responding:
Charlotte Fonrobert, Stanford University

A2-262
Teaching Religion Section and Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
Christopher Moreman, California State University, East Bay, Presiding
Theme: Bringing Death to Life: Teaching the Death and Dying Class
Panelists:
Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University
Amir Hussein, Loyola Marymount University
Lucy Bregman, Temple University
Chae Young Kim, Sogang University
Laurie Lamoureux Scholes, Concordia University
Responding:
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

A2-263 New!
Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Theology and the Political Consultation
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Marquette
Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding
Theme: Evangelicals and Empire: Engaging Hardt and Negri
Panelists:
Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary
Alasdair John Milbank, University of Nottingham
Corey David Bazemore Walker, Brown University
Anna Mercedes, Saint John's University
Mario Costa, Drew University
Catherine Keller, Drew University

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Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 7
Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University, Presiding
Theme: Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience
Panelists:
Sharon A. Suh, Harvard University
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California
Responding:
Carolyn Chen, University of California, Berkeley

A2-265
Black Theology Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C
Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
Theme: About Time: A Conversation about Black Theology and Queer Reality in Black Life
Trina Armstrong, Claremont School of Theology
In God's Image? Contemporary Masculine and Feminine Gendering in Queer Identified Black Folk
Josef Sorett, Harvard University
Preaching beyond the Choir: Black Churches and the Question of Heteronormativity
Raedorah Stewart, Padasena, CA
Say Now "Shibboleth" — Queer(y)ing Black Hornify, Hymnody, and Hollah Towards a Radically Inclusive Prophetic Gospel

A2-266
Buddhist Philosophy Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Williford C
Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Buddhist Philosophical Problems
Constance Kassor, Emory University
Affirming and Negating Negation: Cataphatic and Apophatic Treatments of the Catukoti
Ching Keng, Harvard University
On the Different Understandings of the Dharma-body by Asanga and by Vasubandhu
Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University
Vedanta through Buddhist Eyes: Bhavya's Madhyamaka-hridaya-karika as Doxography and Polemic
Edward Falls, Emory University
Tsog kha pa on the Contents of Distinct Realizations of Emptiness in the Lam rim chen mo: A Brouwerian Interpretation

Business Meeting:
Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, and Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

A2-267
Chinese Religions Group and Confucian Traditions Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Grand Tradition Room
Keith Knapp, The Citadel, Presiding
Theme: Questioning the Spirits: The Yijing (I Ching or Classic of Changes) as a Way of Personal Spirituality in the Confucian Tradition
Joseph Adler, Kenyon College
Yijing Divination as Spiritual Practice in Song Confucianism
Geoffrey Redmond, Center for Health Research
The Yijing, Confucian Propriety, and the Will of Heaven
Tze-ki Hon, State University of New York, Geneseo
The Rhythm of the Universe: The Yijing Commentaries in the Late Eastern Han Period

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- South Asian Scholars & Scholarship
- Tours
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* AAR Annual Meeting Program *
A2-268
Comparative Religious Ethics Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Lake Huron
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, Presiding
Theme: Practice and Reflection in Comparative Religious Ethics: Current Work on Martyrdom, Embodiment, and Theory of Comparison
Shannon Dunn, Florida State University
Feminine Virtue, Self-Sacrifice, and the Female "Warrior": An Examination of Common Themes in Islamic and Christian Martyr Discourses
Jennifer Rapp, Stanford University
Embodied Forgetting, Forgetting Embodiment: Tragedy and Somatic Evaluation in Euripides and Zhuangzi
David Decosimo, Princeton University
The Banality of Comparison
Responding:
Robin W. Lovin, Southern Methodist University

A2-269
Contemporary Pagan Studies Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Lake Erie
Nikki Bado-Fralick, Iowa State University, Presiding
Theme: Polytheism in Theory
Graham Harvey, Open University
Polytheism and the Indigenization of No-Longer Esoteric Paganisms
Constance Wise, Metropolitan State College of Denver
Process Thought as Philosophical Response to the Polytheistic Challenge
Michael York, London, United Kingdom
The Pantheonic Challenge to "Deca-logic": Polytheism as Contemporary Theology and the Issue of Human Sacrifice
Responding:
Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary

A2-270
Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 4-6
Randall G. Styers, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding
Theme: Class Revisited
Lynee Gerber, Graduate Theological Union
Fat Christians and Fit Elites: Negotiating Class and Status in Evangelical Weight Loss Culture
Sean McClymond, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
The Ghost of Marx and the Stench of Deprivation: Cutting the Ties That Bind in the Study of Religion and Class

A2-272
Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F
Ann Pellegrini, New York University, Presiding
Theme: Ritual: Transgression and Affirmation
Sean Delmore and Marla Marcum, Boston University
Transpire, Not Expire: Creating a Ritual That Affirms Transgender Lives
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College
Bodily Transgressions: Reading Self-Injury Through Ritual and Feminist Theory

A2-273
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North
Gilberto Cavazos-González, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: Constructing Pastoral Identities in Latino/a Church Leadership
Otto A. Maduro, Drew University
Becoming Pastora: Latina Pentecostal Women’s Stories from Newark, NJ
Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
Orthoproxy and Orthopraxis: Ministry, Agency, and Representation
Business Meeting:
Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School, and Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
A2-274
Mysticism Group and Western Esotericism Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Joliet
Wouter Hanegraaff, University of Amsterdam, Presiding
Theme: Visualization in Mystical and Esoteric Practice
G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University
Entheogenic Mysticism: A Jamesian Assessment
June Leavitt, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
Speech, Image, and Ecstasy: Divine Enlightenment in the Brotherhood of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai
John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University
Forcing the Buddha to Show Himself: Early Pure Land "Mystical" Visualization

Larry Taylor, Graduate Theological Union
Ghosts of Photography: The Legacy of Dance at Pine Ridge
David Toole, Duke University
Negotiating the Evidence: Christianity and the Ruins of Native America
Responding:
Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont

A2-275
Native Traditions in the Americas Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D
Mary C. Churchill, Sonoma State University, Presiding
Theme: Indigenous Resistance and Cultural Movements
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Dancing Towards a New Millennium: The Shawnee Movement of 1805-1812
Gabrielle Tayac, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
"United in a Body": Prophets, Piscataways, and Pan-Indianism in the Old Northwest, 1711-1794

A2-276
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Waldorf
Rosemary Hicks, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: Observing Genocide: Christian Theological Paradigms for Intervention and Non-Involvement in Mass Violence
Tim Horner, Villanova University
From the Kingdom of God to Hell on Earth: The Role of Liberation Theology in the Rwandan Genocide
Audrey deCourcey, Pacific School of Religion
Theological Anthropologies Expressed in the Politics of Intervention in Genocide
Amy Diane Richards, University of Edinburgh
News Audiences Bearing Witness to Genocide

A2-277
Religion, Media, and Culture Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Williford B
Titus Hjelm, University College, London, Presiding
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Stewart Hoover, Religion in the Media Age (Routledge, 2006)
Panelists:
David Morgan, Duke University
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University
Responding:
Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado, Boulder

A2-278
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C
Lane Van Ham, University of Arizona, Presiding
Theme: Peacemaking within Islam
Fatih Okumus, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Living with Islamophobia: A Threat and a Challenge
Florian Pohl, Emory University
Both Tolerant and Committed: Approaches to Peacemaking in Indonesian Islamic Education
Valerie J. Hoffman, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Islam, Human Rights, and Interfaith Relations: Some Contemporary Egyptian Perspectives
Martha Ann Kirk, University of the Incarnate Word
Girls in Schools or Guns in Hand? Seeking Ways to Decrease Violence in Eastern Turkey
SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A2-279
Science, Technology, and Religion Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 1
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding
Theme: Philip Hefner on Science and Theology: From Pre-history to Post-history?
Panelists:
Philip Hefner, Lutheran School of Theology
Responding:
Willem B. Drees, Leiden University
Ann M. Pederson, Augustana College

A2-280
Tantric Studies Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Astoria
Charles D. Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
Theme: Categories and Emotion in the Study of Tantra
Gerald J. Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Indiana University, Bloomington
"Yoga" and "Tantra" as Portmanteau or Homographic Expressions
Maithili Thayanithy, University of Toronto
Role of Anpu (Love) in the Ideology of Yoga: A Note on the Medieval Tamil Tantric Text Tirumantiram
Thomas B. Ellis, Appalachian State University
The Disgusting Divine: Tantra, Heroes, and Counterphobia
Responding:
David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota

M2-300
Theta Alpha Kappa Members' Meeting and Reception
4:00 pm-6:00 pm
PH-Kimball
Theta Alpha Kappa, the National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology, welcomes all chapter moderators, student members, and anyone interested in establishing a chapter on their campus to the annual business meeting and reception.

A2-300-CANCELLED
Special Topics Forum
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental C
Theme: Comparative Theology and the Interreligious Encounter

A2-301
Special Topics Forum
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario
Marcia Nelson, Publishers Weekly, Presiding
Theme: Ask the Experts: Turning the Dissertation into a Marketable "Scholarly Trade" Book
Sponsored by the AAR and Publishers Weekly
As university presses feel the squeeze of financial constraints and the library market shrinks with each passing year, young scholars face more pressure than ever as they launch their careers and face the old admonition to "publish or perish." In this special publishing session, a panel of acquisition editors and authors will discuss the topic of turning a dissertation into a marketable "scholarly trade" book, answering some of the most common questions posed by young scholars: what is a "publishable" dissertation topic? How can I find and query a publisher? How should I revise my dissertation to make it more accessible to a general audience? Should I broaden my topic? What are the hot projects right now that editors are seeking to acquire? This panel will be useful to young scholars who are currently revising their dissertations for publication, but also to graduate students who are still choosing a topic or writing their dissertations. At least half an hour will be devoted to an "ask-the-experts" session where panelists will answer audience members' questions.
Panelists:
Carey Newman, Baylor University Press
Curtis Evans, University of Chicago
Jennifer Hammer, New York University Press
Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University
Theo Calderara, Oxford University Press

A2-302
Wildcard Session
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental B
Danielle Elizabeth Tumminia, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: The Potterian Way of Death: J. K. Rowling's Conception of Mortality
Panelists:
Lois Shepherd, University of Virginia
Paul Corey, McMaster University
Oona Eisenstadt, Pomona College

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A2-303  
**Wildcard Session**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-PDR 2  
Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University, Presiding  
Theme: Women of Color and the Study of Religion and Theology  
Panelists:  
Mary C. Churchill, Sonoma State University  
Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary  
Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion  
Katie G. Cannon, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

A2-304  
**Wildcard Session**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
PH-Salon 8-9  
Alexander Y. Hwang, St. Louis University, Presiding  
Theme: Religious Conversions  
Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School in Ohio  
Italian-American Immigrants and Religious Conversion  
Peter Gilquist, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church  
My Journey to Orthodoxy  
Responding:  
Charles J. Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary

A2-305  
**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Boulevard A  
Carl Olson, Allegheny College, Presiding  
Theme: Celibacy and Religious Traditions  
Panelists:  
C. John Powers, Australian National University  
Karen Cheatham, Tacoma, WA  
Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas, Austin  
Paul Dundas, University of Edinburgh

A2-306  
**North American Religions Section**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Grand Tradition Room  
Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University, Presiding  
Theme: Plural Contests: Religion and Difference in Modern America  
Jessica Carr, Indiana University  
A People or a Nation? The Development of Zionism in American Reform Judaism  
K. Healan Gaston, Harvard University  
"A Pagan Philosophy from Abroad": Secularism and Public Education in the Interwar Catholic Imagination  
Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Duke University  
The Parliament Prolonged: Buddhism, Hinduism, and Greenacre's Forgotten Legacy  
Konden Smith, Arizona State University  
Uneasy Bedfellows: Twenty-first Century Mormonism and Modern American Memory

A2-307  
**Religion and Politics Section**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Waldorf  
Andrew William Getz, St. Mary's University, Presiding  
Theme: Religion and National Identity  
Alain Epp Weaver, University of Chicago  
"The Cross and the Crescent Are the Signs on My Hands": Mapping the Nation and the Performance of Palestinian Christian Identity  
Damaris S. Parsitau, Egerton University  
From Soulwinners to Politicians: The Growing Interest and Influence of Pentecostal Clergy in Kenyan Politics  
Gavin Hyman, University of Lancaster  
Beyond the Theocratic-Secularist Divide: The Case of Archbishop Rowan Williams on Sharia Law in Britain

A2-308  
**Study of Judaism Section**  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Continental A  
Jeffrey Shandler, Rutgers University, Presiding  
Theme: New Wine in Old Wineskins: Kabbalah, Healing, and Jewish Renewal  
Jody Myers, California State University, Northridge  
Crossing Boundaries: Kabbalah for Non-Jews  
Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa  
Jewish Outreach and Healing: Blessings and Miracles at Rabbi Amnon Yitzhak's Meetings  
Responding:  
Chava Weissler, Lehigh University
### A2-309
**Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Marquette

Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding  
Theme: David W. Tracy  
Panelist:  
David W. Tracy, University of Chicago

### A2-310
**Women and Religion Section and Scriptural Reasoning Group**
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Lake Huron

Scott Bader-Saye, University of Scranton, Presiding  
Theme: Hairy Legs and All: An Exploration of Ideal Womanhood and the Queen of Sheba of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam  
Panelists:  
Ayesha Chaudhry, New York University  
Sarah Snyder, Cambridge University  
Responding:  
Jacob Lassner, Northwestern University  
Business Meeting:  
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University, Presiding

### A2-311
**African Religions Group**
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University, Presiding  
Theme: Gender, Myth, Media, and Religious Competition in Africa  
E. Obiri Addo, Drew University  
Akua Donkor: A Study in Indigenous West African Religious Imagination  
Jude Aguwa, Mercy College  
Media Technology and the Catholic Mission in Nigeria  
Genevieve Nrenzah, Florida International University  
The Indigenous Religious Factor in Ghana’s Charismatic Religious Movement  
Mika Vähäkangas, University of Helsinki  
Gender, Myths, and Religious Competition Among the Sonja of Tanzania

### A2-312
**Afro-American Religious History Group**
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-International Ballroom South

Quinton Dixie has withdrawn from the session.

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University, Presiding  
Theme: The Sound of the Genuine: The Papers of Howard Thurman, Volume I  
Panelists:  
Cornel West, Princeton University  
Clayborne Carson, Stanford University  
Barbara Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary  
Responding:  
Walter E. Fluker, Morehouse College

### A2-313
**Anthropology of Religion Group**
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding  
Theme: Complicating Indian Christian Identities amid Competition, Conflict, and Colonialism  
Kristin Bloomer, University of Chicago  
O Mother: Problems of Identity  
Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point  
Messing with Political and Religious Empire: The Suffering Nun and the Drunken Priest of Indian and Irish Folklore  
Chad Bauman, Butler University  
Reporting Violence: Media Accounts of Hindu-Christian Violence in Orissa and Beyond  
Responding:  
Eliza Kent, Colgate University

### A2-314
**Augustine and Augustinianisms Group and Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
PH-Salon 1

F. B. A. Asiedu, Middlebury College, Presiding  
Theme: I Read of Plotinus and Paul: Outward Signs, Inner Grace, and the Second Founder of the Faith  
Panelists:  
John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael’s College  
Willehad Otten, University of Chicago  
Burcht Pranger, University of Amsterdam  
J. Warren Smith, Duke University  
Responding:  
Phillip Cary, Eastern University

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Bioethics and Religion Group and Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford B
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Are Some Children Too Expensive to Treat? Ethics and Neonatal Intensive Care
Charles Camosy, Fordham University
Are Some Children Too Expensive to Treat? — A Critical Look at United States Neonatal Intensive Care through the Lens of Catholic Social Thought
Responding:
Richard Miller, Indiana University, Bloomington
Margaret E. Mohrmann, University of Virginia

A2-316
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D
Joel Lawrence, Bethel Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Form in Literature: Bonhoeffer, King, and Moses
Stephen Plant, Cambridge University
"Ethical Viewpoints in Modern Literature": Novel Sources in Bonhoeffer's Theology
Christina Hitchcock, University of Sioux Falls
The Mountain's Summit: Bonhoeffer and King as Mosaic Leaders

A2-317
Daoist Studies Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding
Theme: Daoist Sacred Space
Volker Olles, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Lord Lao's Mountain: From Celestial Master Daoism to Contemporary Daoist Practice
Jonathan Pettit, Indiana University
Modeling Daoist Sacred Space: Imagining Emperors as Practitioners in Medieval China
Thomas Michael, George Washington University
The Influence of Wu-Shamanism on Daoist Masters in Ge Hong's Shenxian Zhua
Responding:
James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

A2-318
Evangelical Theology Group and Biblical/Contextual Ethics Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4J
Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University, Presiding
Theme: Popular Evangelical Expressions and Practices: On Consumerism and Communism
Jeff Scholes, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
The Purpose-Driven Life and Consumer Culture: The Need for Theological Analysis of Christian Self-Help Books
Jay D. Learned, University of Rochester
Revival Goes Nuclear: Billy Graham's Use of Anticommunism in the Los Angeles Campaign of 1949
Responding:
Samuel K. Roberts, Union Theological Seminary

A2-319
Islamic Mysticism Group and Western Esotericism Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Erie
Barbara R. von Schlegell, Ursinus College, Presiding
Theme: Sufism and Western Esoteric Traditions: Reciprocal Relations
Rkia Elarouii Cornell, Emory University
Was Rabia al-Adawiyya the Muslim Diotima?
Michael Pittman, Albany College of Pharmacy
Creating New Discourses in Western Esotericism: Twenty-first Century Reflections on the Reconstruction of Sufism in the Work of G. I. Gurdjieff
Heba Khan and Ann Gleig, Rice University
Psychospiritual Journeys: The Lata'if System in Classical Sufism and Western Esotericism
A2-320
Law, Religion, and Culture Group and Religion and Colonialism Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C
Sushil Mittal, James Madison University, Presiding
Theme: Colonial Secularism, Religious Fundamentalism, and the Codification of Law in South Asia
Panelists:
Balagangadhara Rao, Ghent University
Sarah Claerhout, Ghent University
Jakob De Roover, Ghent University

A2-321
Men's Studies in Religion Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Logan
Robert A. Atkins, Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL, Presiding
Theme: Critical, Theological, and Ethnographic Analysis of the Various Social Constructs of Masculinities
Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
Defending Fatherhood and Family: James Dobson, Presidential Politics, and the Crisis of Evangelical Masculinity
Brian McGrath Davis, Emory University
Apophatic Theology as Method for a Critical Analysis of Gender

A2-322
Reformed Theology and History Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B
Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding
Theme: What Is Reformed about the Reformed Tradition?
Panels:
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary
Douglas F. Ottati, Davidson College
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Lee Kanghack, Graduate Theological Union

A2-323
Religion and Ecology Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford A
Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding
Theme: Chicago Religious Environmentalisms
Panelists:
David Rhoads, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
David Aftandilian, University of Chicago
Robert Saler, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Clare Butterfield, Faith in Place

A2-324
Religion and Popular Culture Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 3
Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding
Theme: Selling Religion: Commodification of Religious Practices
Lynn LiDonnici, Vassar College
In Search of the Quest for the Real Discovery of Noah's Ark: Archaeology and the Television Religious Documentary Genre
Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Next Generation of Intimate Ministries: The Online Business of Evangelical Sex Toys
Jaime Wright, Santa Rosa, CA
Modified Religiosity: How BMZine.com Facilitates Body Modification Religiosity through Culture and Structure

A2-325
Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
Jennifer Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Theme: Two Recent Books on the Intersection of Latin American Art and Religion: Laura Perez’s Chicana Art (Duke University Press, 2007) and David Carrasco’s Mapa de Cuauhtinchan (University of New Mexico Press, 2007)
Panelists:
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley
David Carrasco, Harvard University
Lindsay Jones, Ohio State University, Columbus
Responding:
Luis Leon, University of Denver
A2-326

Ritual Studies Group and Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford C
Jakob Hero, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: Transgender Performances: Ritualizing across Lines of Gender
David Hatfield Sparks, College of Alameda
Dancing the River: Communicating Gender Fluidity and Sexual Diversity in Yoruba Diasporic Religious Practice
Megan Goodwin, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Dangerous "Intersections": "Unmanliness" in Abject Religious Discourse
Pat Califia, San Francisco, CA

The Trans Person as Blessing, Not Blasphemy: Pagan Alternatives to Monotheistic Condemnation
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

A2-328

Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Joliet

David Gray, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Theme: Variations of Yoga: Tibetan and Tamil

Panelists:
Alejandro Chaoul, University of Texas, Houston
Mark Singleton, Cambridge University
Maithili Thayanithy, University of Toronto

Responding:
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University

A2-327

Sacred Space in Asia Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E

Pamela D. Winfield, Elan University, Presiding

Theme: Back to the Source: Siting Asia in America; Sighting Americans in Asia
Jonathan H. X. Lee, University of California, Santa Barbara

Theorizing Chinese Religions: Meigu Mazi's Ritual Change and Pilgrimage as Vernacular Chinese Religion and Religions
Sasaki Naoko, Ohio Northern University

Mount Dai Bosatsu: The Role of a Japanese Sacred Landscape for American Rinzai Zen
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

A2-329

World Christianity Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Astoria

Lalsangkima Pachuau, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Hybridity
Elaine Padilla, Drew University
Mulatez: Hybridity, Bodies, and Afro Caribbean-Latina Theology
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University

The Ten Commandments of Personal Hygiene: Christianity, Development, and Hybridity in Rural Ecuador
Jenny Daggers, Liverpool Hope University

Hybridity or Appropriation? Problematics in Dismantling Eurocentrism
Patrick Provost-Smith, Plano, TX

A2-330

Special Topics Forum
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental C

Emilie M. Townes, and Sally M. Promey, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and the Arts Award: Betye and Alison Saar

Panelists:
Betye Saar, Los Angeles, CA
Alison Saar, Los Angeles, CA

A2-331

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North
Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Presiding

Theme: Taking the Testimony of Genocide: The Work of Fr. Patrick Desbois

Panelists:
Patrick Desbois, Yahad-In Unum

Responding:
Katharina von Kellenbach, St. Mary's College, Maryland
Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

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SUNDAY EVENING

M2-304
Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting
5:45 pm-6:15 pm
PH-Salon 7

A2-400
JAAR Editorial Board Meeting
6:00 pm-7:00 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding

A2-401
AAR Awards Ceremony and Reception
6:30 pm-7:30 pm
CHT-AAR Suite
Celebrate the achievements of the 2008 AAR award winners at the ceremony and reception held in their honor.

AWARD WINNERS:
Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion
Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago
Excellence in Teaching Award
Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College
Religion and the Arts Award
Betye Saar and Alison Saar, Los Angeles, CA
Best First Book Award

M2-401
American Journal of Theology and Philosophy
6:30 pm-8:00 pm
PH-Salon 7
Michael S. Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding
David E. Conner, Wheat Ridge, CO, United Church of Christ
Whitehead the Naturalist
Responding:
J. Thomas Howe, Iliff School of Theology
We are anticipating a lively conversation about process thought. Everyone is welcome!
For additional information, contact Jennifer Jesse at jgjesse@truman.edu.

M2-402
JAAR Reception for Board Members and Authors
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan
Reception for JAAR Editorial board members and JAAR authors.

M2-410
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D
The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies invites all those interested in the intersection of religious studies and Holocaust studies for refreshments, networking, and conversation. For more information on our programs and fellowship opportunities, please see www.ushmm.org/research/center/.

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Plenary Address
7:30 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: How I've Changed My Mind (or Not)
Charles H. Long, after attending Dunbar Junior College and volunteering for the US Army Air Forces during World War II, received a DB and PhD from the University of Chicago. He joined Mircea Eliade and Joseph Kitagawa in establishing the international journal, History of Religions. He, along with a group of his colleagues, established the first curriculum for the study of religion at the University of Chicago. He has been involved in the training of three generations of scholars in religion and African-American studies. Long has a unique perspective from which to speak of the general meaning of religion in history and culture, and specifically about African religions in Africa and in the Atlantic world. Long has served on the faculties at the University of Chicago, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Syracuse University, and is professor emeritus at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is author of several books, including Significations.
Panelists:
Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC

Special Invited Guest
8:30 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation
Theme: Templeton Lecture: Human Time and Time of the Universe
Michael Heller, Professor of Philosophy at the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow, Poland, is a cosmologist and Catholic priest who has developed sharply focused and strikingly original concepts on the origin and cause of the universe. He earned masters in theology and philosophy and a PhD in philosophy from the Catholic University of Lublin. His studies were largely in physics, but authorities prevented the university from granting degrees in that discipline. He has served as researcher at the Institute of Astrophysics at Oxford University and the Vatican Observatory. Heller is a compelling figure in physics, cosmology, theology, and philosophy with provocative concepts on issues that all of these disciplines pursue, albeit from vastly different perspectives. His academic and religious background enables him to comfortably and credibly move within each of these domains, and his extensive writings have evoked new and important consideration of humankind's most profound concepts.
Panelists:
Michael Heller, Pontifical Academy of Theology

Film Series: On the Road with the Red God
8:30 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-PDR 1
Frances Garrett, University of Toronto, Presiding
Every twelve years, impassioned devotees pull a sixty-five-feet tall unwieldy chariot in the Kathmandu Valley, its rider an enigmatic god worshipped by Hindus and Buddhists, on a month-long journey preceded by abundant ritual and animal sacrifice. The enterprise calls for extreme cooperation and rigorous observance of ritual in the building, sanctification, and pulling of the chariot. But the jatra (festival) is an arena of gritty reality, where participants vie for everything from a share of ritual meat to status and proximity to the god. The chariot teeters, as does the community, between chaos and order, conflict or solidarity. Thus, every twelve years, the same question: will the journey succeed?
SUNDAY EVENING

Film Series: Karunamayudu
8:30 pm-10:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2
Dwight Friesen, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Karunamayudu (Telugu for “Man of Compassion”), also known by its Hindi title Daya Sagar, may well be India’s most widely recognized and commercially produced Jesus film. Not only was it a box office hit upon its release, it has been a regular feature on network television during Christian holidays and continues to be screened today. It also spawned a TV serial in the vein of the popular Ramayana and Mahabharata. Like many Indian films, it reflects, without slavishly copying, its Western predecessors, blending biblical narrative with local conventions to present a cinematic Christ for India.

Arts Series: Salem Baptist Church’s Gospel Choir
8:30 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-Lake Huron
From Thomas Dorsey to the Staple Singers, Chicago has long been a capital for gospel music. That music has rich roots in the city’s churches and popular culture. A choir from Salem Baptist Church, one of the city’s biggest and fastest-growing congregations, will offer a sampling of gospel’s vitality and diversity.

MONDAY

Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfast
7:15 am-8:45 am
CHT-Grand Ballroom
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Program unit chairs are invited to a continental breakfast featuring information on upcoming program initiatives.

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
Offsite
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Special Topics Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Huron
Edwin David Aponte, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: The Elephant in the Room: Contingent Faculty and the Profession
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee
Data presented by the American Association of University Professors demonstrate that the proportion of faculty holding tenured or tenure eligible positions is declining. This national trend is evident at every type of institution of higher learning. Moreover, the trend affects people: the scholars who hold adjunct or
contingent positions of various sorts, their families, their colleagues, and their students. In this special topics forum, we will provide information about the present situation and launch a discussion of how best to respond. We will consider both personal responses and institutional policies and practices toward fair treatment of contingent faculty, collegial relationships among all faculty, and productive working conditions for teaching, learning, and research. While we do not anticipate solving the "problem," we do hope to foster constructive public conversation.

Panelists:
Matthew Gowans, Loyola University, Chicago
Elizabeth Cameron Galbraith, St. Olaf College
Luis G. Pedraja, Middle States Commission on Higher Education
Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University
Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University

A3-102
Christian Systematic Theology Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-International Ballroom North
Lynn H. Cohick, Wheaton College, Presiding
Theme: The Torah and the Continuity of Scripture in Jewish Christian Dialogue
Ellen T. Charrington, Princeton Theological Seminary
Called to Love and Obedience: Jews, Christians, and the Continuity of Scriptures
David Rudolph, Messianic Jewish Theological Institute
Paul’s “Rule in All the Congregations” (1 Cor 7:17-24) and God’s “Call” to Torah-defined Ecclesiological Variegation

A3-103
Comparative Studies in Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 2
Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: New Religious Movements and Science: Legitimation, Complementarity, and Non-Western Validation
Jeremy Rapport, Indiana University
Corresponding to the Rational World: Scientific Rationales and Language in Christian Science and the Unity School of Christianity
Olav Hammer, University of Southern Denmark
Theosophical Science
Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College
Mutually Exclusive, but Complementary: The Unification Church on Science and Religion
Scott Lowe, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Transcendental Meditation, "Vedic Science," and Science
Responding:
James Roger Lewis, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

A3-104
Ethics Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Red Lacquer Room
Kaia Stern, Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard Law School, Presiding
Theme: Criminal Injustice and Christian Responsibility: Christianity and the Criminal Justice Systems
Panelists:
Rima Vesely-Flad, Union Theological Seminary
Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University
Amy Levad, Emory University
James Logan, Earlham College
Responding:
Traci C. West, Drew University

A3-105
North American Religions Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental B
David G. Hackett, University of Florida, Presiding
Theme: The Americas Perspective on the Study of Religion
Panelists:
Daniel Ramirez, Arizona State University
Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University
Robin Wright, University of Florida
Michael Masatsugu, Towson University
Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
A3-106

Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Erin McCarthy, St. Lawrence University, Presiding
Theme: The Philosophy of Yuasa Yasuo
Panelists:
S. Nagatomo, Temple University
Thomas P. Kasulis, Ohio State University, Columbus
Watanabe Manabu, Nanzan University
Gereon Kopf, Luther College

A3-108

Religion in South Asia Section and Contemporary Islam Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford B
Teena Purohit, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: Islam as Discourse: Identity Construction in Medieval and Modern South Asia
Carla Bellamy, City University of New York
Exclusion, Incorporation, and Liberation: Prophethood and Martyrdom in an Indian Context
Joel Lee, Columbia University
Sayyid, Sweeper, Butcher, Pir: Hierarchy and Egalitarianism in the Discourses of Nizam al-din Auliya
Megan Adamson Sijapati, Gettysburg College
Experiences of Conflict and Formations of a Muslim Minority "Nation": The National Muslim Forum Nepal
Danielle Widmann Abraham, Harvard University
Communal Harmony through Community Development: Interpreting Religion in an Indian Muslim Organization
Responding:
Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University

A3-107

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Religion and Politics Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford C
Mark Chaves, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Religion, Politics, and Civic Engagement: Separating Fact from Fiction
John Green, University of Akron
Religion and American Elections
David H. Campbell, Phoenix Seminary
Religion and American Civic Life
Business Meeting:
Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, and Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University, Presiding

A3-109

Study of Judaism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4C
Leah Hochman, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Presiding
Theme: Conceptualizing Modern Jews and Judaism
Martina Urban, Vanderbilt University
Jewish Identity beyond Ethnicity: The Spiritual Principle of Unity in Pre-WWI Berlin

A3-110

Teaching Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard B
James A. Donahue, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: Where Religion Faculty Meet Students' Worlds: Lessons from the Graduate Theological Union Preparing Future Faculty Project
Maureen Maloney, Graduate Theological Union
Engaging the Institution: Mentoring Future Faculty, Big Questions of Vocation, and the Reality of Assessment
Elizabeth Drescher, Graduate Theological Union
Reengineering the Teaching Machine: Big Questions from the Inside Out and the Outside In
Martha Ellen Stortz, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
The Stakes Involved in "Going Spiritual": Mentoring Future Faculty toward Meaning and Value
Melissa James, Graduate Theological Union, and Steven C. Baum, Graduate Theological Union
Big Questions of Vocation, Professional Identity, and Classroom Practice: A Conversation between Colleagues

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A3-112

Women and Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Wilson

Gregory Spinner, Central Michigan University, Presiding
Theme: Mapping the Fetus: Four Historical Case Studies
Vanessa Rebecca Sasson, Marianopolis College
The Disappearing Act: Motherhood in Buddhism
Elizabeth L. Wilson, Miami University, Ohio
Childbirth as a Family Drama: Indian Buddhist Narratives of the Birth of Rahula
Gwynn Kessler, University of Florida
"How Much Undiluted Wine?" Maternal Agency versus Fetal Agency in Rabbinic Literature
Ellen Attken, McGill University
The Leaping Child: Imagining the Unborn in Early Christian Literature
Responding:
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

A3-113

African Religions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 3

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding
Theme: Sharia in Africa
Fola Taiyewo Lateju, Obafemi Awolowo University
Islamic Laws of Inheritance and Its Socio-Economic Implications on Yoruba Muslims of Southwestern Nigeria
Joshua Ralston, Emory University
Separation without Marginalization: Political and Legal Theories of Mosque, Church, and State in Nigeria

Sodiq Yushau, Texas Christian University
The Application of Islamic Law in Northern Nigeria: A Success or a Failure
Franz Kogelmann, University of Bayreuth
Eight Years of "Full Sharia-Implementation" in Northern Nigeria — Only Political Sharia? Some Remarks on Religious Politics in Nigeria — The Example of Zakat

Business Meeting:
Tapiwa Mucherera, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding

A3-114

Christian Spirituality Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-International Ballroom South

Douglas S. Hardy, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Eros and Christian Spirituality
Jacob Sherman, Cambridge University
A Sexier Ontological Argument? Eros, Philosophy, and Ascent in Saint Anselm
Juan Sanchez, Florida International University
Song of Songs and the Mystical Pedagogy of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross
Timothy P. Muldoon, Boston College
Ordered Affection: Sexuality and Ignatian Spirituality
Bo Karen Lee, Princeton Theological Seminary
"Oh, Happy Dying": Desire and Annihilation in Madame Jeanne Guyon's Commentaire au Cantique des Cantiques de Salomon
Alexandra Pleshoyano, University of Sherbrooke
Eros, Chaos, and Cosmos — Etty Hillesum: A Footprint of Christian Spirituality

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* AAR Annual Meeting Program *
A3-115
Comparative Theology Group and World Christianity Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4F
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University, Presiding
Theme: Maintaining Multiple Religious Belonging: Dancing with Two Partners
Panelists:
Robert C. Neville, Boston University
Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University
Tinu Ruparell, University of Calgary
Bede Bidlack, Boston College
Responding:
Catherine Cornille, Boston College

A3-117
Ecclesiological Investigations Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental C
Julie Clague, University of Glasgow, Presiding
Theme: Twenty-first Century Church
Ann K. Riggs, Earhart School of Religion
“Ecclesiology and Ethics”: An Under-attended Trajectory of Ecumenical Ecclesiological Investigation
Doug Gay, University of Glasgow
Theorizing "Emergence" as New Wave Ecumenism
Paul Pulikkan, University of Calicut
Church in Pluralist Society of India: Encounter with the Hindutva Forces
Jane Carol Redmont, Guilford College
Earth’s Body, Women’s Bodies, and the Body of Christ: Ecofeminist Challenges to Ecclesiology
Paul F. Lakeland, Fairfield University
Toward a More Inductive Ecclesiology: Listening to the Spirit
Business Meeting:
Paul Collins, University of Chichester, Presiding
Nicholas Bamford, University of Chichester
Readdressing the Nation of the “West" through Yannaras’s Apophatic Existentialism

A3-118
Evangelical Theology Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 2
Andrea Hollingsworth, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Reforming the Doctrine of God (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2005) by F. LeRon Shults
Silas Morgan, Duke University
New Spaces: Reforming the Doctrine of God and Evangelical Ethics
Kyle Roberts, Bethel Seminary
Reforming Theodicy; Shults’s Conception of "Absolute Futurity" and the Problem of Evil and Suffering
Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
Always Reformed, Always Reforming; Why "Scientific Atheists" Can’t Be Right about the Doctrine of God
Francis Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University
Nonfoundationalism, Modernity, and Reforming the Doctrine of God
Responding:
F. LeRon Shults, Agder University

A3-119
Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard C
Jualyne E. Dodson, Michigan State University, Presiding
Theme: Conceptualizing the Sacred
James B. Jeffries, Clemson University
Imposing Religion: Missionary Roots of the Comparative Study of Religion
Scott Edmondson, University of California, Los Angeles
Any and Every Book of Moses: Using Sacred (?) Texts in Southern Ghana
Michael York, London, United Kingdom
Negotiating the Sacred and the Possibility of Indigenous and Pagan Discourse
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
Tracking the Sacred in International Discourse and the Work of Walter Echo Hawk

Business Meeting:
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding

A3-120
Korean Religions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4D
Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding
Theme: Violence and the State in Korean Religions
Jonathan Best, Wesleyan University
The Raising of the Temple of Maitreya: A Buddhist Faith-based Initiative for Conquest in Early Korea
Marcie Middlebrooks, Cornell University
Torturous Enlightenment: Public Secrets and Spiritual Progress in a Korean Buddhist Narrative
Michael Pettid, State University of New York, Binghamton
Shamanic Supermen and Superwomen: Creating Alternative Spaces for the Oppressed
David Kim, Columbia University
Korean Shamanism, the Accident, and Material History: A Ritual of Unraveling and Redemption for Military “Comfort Women”
Chang Han Kim, University of Calgary
Christian Sects, Cults, and Anti-Cults Movements in Contemporary Korea
Kyuhoon Cho, University of Ottawa
Religious Dimension of a Socialist Society: Juche Civil Religion and Religions in North Korea’s Socialist Modernization in Global Society

Responding:
Don Baker, University of British Columbia
Business Meeting:
Jin Y. Park, American University, and Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

A3-121
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard A
Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John’s University, Presiding
Theme: Blessed Rage or Sacred Resistance: Exploring the Intersections of Religion and Activism
Theresa Torres, University of Missouri, Kansas City
Latina Activists: Intersections of Gender, Religion, and Politics
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Princeton Theological Seminary
Imago Dei, the Young Lords, and the Struggle for Health Care for Latino/as
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College
Religion and Activism among Brazilian-Americans in Framingham, MA
Luis Leon, University of Denver
The Lost Gospel of Cesar Chavez: Borderlands Theology in Light of Martin Luther King

L. J. Tess Tessier, Youngstown State University, Presiding
Theme: Not Your “Old Time Religion”: Lesbian/Queer/Feminist Challenges to Received Notions of Religion and Spirituality
Marie Cartier, Claremont Graduate University
Listening to the Narratives of Pre-Stonewall Lesbians
Kathleen M. Sands, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa
Mixing It Up: Religion, Lesbian Feminism, and Queerness
Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University
Serious Immanence: Ludic Philosophia (for the Birds)
Julianne Buenting, Chicago Theological Seminary
Panning for Gold: Lesbian/Queer/Feminist Adventures with Christian Spirituality
Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary
Heterosexism on My Mind

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A3-123
Religion and Popular Culture Group and Religion, Media, and Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Waldorf
William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
Theme: Just Gaming? Virtual Religious Worlds and Religious Studies
Panelists:
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, Columbia
Steven Benko, Meredith College
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College
Kimberly Knight, Emory University
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

A3-124
Tantric Studies Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Astoria
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Theme: Yogic Powers (Siddhis)
Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen
Are the Powers (Siddhis) of Yogasutra an Example of Buddhist Influence on Yoga?
David Fiodralis, University of Michigan
The Miracles of the Vimalakirti-nirdesha: Narrative Form and Doctrinal Content
Bradley S. Clough, University of Montana
Remembering Lives and Reading Minds: The Importance of Yogic Powers in Early Theravada Buddhism
David G. White, University of California, Santa Barbara
How Big Can YOGIS Get? How Much Can YOGIS See?
Lloyd W. Pfueger, Truman State University
Holding On, Letting Go, and Hitting the Mark: Demonstrating "Success" in Classical Yoga
Business Meeting:
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University, and Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

A3-125
Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group and Buddhism in the West Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Joliet
Frances Garrett, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Tibet and the West: Modern Intersections
Jessica Falcone, Cornell University
"Holy Objects, Batman!" Skepticism, Ambivalence, and Faith Regarding Sacred Objects amongst "Western" Converts to Tibetan Buddhism
Abraham Zablocki, Agnes Scott College
After Protestant Buddhism: Beyond the Modern/Traditional Binary in Contemporary Buddhism
Julie Regan, Harvard University
A New Consideration of the Use of English in Contemporary South Asian-Tibetan Buddhism
Katja Rakow, University of Heidelberg
The Impact of Coincidence, Pragmatism, and Eclecticism in Transplanting and Adopting Tibetan Buddhism in the West

A3-127
Religion in the American West Seminar
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-McCormick Boardroom
Laurie Maflly-Kipp, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding
Theme: Framing Issues in the Study of Religion in the American West
Panelists:
Sara Patterson, Hanover College
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
William Deverell, University of Southern California
Responding:
Philip K. Goff, Indiana University and Purdue University, Indianapolis
Business Meeting:
James B. Bennett, Santa Clara University, and Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming, Presiding

A3-128
Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Seminar
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 1
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding
Theme: Body and Medicine in Indian and Chinese Religions
Panelists:
Donald Harper, University of Chicago
Peng Mu, University of Pennsylvania
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa
Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
Responding:
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University
Business Meeting:
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, and Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding
A3-129  
Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Salon 4-6  
Karen-Marie Yust, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Presiding  
Theme: Children's Voices and Agency: Challenges for Research  
Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
Religious Ritual from the Inside Out: Using Children's Voices as Primary Sources in Religious Studies  
Duane Bidwell, Phillips Theological Seminary, and Donald Batisky, Nationwide Children's Hospital and Ohio State University College of Medicine  
Children's Accounts of Hope as a Spiritual Resource in Chronic Illness  
Trygve Wyller, University of Oslo, Norway  
Children's Citizenship: Between Utopia and Heterotopia  
Responding:  
Annemie Dillen, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven  
Business Meeting:  
Marcia Bunge, Valparaiso University, Presiding

A3-131  
Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Salon 3  
Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding  
Theme: The Commodification of Death  
Cynthia Hogan Dopko, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
The Death Industry in Ancient Egypt: A Cautionary Tale  
Stanley Thayne, Brigham Young University  
"There Is No Death": Defying Death, the State, and the Self — Marie Ogdén and the Home of Truth  
Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College  
A Democracy of the Dead: Cremation, Green Burials, and the Future of the Spirit  
Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University  
Naming Names: Identifying and Memorializing the Inestate Dead  
Business Meeting:  
Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University, Presiding

A3-132  
Liberal Theologies Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4E  
Ellen Umansky, Fairfield University, Presiding  
Theme: Liberalism and Its Analogues in Global Religions  
Sandra Yocum Mize, University of Dayton  
Catholics Engaging Liberalism: Theological Education as Socio-political Strategy  
Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo  
Buddhists and Other Liberals: Rethinking a Key Term in American Religious Historiography  
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University  
Jews, Liberalism, and the Secular: Postcolonial Engagement  
Business Meeting:  
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding

A3-133  
Religion and Migration Consultation and Religion and Cities Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Marquette  
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding  
Theme: Migrants, Religion, and the Reconfiguration of Cities  
Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology  
New Paradigms in Community Development among Immigrant Faith Institutions  
David O'Malley, Bridgewater State College  
An Examination of the Intersection of Immigration and Religious Pluralism in the Interreligious Human Service Sector of the New England Region  
Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University  
The City as Context: How Religion Influences Reception in New Immigrant Destinations  
Weishan Huang, New York Theological Seminary  
Religious Responses to Neighborhood Ethnic Diversity: The Case of Flushing, Queens  
Responding:  
Courtney Bender, Columbia University

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Rethinking the Field Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Lake Michigan  
Stephanie Yuhas, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver, Presiding  
Theme: Part 1 — Anybody Up There? An Interview with Anthony Pinn on African-American Humanism  
Panelists:  
Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University  
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University  
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University  
Part 2 — Past, Present, Other: Rethinking the Study of Ancient Religion  
Ian Curran, Young Harris College  
Janelle Peters, University of California, San Diego  
Anne Bullock, Emory University  
Jyoti Raghu, Columbia University  
Robert von Thaden, Mercyhurst College  
Business Meeting:  
Bradley L. Herling, Marymount Manhattan College, Presiding

Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Salon 8-9  
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding  
Theme: Speaking Truth to Power: The Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. — Empire and the 2008 Presidential Election  
Reginald Broadnax, Hood Theological Seminary  
How Martin Luther King Jr. Can Speak to the 2008 Presidential Election  
Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary  
King, Evangelicals, and Obama: The Roots of Prophetic Evangelicalism  
Mary R. Sawyer, Iowa State University  
Forty Years of Wilderness: American Society Since the Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.  
Cassie Trentaz, Chicago Theological Seminary  
...A Threat to Justice Everywhere": A Look at Personhood and the Sacred/Beloved Communities of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr. in the Age of Global HIV/AIDS  
Business Meeting:  
Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Continental A  
Duncan Williams, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding  
Theme: Negotiating Inclusion and Exclusion  
An Youn Tae, Drew University  
"No Longer Strangers and Aliens": Deleuzian Reading of "Home" as a Multiple, Fluid, and Peripatetic Space  
Responding:  
Hyun Soo Kim, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Toward a Polyphonic Life: Dietrich Bonhoeffer on a Hybrid Life with Others  
Jocelyn Newsome, Claremont Graduate University  
Chinese, Irish, Catholic: Anti-Catholicism and the Reception of Buddhism and Buddhists in Nineteenth-Century America  
Theresa Suarez, University of California, San Diego  
Militarized Filipino Motherhood, Morality, and the Divine Kumare  
Responding:  
Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary  
Business Meeting:  
Nami Kim, Spelman College, and Su Yong Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Christian Theological Research Fellowship  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Salon 7  
Theme: Contesting Evangelicalism: William Abraham's Canonical Theism  
D. Stephen Long, Marquette University, Presiding  
Presenter: William Abraham, Perkins Theological Seminary  
Responding:  
Kevin Hector, University of Chicago  
Paul J. Griffiths, Duke University  
Susan Wood, Marquette University

Career Services Advisory Committee Meeting  
11:30 am-1:00 pm  
CHT-Pullman Boardroom  
Jessica Davenport, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
A cursory look at the career of Nolan Williams, Jr. reveals the story of an exceptional young man gifted with extraordinary talent. A musical prodigy since age four, Williams has emerged as a significant presence in the music world with his chief-editorial leadership of the landmark *The African-American Hymnal*, his premiere orchestrations performed by some of the country’s leading orchestras; and his musical direction for events of national and international prominence such as inaugural events for Presidents Clinton and Bush and a US celebration of South African President Nelson Mandela. Williams has also received Grammy nominations for his songwriting projects and has worked collaboratively with major gospel and mainstream artists such as Diana Ross, Yolanda Adams, Erykah Badu, Donnie McClurkin, and Sean Jean Combs. Williams lives in Washington, DC where he is Minister of Music at the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Panelists:
Nolan Williams, Jr., NEW Inspiration, Inc.
The United States is ailing from a history of racial division, experiencing religious tensions in the wake of September 11, worried about strained international relations, and polarized by internal struggles. In the presidential campaign, we have seen indications of this hurt, but we have also seen possibilities of healing. As in previous presidential elections, religious rhetoric has played a prominent role during the primary season and in the general election. While religion scholars stand ready to offer critical analyses of public religious discourse, can engaged scholars and learned religious leaders offer constructive proposals that can offer hope for the public life of this pluralistic nation? Can we understand such offerings as contributions to the public understanding of religion? How might reflective religious leaders and scholars offer theologies of healing for an ailing nation? We invite our distinguished speakers to offer just such theologies on the eve of the election.

Panelists:
James A. Forbes, Healing of the Nations Foundations
Michael Lerner, Tikkan Magazine and Bet Tikkan Synagogue
Obery M. Hendricks, New York Theological Seminary
Ayse Kadayifici-Orlellana, American University

Anthony Sciglitano, Seton Hall University
Joachim and Origen: Contemporary Hermeneutical Options at the Nexus of Christology and Pneumatology
Brian Flanagan, College of the Holy Cross
"Blessings to One Another": Real Yet Incomplete Communion between Christians and Jews
Business Meeting: Gerard Loughlin, Durham University, Presiding
A3-206
Ethics Section and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
CHT-Williford B

Katie G. Cannon, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Presiding

Theme: Celebrating the Work of Emilie Townes: Womanist Contributions to Christian and Social Ethics

Keri Day, Vanderbilt University
Poor Black Women and Public Policy: Emilie Townes's Theological Vision of Justice within a Womanist Theory of Political Criticism

Andrea C. White, University of Chicago
Eschatological Identity in the Thought of Emilie Townes

A3-207
History of Christianity Section
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: Teaching the History of Christianity: Critical Themes and Challenges

Panelists:
Madeleine Duntley, Bowling Green State University
Constance Porter, Indiana University, Bloomington
W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago
Horace R. Six-Means, Hood Theological Seminary

A3-208
North American Religions Section
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Emotion in Modern America: Modulations of Mood and Performances of Passion

Responding:
John Corrigan, Florida State University
Darryl Victor Caterine, Le Moyne College

A3-209
Philosophy of Religion Section
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2

Noelle Vahanian, Lebanon Valley College, Presiding

Theme: Jean-Luc Nancy's Deconstruction of Christianity (Fordham University Press, 2007)

Adam Kotsko, Chicago Theological Seminary

The Pre-History of Nancy's Deconstruction of Christianity

Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas

Plasticity and Dis-Enclosure: Thinking through the Limits of Deconstruction

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

The Way Back into the With of Christianity

Responding:
Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles and University of Chicago, and Ludger Viefhues, Yale University, Presiding

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Religion and Politics Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Continental C
Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University, Presiding
Theme: Islam and Politics
Sarah Garlington, Boston University
Liberalism, Islam, and Democracy: Turkey’s Past, Present, and Future — Cohering a Public Islam
Michel Andrasos, Catholic Theological Union
Violence, Peace, and Islamist Movements in the Middle East
Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
What Would the Islamists Do with al-Azhar? Religious Authority in an Islamic State
Sandra Russell Jones, University of Pennsylvania
Shi'i ulama in Bahrain: The Family Law Reform Debate as an Arena for Redefining Religious Authority
Responding:
John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

A3-211
Religion in South Asia Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Waldorf
This session is dedicated to the memory of Selva Raj.
Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Presiding
Theme: The Role of Miracles and the Miraculous in Creating and Sustaining South Asian Religions
Panelists:
Susan Prill, Juniata College
Bradley S. Clough, University of Montana
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago
John E. Cort, Denison University

A3-212
Study of Islam Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Marquette
Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding
Theme: Sunni-Shi'a Debates on Law, Identity, and Religious Authority
Abbas Barzegar, Emory University
How Many Rightly Guided Caliphs? Power and Memory in the Formation of Sunni Identity
Matthew Pierce, Boston University
Al-Mufid and the Qadimayn: Will the Real Usuli Please Stand Up?
Mairaj Syed, Princeton University
Duress in Islamic Legal and Moral Thought from the Second/Eighth till the Fifth/Eleventh Centuries
Najam Haider, Princeton University
"In the Name of God": A Case Study in the Interplay of Text and Rationality in Shi'i Jurisprudence
Responding:
Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, St. Louis

A3-213
Study of Judaism Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Williford A
Justin Jaron Lewis, Queen’s University, Presiding
Theme: Embarrassment of Scripture and Its Re-embracement
Tzemah Yoreh, American Jewish University
Usurping the Deuteronomist: Embarrassment as a Catalyst for the Production of Biblical Scholarship
Harry Fox, University of Toronto
The Embarrassment of Embarrassment: Ancient, Renaissance, and Modern Receptions of David and Bathsheba
Laliv Clenman, University of Toronto
And Moses Forgot the Halakhah: Rabbinic Authentication of Embarrassing Legal Positions
Tirzah Meacham, University of Toronto
How Can They Be Better than Us? Embarrassment and Legislation
Responding:
Aubrey L. Glazer, University of Toronto
Business Meeting:
Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, Presiding

Masha Saif, Duke University
Practice versus Text: Revamping the Traditional Content-centered Approach to Fatwa Analysis
Kathleen Foody, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Democratizing Prophetic Experience: Secularism and Mystical Union in Iranian Political Thought
Responding:
Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, St. Louis

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A3-214
Teaching Religion Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding
Theme: The Pedagogy of Dissonance: Teaching at the Borders
Ann M. Pederson, Augustana College, Mary Helen Harris, Sanford Hospital, and Megan Eide, Augustana College
At the Borderlands: Where Religion and Medicine Meet
Reid Locklin, University of Toronto
Weakness and Belonging: An Alternative Model of "High Intensity Dissonance"
Ryan S. Gardner, Church Educational System
Beyond the Tower of Babel
Amanda Holmes, University of Florida
Spirit in the Forest: Yoruba Religion, Ecology, and Pedagogy
Mary Hinton, Misericordia University
Ethnography as Pedagogy

A3-215
Women and Religion Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Wilson
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Pentecostalisms: Women and a Widening World
Adelaide Boadi, Drew University
Women and the Future of Pentecostalism: The Case of West Africa
Lisa Stephenson, Lee University
A Disempowered Future? The Promises and Perils of Pentecostalism among Latin American Women
Amanda Napoli, Baylor University
Uniquely Pentecost: What a Global Movement Teaches Us about Women and Religion
Katherine Attanasii, Vanderbilt University
South African Pentecostalism: Gendered Perspectives on Theology, Sexuality, and HIV/AIDS
Responding:
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

A3-216
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Continental A
Lisa Dahlill, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Race, Power, and Prayer: United States Influences on Bonhoeffer’s Theology
Robert Bolger, Claremont Graduate University
On the Road to Abyssinian: The Influence of the Black Church on the Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
David Gides, Christian Brothers University
Pushing Church Boundaries and Defining the Word: Bonhoeffer’s First American Visit and Its Impact on His Church-World Vision and Political Involvement
LeRoy Walters, Georgetown University
Two Struggles for Civil Rights: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, American Blacks, and European Jews
Jennifer Heckart, Union Theological Seminary
Bonhoeffer and King on Nonviolence: From Gandhi to Niebuhr and Back Again
Business Meeting:
Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Presiding

A3-217
Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 1
Mark Unno, University of Oregon, Presiding
Theme: Buddhist Constructive Thought and Critical Frameworks for Praxis
Jessica Falcone, Cornell University
The Scope of Meditative Thinking: Tibetan Monastics and American Academics
Negotiate the Institutional Limits of Reflexivity and Introspection
Danny Fisher, University of the West
Attending to the Buddha: The Importance of Buddhist Theology for Practitioners Working as Professional Healthcare Chaplains
Abraham Velez de Cea, Eastern Kentucky University
Toward a Pluralistic Understanding of Dharma Practice: A Parikkar-Inspired Buddhist “Theology” of Religions
Business Meeting:
Roger Jackson, Carleton College, and John J. Makransky, Boston College, Presiding

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A3-218 Daoist Studies Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario

Stephen R. Bokenkamp has withdrawn from the session. Terry Kleeman has joined the session.

Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University, Presiding


Panelists:
James Miller, Queen's University
Terry Keleeman, University of Colorado, Boulder
Louis Komjathy, Pacific Lutheran University
Responding:
C. Francis Verellen, Ecole Francaise d'Extrême-Orient
Kristofer Schipper, Fuzhou University

A3-219 Eastern Orthodox Studies Group and Mysticism Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan

Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: Eastern Orthodoxy and the Spiritual Senses

Sarah Coakley, Harvard University
Gregory of Nyssa on the Spiritual Senses: A Reconsideration

Derek Michaud, Boston University
The Patristic Roots of John Smith's True Way or Method of Attaining to Divine Knowledge

Brandon Withrow, Samford University
A Connecticut Yankee in a Cappadocian Court: Jonathan Edwards, Eastern Christianity, and the "Spiritual Sense"

Joseph Molleur, Cornell College
A Hindu Monk's Appropriation of Eastern Orthodoxy's Jesus Prayer: The "Inner Senses" of Hearing and Seeing in Comparative Perspective

A3-220 Evangelical Theology Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North

John R. Franke, Biblical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Evangelical and Muslim Discussion of A Common Word and the Yale Center's "Christian Response"

Panelists:
Gordon Nickel, Associated Canadian Theological Schools
Gerald R. McDermott, Roanoke College
Joseph Lumbard, Brandeis University
Caner Dagli, Roanoke College

Business Meeting:
Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding

A3-221 Law, Religion, and Culture Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Joliet

Samuel Snyder, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: Theological and Ideological Trials as Social Ordering Mechanism: The Possibilities for Analysis and Comparison

Bron Taylor, University of Florida
Trials, Ecoterrorism, and the Asylum: Crazy Cases from Earth First! To the Unabomber and the Earth Liberation Front
Gary Jensen, Vanderbilt University
The Path of the Devil, the Salem Witch Trials to McCarthyism: Analytical Typologies for Witch Hunts

A3-222 Native Traditions in the Americas Group and Animals and Religion Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Astoria

Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, Presiding

Theme: Animals in Native American Religious Traditions

Natalie Avalos Cisneros, University of California, Santa Barbara
My Sister, My Brother, My Mother, My Father: Animals in Native Traditions, A Window to Indigenous Ontology
A3-224

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
Russell C. Kleckley, Augsburg College, Presiding
Theme: The Struggle with Darwinism in the Nineteenth Century
Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Struggle or Mutual Aid: Jane Addams and the Progressive Encounter with Social Darwinism
Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College
Selected, Not Chosen: The Darwinian Theology of John Humphrey Noyes
Biff Rocha, University of Dayton
Father De Concilio’s Position in the Nineteenth Century American Catholic Debate over Darwinian Evolution
Responding:
Mark A. McIntosh, Loyola University, Chicago

A3-225

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 4-6
Kathleen Bishop, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Psychology and/or Race
Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University
Whiteness Real and Unreal: Destruction, Survival, and Racial Melancholia
Roshan Kalantar, Iliff School of Theology
"Only God Can Judge Me": Mapping the Religious Discourse of "At-risk" Youth

A3-226

Qur’anic Approaches
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Lake Erie
Walid Saleh, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Qur’anic Approaches
Elliott Bazzano, University of California, Santa Barbara
Approaching God in a Medieval Sufi Romance: Embodying the Other, Transforming the Self
Adam Gaiser, Florida State University
"A Man without a Bit of the Qur’an in His Belly Is Like a Broken-down House": Ingesting the Qur’an and the Early Charismatic Power of Scripture
Yasmin Moll, New York University
Getting to Know God: Islamic Feminism and Shifting Conceptions of Religious Knowledge, Authority, and Texts
Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University
The Treatise of the Miracles of the Qur’an: An Unconventional Partial Tafsir?
Nargis Virani, The New School
Listen to the Cry of Glorification from Above: Rumi and the Qur’an
Travis Zadeh, Haverford College
"A Man without a Bit of the Qur’an in His Belly Is Like a Broken-down House": Ingesting the Qur’an and the Early Charismatic Power of Scripture
A3-227 ★
Religion and Popular Culture Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding
Theme: Constructing Religious Identities through Popular Culture
Emily Clark, University of Missouri, Columbia
Of Catholics, Commies, and the Anti-Christ: The Use of the Apocalyptic Narrative in Cold War Comics
Richard Lindsay, Graduate Theological Union
Camping at Mount Sinai: Queer Readings of Cecil B. DeMille's The Ten Commandments (1956)
Erin Smith, University of Texas, Dallas
American Popular Books and Religious Identity Narratives: The Case of Late, Great Planet Earth
James LoRusso, Atlanta, GA
A Decaf, Grande, Non-fat Life? Self-transformation and Identity-building at Starbucks Coffee Company
Business Meeting:
Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding

A3-228 ★
Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 3
Nestor Medina, Toronto School of Theology and University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Subversive Saints and Spirits: Spectral Memory and Social Change in the Religious Imaginary
Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia
Catching Cimarrones: The Performance of Slavery in Cuban Possession Trance Religions
Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Claremont Graduate University
Aztlan in the Air: The Apocalyptic Imaginary of the Chicano Movement
Natalie Broadnax, University of Florida
Che Guevara: A Saint? Responding:
Shelley Wiley, Urbana University
Business Meeting:
Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco, and Jennifer Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

A3-229 ★
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 12
Greg Watkins, Stanford University, Presiding
Theme: New Work in the Teaching of Religion and Film
Panelists:
Francisca Cho, Georgetown University
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Irena Makarushka, Towson University
Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University
John Lyden, Dana College
Business Meeting:
John Lyden, Dana College, Presiding

A3-230 ★
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 7
Dante Quick, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Teaching American Slavery and the Holocaust
Panelists:
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Marian Ronan, American Baptist Seminary of the West
Tania Oldenhage, Academy of the Bildcn
Joan M. Martin, Episcopal Divinity School
Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
Business Meeting:
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, and Katharina von Kellenbach, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Presiding
A3-231
Science, Technology, and Religion Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding
Theme: Scientific and Religious Perspectives on Natural Evil
Stephanie J. Stillman, University of California, Santa Barbara
Bad Boys and Brain Damage: Investigating Fissures in the Souls and in the Minds of School Shooters
Nathan J. Hallanger, Graduate Theological Union
Visiting Nature’s Redemption: Theodicy and Evolutionary Evil
Amy Weigand, Temple University
Unnecessary Evil: Insufferable Pain in the Age of Biomedicine
Responding:
Gaymon L. Bennett, Graduate Theological Union
Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding

A3-232
Wesleyan Studies Group and Open and Relational Theologies Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, and Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding
Theme: Atonement
Larry Shelton, George Fox University
Relational Atonement: Covenant Renewal as a Wesleyan Integrative Motif

Jeanyne Slettom, Claremont School of Theology
Reconfiguring Atonement: A Process-Relational Soteriology
Ted Campbell, Southern Methodist University
“The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World”: Some Methodist Grounds for Belief in Divine Self-Limitation
Gregory W. Love, San Francisco Theological Seminary
Abyssal Compassion or Acquiescence to Violence? Reconfiguring Abelard for a Non-Violent Theory of Atonement
Responding:
Randy L. Maddox, Duke University

A3-233
World Christianity Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D
Jane Carol Redmont, Guilford College, Presiding
Theme: Methodological Issues in World Christianity
Anselm K. Min, Claremont Graduate University
Methodological Reflections on Global Theology
Jan H. Pranger, Concordia College, Moorhead
Redeeming Tradition: Narratives of Normative Pass in Postcolonial Christianity
Robert Hurteau, Loyola Marymount University
Ryan Weimer, University of Mississippi
Christians in North India During the Formation of a New Nation and the Movement Toward New Churches
Responding:
David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, and Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University, Presiding

A3-234
Religion and Humanism Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
RH-Red Lacquer Room
John Caputo has withdrawn from the session.
Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding
Theme: Critiques of Humanism and Neohumanist Responses
Steven Benko, Meredith College
Levinas and Foucault: Humanism, Anti-Humanism, and Humanism Again
Michael Johnson, University of Chicago
Call, Critique, Conviction: Paul Ricoeur’s Hermeneutical Account of Conscience as a Resource for Theological Humanism
David M. Buyze, University of Toronto
Postcolonial Hybrid-Identities and the Cultural/Religious Other
Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara
Birth of the Human through Burial of the Dead: On Worldhood and the Memory of Place in Recent Humanism and Post-Humanism
Responding:
W. David Hall, Centre College
Business Meeting:
W. David Hall, Centre College, and Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding

Symbol Key:
- Business Meeting
- Professional Practices & Institutional Location Sessions
- South Asian Scholars & Scholarship
- 2018 US Elections
- AAR Award Winners
- Art Series
- Films
- Books Under Discussion
- New Program Unit
- Tours
- Sustainability and Religion
- Wildcat Session

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Sacred and Religious Sites of Chicago Bus Tour
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Meet in CHT Lobby at 8th Street entrance

Peter W. Williams, Miami University, Ohio, Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, and Daniel Sack, University of Chicago, Presiding

Chicago is a city of great religious diversity. Even if you've been on a sacred sites tour in Chicago before, this year you'll visit the south side, seeing three religious landmarks you may have previously missed.

KAM Isaiah Israel is the oldest synagogue in Chicago, and very possibly the oldest in the Midwest, founded in 1847 as Kehilath Anshe Maarav (KAM), the Congregation of the Men of the West. The current structure, built for Temple Isaiah Israel in 1924, was designed by Alfred Alschuler.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel opened in 1928 as the spiritual and ceremonial center of the University of Chicago. It combines Gothic, Byzantine, and Romanesque features in a style designed to serve as both a Christian and non-religious place of meeting, a place for sacred arts, and a place of worship.

Trinity United Church of Christ, in the Princeton Park neighborhood, since its start forty-five years ago has become the largest congregation in its largely white denomination. Declaring itself "Unashamedly Black and Unapologetically Christian", Trinity is dedicated to the Black religious experience and to its community.

Tour fee: $15. Separate registration required.

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Wildcard Session
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental A
Randall Balmer, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: Fathers and Sons: The Influence of Evangelists Walter Maier, Percy Crawford, Merv Rosell, Jack Wyrten, and Charles Woodbridge on Fundamentalism in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s
Panelists:
Paul L. Maier, Western Michigan University
Dan Crawford, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Garth M. Rosell, Gordon Conwell Seminary
Donald Wyrten, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
John D. Woodbridge, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Howard Pickett, University of Virginia
Beyond the Mask: Kierkegaard's Postscript as Anti-theatrical Drama
Jason A. Mahn, Augustana College
Deconstructing Sin: The Inextricability of Theology and Rhetoric in Kierkegaard

A3-303

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D
Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard, Literature, and the Performing Arts
Joseph Westfall, University of Houston
Opera and Authorship, Authorship as Opera: Kierkegaard, Don Giovanni, and Philosophy as Performance
Peder Jothen, University of Chicago
Don Juan, and Moses and Aron: The Possibility of a Kierkegaardian Affirmation of Music

A3-304

Buddhism Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E
Lori Meeks, University of Southern California, Presiding
Theme: Omnibus Session: New Work in Buddhist Studies
Frances Garrett, University of Toronto
A Gastrosemantics of Magical Foods in Tibetan Ritual
Lisa Battaglia, Ohio University
Food as Sacral Transformation: Reinterpreting the Food-mediated Activities of Buddhist Nuns in Thailand
Michael R. Bathgate, Saint Xavier University
Taking Name(s): Karmic Community and the Material Logics of Buddhist Promotional Campaigns in Medieval Japan
Richard Nance, Indiana University
Tall Tales, Tathāgatas, and Truth: On the "Privileged Lie" in Indian Buddhist Literature
David Quinter, Washington University, St. Louis
Translating Genres: The Manjusri Parinirvana Sutra as Visualization Sutra

A3-305

Christian Systematic Theology Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental B
Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Jewish/Christian Dis/unity
Gregory W. Love, San Francisco Theological Seminary
The Universal Theodicy Trial and Jewish-Christian Common Ground for a Messianic Reading of Jesus
Travis Ables, Vanderbilt University
Trinity and Identity: The Problem of Supersessionism in a Modern Heresiology
Courtney Fitzsimmons, University of Chicago
Shared Love: Franz Rosenzweig on Judaism and Christianity
Kurt Buhring, Saint Mary's College
Toward a Theology of Resistance: Dwight N. Hopkins's Spirit of Total Liberation in Us and Melissa Raphael's Shekhinah as Sources for Constructive Theology
A3-306

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Huron

Kay A. Read, DePaul University, Presiding

Theme: Comparative Perspectives on Dreams in Religion

Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union

Dreaming of the Dead: A New Comparative Approach to Religiously Significant Dreams

Patricia M. Davis, Graduate Theological Union

Holy Scripture as an Interpretative Lens for Conversion Dreams in Christianity and Islam

Andrew Zhonghu Yan, University of Saskatchewan

The Role of Dreams and Mysticism in Confucius's Thought

Robert Campany, University of Southern California

The Dreamscape of Early Medieval China

Responding:

Michael Puett, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Tracy Finchman, Loyola University, Chicago, and Kimberley C. Patton, Harvard University, Presiding

A3-307

Ethics Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford B

Donna Yarri, Alvernia College, Presiding

Theme: Global Ethical Concerns

Justin Waters, Graduate Theological Union

Brave New Worlds: Imaginations of Heterotopia in "Fine Art" Spheres

James Martin-Schramm, Luther College

The Power to Change: United States Energy Policy and Global Warming

Mary E. Hobgood, College of the Holy Cross

Omnipotence and the Possibility of the Ethical and the Good

Robert Tappan, University of Virginia

Fatwas and Beyond: Ethical Decision Making in Iranian Fertility Clinics

Bo Yong Lee, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver

Theological Understanding of Multiculturalism

Responding:

Luka Ilc, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

Placido's Status Confessionis as an Inspiration for von Hase, Bonhoeffer, and the Confessing Church in the Third Reich

Gary M. Simpson, Luther Seminary

"Partakers of Divine Majesty": The Question of American Empire and the Hope of International Law in Light of Luther's Realistic Principle and Practice of God's Publicity

Business Meeting:

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

A3-308

History of Christianity Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Catherine Brekus, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: Wives, Deaconesses, and White City Women: New Studies in Gender and American Religion

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University

Sex and the City: Protestant Deaconesses Answer the Woman Question and Solve the Urban Crisis

Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College

Women in the White City: Catalysts for an American Cultural Religion

Beverly Lucas, Arizona State University

A Plea for a (Re)Structured Tale: American Women's Religious History and the Problem of Narration

Responding:

Margaret Lamberts Bendroth, American Congregational Associates and Library

Luna S. Neal, Wake Forest University

White Women and White Knights: Alma White's Battle for a Protestant America

Beverly Lucas, Arizona State University

A Plea for a (Re)Structured Tale: American Women's Religious History and the Problem of Narration

Responding:

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Philosophy of Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
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Bradley L. Herling, Marymount Manhattan College, Presiding

Panelists:
- Thomas Carroll, Boston University
- Richard Amesbury, Claremont School of Theology
- John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University
- Sarah Coakley, Harvard University
- Steven Katz, Boston University

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

Katharine Wilkinson, University of Oxford
*Creating a Climate for Change? American Evangelical Discourses on Global Climate Change*

Marguerite Spencer, University of St. Thomas
*Martin, Malcolm, Cone, and White Racism: Toward an Ethic of Transformative Resistance to the State*

Study of Islam Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Marquette

NEW DATE/TIME (was A2-112, Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am)

Scott Lucas, University of Arizona, Presiding
Theme: Makers of “Traditional Islam”: Identifying a Phenomenon through its Architects

Religion and Politics Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental C

Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University, Presiding
Theme: *New Directions in Religion and Politics*

Aaron Klink, Duke University
*Shaping the Soldier’s Conscience: Religious Rhetoric and Formation at the United States Air Force Academy*

Heidi Tauscher, Emory University
*Veiling the First Amendment: The Affect upon United States Church-State Relations of Judicial Decisions on Charges of Religious Profiling in the Name of National Security*

Jonathon Kahn, Vassar College
*Democracy and the Political Theology of Nicholas Wolterstorff*

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A3-314

Study of Judaism Section and New Religious Movements Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford A

Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University, Presiding
Theme: Jews in and New Religions
Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
From Habad Emissaries to Kabbalah Centers: New Jewish Religious Movements
and the Revitalization of Judaism in the Later Decades of the Twentieth Century
Faydra Shapiro, Wilfrid Laurier University
Conversion or Completion: How Messianic Jews Can Help Us to Think About
Conversion Theory
Joseph Loss, Haifa University
The Path of the Buddha in Israel: Non-Religious Post-Secularism
Michael Cohen, Brandeis University
Schechter's Disciples: How Solomon Schechter's Disciples Created Conservative
Judaism, 1902-1946
Responding:
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

A3-315

Teaching Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B

Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, Presiding
Theme: "Religious Literacy" and Student "Spirituality": Coming to Terms with the Terms
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College
Conflations and Confrontations: Spirituality, Religion, and Values in the Liberal Arts Classroom
Chad Bauman, Butler University
The Spectre of Spirituality: On the (In) Utility of "Spirituality" as an Analytical Category
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College
Spirituality in Higher Education? What, Where, How, Why?
Ding-hwa Evelyn Hsieh, Truman State University
Saving Grace in Classroom Teaching
Nathan Raybeck, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Measuring Religious Literacy in Faith-based Schools

A3-316

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, Presiding
Theme: Theology, Economics, and the Person
Peter Jones, Southern Methodist University
Relating Theology, Ethics, and Economics
Kathryn Tanner, University of Chicago
Theology and Economics: Beyond Character

M. Douglas Meeks, Vanderbilt University
The Church and Poverty: The Missing Link in Relating Theology and Economics
Duane Stephen Long, Marquette University
Metaphysics, Anthropology, and Capitalism
Responding:
Kathryn Blanchard, Alma College

A3-317

Afro-American Religious History Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami, Presiding
Theme: Gateway of the Spirits: African Diaspora Religions in Chicago
Elizabeth Perez, University of Chicago
Concrete Gods and Ghetto Oranges: Santeria among African-Americans in the Black Metropolis
Patrick Polk, University of California, Los Angeles
Stephen Wehmeyer, California State University, Northridge
Indian Spirits on the Rock Island Line: Chicago as "Gate of Tradition" for African American Spiritualism in the Gulf South
Responding:
Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College
Business Meeting:
Anthea Butler, University of Rochester, and Julius Bailey, University of Redlands, Presiding
**A3-318**

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Sikh Studies Consultation

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

PH-Salon 3

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal College, Presiding

Theme: Forming Identities

Michael Sepidoza Campos, Graduate Theological Union

Babylon: Shifting Identities in Diaspora

Charles Townsend, University of California, Riverside

Gurbani Kirtan and the Performance of Sikh Identity in the Southern California Diaspora

Jonathan H. X. Lee, University of California, Santa Barbara

Sacred Space, Ritual Change, and Meiguo Mzu (Taiwanese-American Goddess) in San Francisco: Identity and Community Formations

Toby Johnson, University of California, Riverside

Sikh Material Culture: Children’s Literature and Sikh Identity

Responding: Nikky Singh, Colby College

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**A3-319**

Chinese Religions Group

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

CHT-Lake Erie

James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Presiding

Theme: Women in Chinese Religions: Women as Goddesses, Vengeful Revenants, Caretakers, and Spirit Mediums

Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University, Camden

Daoist Transcendent and Popular Goddess: The Worship of Wei Huacun in North China

Jimmy Yu, Princeton University

The Power of Women as Vengeful Revenants

Xiaofei Kang, Carnegie Mellon University

Cooking in the Temples: Elderly Rural Women and Their Sacred Space in Contemporary China

Erin Cline, University of Oregon

Female Spirit Mediums and Religious Authority in Southeastern China

Responding: Jean DeBernardi, University of Alberta

Business Meeting:

James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding

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**A3-320**

Christian Spirituality Group and Reformed Theology and History Group

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

CHT-Boulevard A

J. Todd Billings, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Spiritual Practices in the Reformed Tradition

Matthew Myer Boulton, Harvard University

John Calvin: Mystic and Monastic

Belden Lane, Saint Louis University

Nature and Desire: The Double Irony of Reformed Spirituality

Tim Hessel-Robinson, Brite Divinity School

Eros in Puritan Eucharistic Spirituality

Elizabeth Ford, Graduate Theological Union

Spiritual Writing as Protestant Practice: Sarah Edwards’s Experience of Grace, in Her Own Words

Adrian Weimer, Harvard University

The Everyday Rituals of Affliction in Puritan Spirituality
A3-321 ★

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Wilson

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: Kabballah from Jerusalem to Banaras: Comparative Kabballah in Theory and Practice
Hartley Lachter, Muhlenberg College

Imagining Kabballah: Methodological Reflections on Mysticism as an Analytical Category
Pinchas Giller, American Jewish University

Is It Honest to Speak of Meditation in Kabbalah?
Vincent Gonzalez, University of North Carolina

Kabbalah Yoga and Coca Cola: Notes on Real Things
Responding:
Michael D. Swartz, Ohio State University, Columbus

Business Meeting:
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

A3-322 ★

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Astoria

Michel Gardaz, University of Ottawa, Presiding

Theme: Sacrifice, the Body, and Meaning-Making
Anne Valleyey, University of Ottawa

Scratching out the Body to Save the Soul: Sacrifice, the Body, and Jain Death Ritual
Stephen Quinnan, University of Ottawa

Feeding the Dead: Cosmology and Sacrifice in the Greek Hero Cult
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa

Body as Ritual Implement: Sacrifice, Ritual, and Hindu Symbology
Pauline McKenzie Aucoin, Carleton University

Sacrifice and Initiation: Transitions to the Sacred World in Fiji
Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Amsterdam, Presiding

A3-323 ★

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 8-9

Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College, Presiding

Theme: Desire and Shame: Exposure of Yearning
Anna Mercedes, Saint John’s University

Feminist Desires: Surrender, Pain, and Agency
Min-Ah Cho, Emory University

Deadly Bliss, Deadly Loneliness: Reading Melancholy in Hadewijch of Antwerp’s Writing about the Union with God
Denise Starkey, College of St. Scholastica

The Grammar of Shame: Sin-talk and Survivors of Abuse

Responding:
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Elizabeth Webb, William Jewell College

“The Yearning That Is Joy”: Hunger for God and Compassionate Care for Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trauma
Business Meeting:
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding

A3-324

Hinduism Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario

Leena Taneja, Stetson University, Presiding

Theme: Configuring Hindu Communities beyond India
Richard Fox, University of Chicago

The Agamic Function: Hinduism, Television, and Performance in Late New Order Indonesia
Michele Verma, Columbia University

Encounters of East and West Indian Hindus in New York City: Representations of the Other Within
Abhishek Ghosh, University of Chicago

When the Lord of the World Leaves his Village Home: The Causes and Implications of the Globalization of Jagannatha Worship through the Western Transplant of the Medieval Chaitanya-Vaishnava Hindu Tradition

Responding:
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

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Islamic Mysticism Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan

Vincent J. Cornell, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Sufism and Society in South Asia
Erik S. Ohlander, Indiana University and Purdue University, Fort Wayne Mecca Real and Imagined: Transregionality and Medieval South Asian Sufi Hagiology
Eric Rothgery, University of Iowa Bodies beyond Religion: Ritual Healings of Hindus and Muslims in the Sufi Tombs of Hyderabad

A3-326

Japanese Religions Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford C

Jacqueline Stone has withdrawn from the session.
James Dobkins, Oberlin College, Presiding
Theme: New Approaches to Religion and Healing in Premodern Japan
Andrew Goble, University of Oregon Medicine and Religion: Reflecting on Karmic Illness in Medieval Japan
Michael Como, Columbia University Medicine, Monks, and the Politics of Healing in Nara, Japan

A3-327

Mormon Studies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 7

Philip L. Barlow, Utah State University, Presiding
Theme: Media, Religion, and Politics: Mitt Romney’s Campaign for the United States Presidency
Mark Silk, Trinity College, and John Green, University of Akron Anti-Mormonism and the Romney Campaign; or, Did Evangelical Hostility Sink Mitt’s Ship?
Doe Daughtrey, Arizona State University Vocal Mormons Meet Mitt Romney: The Impact of a Mormon Presidential Candidate on Mormon Self-expression
Michael Paulson, Boston Globe Media and the Mormon Candidate: One Reporter’s View
Business Meeting:
James M. McLachlan, Western Carolina University, Presiding

A3-328

Religion and Ecology Group and Ritual Studies Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 4-6

Donna Lynne Seamone, Acadia University, Presiding
Theme: Religion, Ritual, and Ecology
Julia Watts Belser, University of California, Berkeley, and the Graduate Theological Union Crying Out for Rain: The Human, The Holy, and The Earth in the Ritual Fasts of Rabbinic Literature
Susan Power Bratton, Baylor University Water, Purity, Politics, and Radical Ritual Transition in Early Roman Christian Art
David Grumett, University of Exeter Animal Sacrifice as Christian Ritual
Laurie A. Cozad, University of Mississippi Ritual Responses to Ecological Devastation: Hurricane Katrina
Samuel Snyder, University of Florida Religion and Ritual in the “People’s Restoration” of Florida’s Ocklawaha River Responding:
John A. Grim, Yale University
MONDAY AFTERNOON

A3-329

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 2

Bill Wiist, Meghan Warren, and Heidi Waymott, Northern Arizona University, are co-authors of Bruce Sullivan’s paper.

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: South Asian Religions, Health, and Medical Issues

Panelists:

- Anthony Cerulli, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University
- George Pati, Valparaiso University
- Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

Responding:

Ivette Vargas-O’Bryan, Austin College

A3-330

Roman Catholic Studies Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-PDR3

Daniel Speed Thompson, Saint Mary’s University, Presiding

Theme: Revisiting Figures in Twentieth-Century Catholicism

Gerard Mannion, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

How Far Did They Go and How Far Have We Come? 1968 as Ecclesial Turning Point and All That

Jennifer Heckart, Union Theological Seminary

Thinking Black: Thomas Merton’s Writings on Race

Elizabeth McCloskey, Catholic University of America

More Than A Footnote: The Footprints of Mary Luke Tobin at Vatican II

Rose Beal, Catholic University of America

The Pursuit of a “Total Ecclesiology” in the Work of Yves Congar

A3-331

Scriptural Reasoning Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 12

David F. Ford, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Theme: History, the Church, and Border Crossings: Honoring the Work of the Late Daniel Hardy

Panelists:

- Peter Ochs, University of Virginia
- Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University
- Kristen Deede Johnson, Hope College
- Jacob Goodson, University of Virginia

Responding:

Mike Higton, University of Exeter

A3-332

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K

Jeffrey Kosky, Washington and Lee University, Presiding

Theme: Theology, Practice, and the Political

Theodore Wilson Dickinson, Syracuse University

Taking a Left Turn at Alexandria: Pierre Hadot and the Possibilities of “Academic” Theology

Colby Dickinson, Catholic University of Leuven

How Theological Remains the “Psychopolitico-theological”? A Christian Response to Jewish Thought in the Works of Eric L. Santner and Judith Butler

Devin Singh, Yale University

Theology as Social Theory: Inhabiting the Secular

A3-333

Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Joliet

Jill Petersen Adams, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: Death, Popular Culture, and Technology

Adele Reinhardt, University of Ottawa

Heart and Soul: Organ Donation, Religion, and Popular Culture

Andres Carrasquillo, Northwestern University

The Death of a Friend: Mourning in the Virtual Space of Facebook

Anne-Marie Korte, University of Tilburg

Signs of the Beloved Dead in Contemporary Miracle Stories
Virginia Bartlett, Vanderbilt University
"Bring Out Your Dead": Questioning the Motivations, Concerns, and Legal Issues Surrounding Whole Body Donation
Responding:
Christopher Moreman, California State University, East Bay

M3-400
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Governing Board Meeting
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Offsite

A3-400
Film Series: Madarrpa Funeral at Gurka’wuy
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
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Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding

Dunlop was invited to film the funeral of a child during his time in Gurka’wuy among the Yolngu in Arnhem Land. This film gives a sensual account of how the Aborigines handle the emotional complexities of death and mourning in their mortuary rituals. It sensitively presents the formal and informal practices that were carried out before and after the burial and accounts for how the mortuary rituals of traditional ceremonies changed due to modern conditions. Finely depicting the cycle of songs and rituals that are performed at the child’s burial, the film visualizes the subtle and complex symbolic meanings that the mortuary rituals have for members of the Yolngu.

A3-401
Film Series: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter... And Spring
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-PDR 2

Melissa Conroy, Muskingum College, Presiding

This Korean film portrays the story of a Buddhist monastery which floats on a lake in a pristine forest, and the monk who passes through the seasons of his life from childhood to old age. The film uses images more than dialogue to tell the story of his life and its challenges under the eye of his master. The passage of time brings slow learning and understanding through death, suffering, and redemption, and ultimately shows that the cycle goes on.

A3-402
Program Unit Chairs and Steering Committee Reception
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-AAR Suite

Program unit chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.
WELCOME RECEPTION

Friday, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Join your friends and colleagues for some light refreshments and Chicago jazz!

Visit the Exhibit Hall during the reception hours for a special peek!

MEMBERS DANCE PARTY

Saturday, 9:00 pm-12:00 am

Get out your dancing shoes and join the fun at the AAR Members Dance Party!

Don’t forget your free drink ticket sent with your name badge!


**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

AAR Related Scholarly Organization sessions are listed in the AAR Program Section.

**WEDNESDAY**

**M29-400**

Schleiermacher, the Study of Religion, and the Future of Theology: A Transatlantic Dialogue
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Swift Hall
University of Chicago Divinity School
1025 E. 58th Street, Chicago, IL

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Opening Lecture and Reception
Richard Crouter, Carleton College
A Precarious Journey—The Art of Translating Schleiermacher

For more information: http://marty-center.uchicago.edu/conferences/schl/index.shtml.

**M30-100**

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception — Main Editors
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Pullman Boardroom

**M30-101**

Schleiermacher, the Study of Religion, and the Future of Theology: A Transatlantic Dialogue
9:00 am-6:00 pm
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Themes:
1. Schleiermacher and the Study of Religion Today
2. Schleiermacher and the Prospects of a Transcendental-Anthropological Theory of Religion

For more information: http://marty-center.uchicago.edu/conferences/schl/index.shtml.

**M30-200**

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Women of Color Scholarship Program
1:00 pm-5:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D

**THURSDAY**

**M30-101**

Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians
1:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Theme: Being Church in the Public Square Part I
1:15 pm-1:45 pm Registration and Social Gathering Time
1:45 pm-2:00 pm Welcome and Announcements
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary
Sacred Space as Potential Space: The Transforming and Empowering Potential of Sacred Built Environments
3:30 pm-4:00 pm Break
4:00 pm-6:00 pm The Dynamics of (and Barriers to) Being Church in the Public Square
Panelists:
Meghan Sweeney, Boston College
Richard Perry, Lutheran School of Theology
Jim Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

6:00 pm-6:30 pm Worship
6:30 pm-8:30 pm SALT Conference Dinner at Location TBA

**M30-401**

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Women of Color Scholars Program
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

**M30-402-CANCELLED**

SR-U Scriptural Reasoning Meeting
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS
FRIDAY

M31-1
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Women of Color Scholars Program
7:30 am-12:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D

M31-2
New Developments in Religious Studies VIII: Keeping Ourselves Current
8:00 am-4:00 pm
CHT-Williford B

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/ndrh for updated information including the agenda, presentation descriptions, and registration forms.

M31-3
Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies
8:30 am-5:00 pm
CHT-PDR 1

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-Vega at 1-773-380-2885 or sandra.mejia@elca.org.

M31-100-CANCELLED
Dharma Association of North America
9:00 am-11:00 am
(The M31-100 number was reassigned to the Schleiermacher event.)

M31-100
Schleiermacher, the Study of Religion, and the Future of Theology: A Transatlantic Dialogue
9:00 am-6:00 pm
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Themes:
2. Schleiermacher and the Hermeneutics of Culture

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M31-104
Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians
9:00 am-1:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Theme: Being Church in the Public Square Part II
9:00 am-10:30 am Willis Jenkins, Yale University
Neighborhood Ethics: Theology and New Forms of Urbanism
10:35 am-11:05 am SALT Business Meeting
11:05 am-11:15 am Short Break
11:15 am-12:45 pm Presenter: Martin Marty, emeritus professor, University of Chicago, and editor, Christian Century
1:00 pm Lunch at Place TBA

M31-106
Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception — Editorial Board
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

M31-105
Spiritual Perception in Western Christianity
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4G
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<td>This session will feature the new film Heart of the Universe with Brian Swimme. This is the first film to offer a comprehensive narrative of the evolution of the universe and the earth. The film draws on the best of current science blended with a poetic sensibility that evokes awe and wonder. This symposium will be led by Brian Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker, who together wrote the script and the accompanying book.</td>
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*Annual Meeting Additional Meetings*
**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

**M31-205**
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Madison

Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Reviewers:
John D. Caputo, Syracuse University
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Laurel Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary
John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University
Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University

Responding:
Roland Faber, Claremont School of Theology

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**M31-208**
Wabash Center Workshop: Teaching Introductory Courses
1:30 pm-8:00 pm
CHT-Lake Huron

Advance registration required on the Wabash Center webpage: www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=12770.

An interactive, hands-on workshop addressing the teaching of introductory religion courses in public, private, and religiously affiliated contexts. Topics include faculty and students' goals for learning; assignments and grading; pedagogical strategies; and what highly effective teachers do.

Dinner will be served.

Participants are eligible for a $2,000 follow-up Department Grant to host a workshop on teaching introductory courses in your department. All participants will also receive a free copy of Barbara Walvoord's book, *Teaching and Learning in College Introductory Religion Courses* (Blackwell, 2008).

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**M31-207-CANCELLED**
SR-U Scriptural Reasoning Meeting
1:30 pm-4:00 pm

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**M31-209**
Dharma Association of North America
2:00 pm-4:00 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario

Theme: Conversion Issues in Christian and Dharma Traditions

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**M31-302**
Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B

The Network's annual gathering, to be held both at the AAR and SBL, will focus on "The Politics of Naming/Branding." We will look at how that dynamic, with particular reference to feminism and liberation, operates in the academy, in publishing, and in public policy. All are welcome.

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**M31-303**
Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Annual Religious Studies Review Editors Meeting
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 12

**M31-311**
Art/s of Interpretation Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K

Sylvestre Johnson, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: Reconceptualizing the Study of Religion from the Contact Zone(s) of North America

This session explores the implications of the uniquely modern religious problems arising within colonial and postcolonial contact zones of North America and the inherent hybridities of these zones.

David Carrasco, Harvard University
Contact Zone or Conquest Zone: Mexico City as the Foundation of the Americas

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University
The Doctrine of Discovery: Christian Dispossession of Indigenous People from the Fifteenth Century

Lisa J. M. Poirier, Miami University
The Kettle: Hybridity in Seventeenth Century New France

Jennifer I. Reid, University of Maine
Mapping Post-Colonial Space: The Mi'kmaq Mission to St. Anne at Potlotek, Nova Scotia

Respondent:
Charles H. Long, University of California, Santa Barbara, emeritus

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RSVP: Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER), 1-301-589-2509, mhunt@hers.com; Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza, Harvard Divinity School, 1-617-495-5751, Eschussler@hds.harvard.edu.
M31-312
Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
*NEW DAY/TIME
(was Thursday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm)

M31-308
The Intersection of Modernity and Theology in Nineteenth-Century Europe: William Robertson Smith, Ignaz von Dollinger, and J. R. Illingworth
4:30 pm-6:00 pm
PH-Madison
Harvey Hill, Berry College, Presiding
Kenneth Parker, St. Louis University
The Development of Dollinger's Modern Historiography
Joseph Rivera, St. Louis University
Sacrifice and Atonement: William Robertson Smith's Influence on Atonement Theory, 1890-1920
Eric Moser, St. Louis University
J. R. Illingworth and a Modern Assimilation of Evolutionary Theory
Responding:
C. J. T. Talar, University of St. Thomas, Houston

M31-309
Dharma Association of North America
4:30 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario
Theme: The "H-Word": Non-Indian Practitioners and the Question of Hindu Identity

M31-310
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Women of Color Scholarship Program
5:00 pm-7:00 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan

M31-401
Feminist Studies in Religion, Inc. Pre-Conference Meeting
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-Williford B

M31-402
Jesuit Departments of Theology and Religious Studies: Business Meeting
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-Williford C

M31-403
New Religious Movements Group
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-PDR 1
Theme: Researching New Religions: The Fundamentalist Latter-Day Saints Case and Beyond

M31-405
LGBT Caucus of the AAR
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
The LGBT Caucus is an informal network of scholars seeking to connect their scholarship with advocacy for LGBT people. This year we'll discuss the critical connections among race, ethnicity, sexuality, and gender. Our meeting will be facilitated by Jakob Hero and Annfay Boatman.

M31-406
Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Annual Board Meeting
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Salon 12

M31-407
Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D

M31-409
Pedagogy for the Perplexed
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Theme: Naming the Dilemmas of Pedagogy Related to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Location:
First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple
77 W. Washington, Chicago
An invitation for teachers in universities, theological schools, and congregations to come together for thoughtful consideration of the complicated issues of teaching in relation to the current situation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The keynotes and the discussion will focus on possibilities for teaching and learning.
Ellen T. Chary, Princeton Theological Seminary
A Christian Perspective
Yehezkel Landau, Hartford Theological Seminary
A Jewish Perspective
Yahya Hendi, Georgetown University
A Muslim Perspective
Responding:
Heidi Hadsell, President, Hartford Theological Seminary
For further information and to register: www.pedagogyfortheperplexed.org
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

M31-410
The Word Made Fresh
7:00 pm-8:45 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
7:00 pm Lecture
John Franke, Biblical Theological Seminary, Presiding
Kevin Vanhoozer, Research Professor of Systematic Theology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Remythologizing Theology
9:00 pm Evangelical Christian Scholars Reception
Following the lecture, you are invited to attend a reception (see M31-417 for the location). There we will discuss the formation of a pre-conference before the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. For further information, contact Don Thorsen at dthorsen@apu.edu.

M31-423
The Institute of Ismaili Studies, Qur'anic Studies Unit Reception and Dinner
7:30 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-Astoria
The Qur'anic Studies Unit at the Institute of Ismaili Studies is pleased to invite attendees and participants of the Round Table Discussions on Pre-modern Qur'anic Commentaries (M31-111) to a Reception and Dinner with its scholars and friends.
Please RSVP to Asif Alidina at rdc@iis.ac.uk.

M31-412
An Evening with Episcopal Divinity School
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

M31-415
Inter Religious Federation for World Peace Annual Reception
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
CHT-Marquette
Theme: Intelligent Design in the New World Encyclopedia
Intelligent design is an arena of contention. Most scientists view the theory as religion, or creationism. Conversely, Intelligent Design scholars raise concerns about the Darwinian model of evolution specifically, and the limitations of science in general.

The values-based, general knowledge New World Encyclopedia must meet challenges presented by such "hot topics." How can students learn and understand the merits of arguments from both sides, gaining proper knowledge beyond partisan bickering?

M31-421
Feminist Studies in Religion, Inc. Reception
8:30 pm-10:30 pm
CHT-Williford A

M31-422
A Pagan Religious Ritual Celebrating Samhain
(October 31)
8:30 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Continental A
To be held in Grant Park (across the street from the Chicago Hilton Towers), or in CHT-Continental A in case of inclement weather.

M31-416
Pluralism Project Reception and Premiere of Documentary Film, Fremont, USA
8:30 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Continental C
You are invited to the Pluralism Project reception and the premiere of Fremont, USA, our new documentary film narrated by Diana Eck. Fremont, California is home to Peace Terrace, where Muslims and Methodists built houses of worship side by side, and Gurdwara Road, where a large Sikh community engages in creative forms of outreach. The diversity of the global Buddhist community is also present: Thai, Chinese, and Burmese temples dot the landscape. As initial filming was underway, Alia Ansari, an Afghan-American woman, was murdered while walking along a street with her daughter. Was she killed because of her headscarf? Was it a hate crime? How will the larger community respond? This film will make the challenges of religious diversity vivid, visible, and accessible for discussion.

M31-424
Jesuit Departments of Theology and Religious Studies Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan
Evangelical Christians are invited to attend a reception, following the 7:00 pm lecture by Kevin Vanhoozer, entitled Remythologizing Theology, for The Word Made Fresh (see M31-410 for the location of The Word Made Fresh).
Tom Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
At the reception, we will discuss the formation of a pre-conference before the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. For further information, contact Don Thorsen at dthorsen@apu.edu.
**Saturdays**

**M31-420**

Friends of China Academic Consortium  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-Williford C

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**M1-3**

*Dialog* Editorial Council Meeting  
7:00 am-11:00 am  
PH-Sandburg 7

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**M1-8**

*Spiritus* Journal Editorial Board Meeting  
7:00 am-8:45 am  
PH-Sandburg 2

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**M1-7**

Women of Color Scholarship Mentoring Meeting  
7:30 am-12:00 pm  
PH-Logan

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**M1-6**

Dharma Association of North America  
8:30 am-10:15 am  
CHT-Lake Ontario  
Theme: *Revisiting the Feminine in Dharma Traditions*

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**M1-100**

Jesuit Departments of Theology and Religious Studies:  
*Colloquium on Religious Pluralism*  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Clark 9

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**M1-104**

The Niebuhr Society  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Kimball  
Theme: *Reinhold and H. Richard Niebuhr*  
Douglas Ottati, Davidson College  
*Realism and Responsibility: The Legacy of H. Richard and Reinhold Niebuhr*  
K. Healan Gaston, Harvard University  
*Debating Democracy: The Niebuhr Brothers on Secularism and the Responsibilities of the Theologian*  
Reports on Current Research:  
John Burk, University of Edinburgh  
Gary MacDonald, Southern Methodist University  
Business Meeting:  
Robin Lovin, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

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**M1-105**

*Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Board Meeting  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4H

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**M1-107**

Art/s of Interpretation Group  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-LaSalle 1  
Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Presiding  
Theme: *The Chicago School of Religion in Retrospect and Prospect: Descriptions, Prescriptions, and Predictions*  
Thomas A. Inopulos, Miami University  
*Are There Differing Sacreds in the Methodologies of Otto, Wach, and Eliade on One Side, and Durkheim on the Other Side?*  
Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College  
*After the Naming Explosion: Joachim Wach's Unfinished Project*  
Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge  
*The Chicago School: Legacy, Longevity, Legitimacy*  
Responding:  
Kees Bolle, University of California, Los Angeles  
Casey Koons, Syracuse University  
Rick Talbott, California State University, Northridge  
Jerome Long, Wesleyan University

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**M1-111**

Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Parlor A  
Keith Graber Miller, Goshen College, Presiding  
Theme: *How Taking Vengeance Seriously Can Strengthen Peace Theory and Ethics*  
Panelists:  
Joe Liechty, Goshen College  
Paul Keim, Goshen College  
Responding:  
Ted Grimsrud, Eastern Mennonite University
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

M1-113

Presidential Politics and Religious Rhetoric
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Grand Ballroom
Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
Randall Balmer, Columbia University
Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University
Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Brite Divinity School
Michael G. Long, Elizabethtown College
Martin Marty, University of Chicago

Carol Blessing, Point Loma Nazarene University
Peter Forsaith, The Oxford Centre for Church History and Methodism, Oxford Brookes University
David Wilson, University of Manchester

11:30 am Questions and Round-table Discussion
12:45 pm Conclusion
For additional information, contact Kenneth Newport, knewport@hope.ac.uk

M1-124

Society for the Study of Anglicanism (SSA)
9:00 am-12:30 pm
PH-Clark 7

M1-117

Religion in the Academy
9:00 am-12:00 pm
PH-Sandburg 8

M1-118

Early Methodism: Texts, Traditions, and Theologies
9:00 am-12:45 pm
PH-Buckingham
Theme: John and Mary Fletcher of Madeley: Champions of a Non-Wesleyan Methodism?
Sponsors: Liverpool Hope University, University of Manchester, and Point Loma Nazarene University
9:00 am Welcome
9:10 am Short papers on the significance of John and Mary Fletcher of Madeley by the following speakers:
William J. Abraham, Southern Methodist University
Irfan Omar, Marquette University
Inez Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Philip Rossi, S.J., Marquette University
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University
Whitney Sanford, University of Florida
Joseph Runzo, Chapman University

M1-119

Dharma Association of North America
10:30 am-12:15 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario
Theme: Hindu and Psychodynamic Self Psychologies: Revisioning Merger, Narcissism, and Psychospiritual Development

M1-110

U.S. Ecumenical Response to A Common Word between Us and You
11:30 am-1:00 pm
PH-LaSalle 2
*NEW TIME (was 9:00 am-11:30 am)

M1-121

Religious Literacy: Models for Curriculum and Culture in Colleges and Universities
11:45 am-12:45 pm
PH-Clark 5
The Society for Values in Higher Education held a June institute for ten campus teams working to develop and implement curricular or co-curricular programs that address religion-study across the curriculum and difficult questions involved with religion in the academy. This session, reporting on progress and problems, will seek to generate additional support for strengthening religious literacy nationwide.
Panelists:
Richard Miller, Indiana University
Adam Gaiser, Florida State University
Robert Spivey, Society for Values in Higher Education
M1-122

Wabash Center: Lunch Table Teaching Conversations
11:45 am-12:45 pm
PH-Salon 12
Sponsored by the Wabash Center and Teaching Religion Section.
Register to join small table conversations on specific issues in the teaching of religion and theology. Enjoy a simple box lunch. Advanced registration required.
Topics include: Teaching Asian religions through art; Ideas for small group interaction; Teaching religion through blogging; and Asian and Asian North American women: Power dynamics in the classroom.
Additional topics, descriptions, more information, and registration are available on the Wabash Center website www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=14267.

M1-202

Cognitive Science of Religion
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-LaSalle 3
Justin Barrett, Oxford University, Presiding
Theme: Theory of Mind, Folk Dualism, and Religious and Moral Cognition
Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia
Folk Dualism and Religious and Moral Cognition in Early China
Emma Cohen, Oxford University
Mind, Body, and the Afterlife in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Experimental and Ethnographic Evidence
Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union
Dreaming of the Dead: A Cognitive Scientific Analysis
Joseph Craig, Northwestern University
Islam, Virtue Theory, and the Cognitive Science of Ethics

M1-303

College Theology Society Board Meeting
4:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Logan

M1-304

The Fund for Theological Education Reception Honoring 2008-2009 Doctoral Fellows
4:45 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan

M1-305

University of Pennsylvania Reception
5:30 pm-7:30 pm
PH-Marshfield

M1-400

Forum on Sports and Religion
6:30 pm-8:00 pm
PH-LaSalle 3
Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University, Presiding
Theme: Chicago Cubs: The Faith and the Faithful
In 1908, the Chicago Cubs defeated the Detroit Tigers four games to one to repeat as World Series champions. For 100 years the team has failed to win another championship, an achievement (so to speak) unparalleled in American sports. Yet generations of Cubs fans have continued to “keep the faith.” In this panel discussion, scholars associated with the Mercer University Press Series on Sports and Religion, and others, discuss the religious dimensions of the Cubs phenomenon.
Panelists:
Joseph Price, Whittier College
Greg Sapp, Stetson University
Chris Sheppard, University of Chicago
Reinder Van Til, Eerdmans Publishing
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

M1-401
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Reception
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Price

M1-402
Bahá'í Studies Colloquy
6:30 pm-9:00 pm
PH-Clark 3 and 4
Susan Maneck, Jackson State University, Presiding
Theme: Studies on the Bahá'í Faith
Christopher Hamilton, Washburn University
Complex Theologies and Politics against Preemptive War: A Comparison of American United Methodists and Bahá'í Morality and Advocacy against Preemptive War and for Peacemaking: The Case of the War in Iraq
Chelsea Horton, University of British Columbia
Potlatch, Pipe, and Prayer: Negotiating Indigenous Bahá'í Ritual in the North American West
Robert H. Stockman, DePaul University
Persian and American Bahá'í Biblical Interpretation, 1895–1912
For additional information about the Bahá'í Studies Colloquy, contact Robert Stockman at rstockman@usbnc.org or 1-847-337-7750 (cell).

M1-433
University of Michigan Department of Asian Languages and Cultures Reception to Honor Luis Gómez
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Buckingham

M1-403
Memorial Service for Selva J. Raj
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
CHT-Williford A

M1-406
Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Salon 8

M1-408
Korean North American Systematic Theology
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Kimball
Co-sponsored by Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
Sang Hyun Lee, Presiding
Andrew Park will discuss his new book, Triune Atonement: Christ's Healing for Sinners, Victims, and the Whole Creation (Westminster/John Knox Press, 2008)

M1-409
Where Religion and Ecology Meet: The Field and the Force
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Speaker: Mary Evelyn Tucker

M1-410
Society of Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Clark 1

M1-411
Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Discussion
7:00 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
Theme: Religious Liberalism, Politics, and Empire: Resistance and Complicity
Our annual discussion will explore liberal religious responses to the "imperial" policies of the United States. What resources does our tradition offer for resistance to empire, and in what ways have we been complicit in imperial structures? If we are simultaneously complicit and resistant to empire, how might we move forward? A panel of scholars and pastors will introduce the theme, with plenty of time for open conversation. Confirmed presenters include Jeff Wilson, Paul Rasor, Stephanie Mitchem, and Dan McKanan.
Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Harvard Divinity School, UUA Panel on Theological Education, and Beacon Press. Participants are encouraged to attend the Meadville Lombard reception just prior to this event.

M1-413
Science and Religion Reception
Hosted by Three Centers, CTNS, IRAS, and ZCRS
7:00 pm-10:00 pm
PH-Clark 7
The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) supports research, provides MDiv and doctoral teaching through the Ian G. Barbour Chair, publishes the peer-reviewed journal Theology and Science, and administers the Science and Transcendence Advanced Research Series (STARS) research grant program. The Institute for Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) has summer conferences at Star Island off the New Hampshire coast and co-publishes the peer-reviewed journal Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science.
The 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.

**M1-414**

Graduate Theological Union Alumni Reception  
7:00 pm-11:00 pm  
PH-Salon 5-6

**M1-429**

University of Chicago Divinity School Reception and Open House  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Offsite - Meet in CHT Lobby at the 8th Street entrance

*NEW DAY/TIME*  
(was Thursday 7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Swift Hall, University of Chicago  
1025 E. 58th Street  
Chicago, IL 60637

The University of Chicago Divinity School cordially invites its alumni and friends to a reception and open house hosted by faculty at Swift Hall on the University of Chicago campus from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Program, with faculty introductions, will begin at 8 pm. Round-trip bus transportation to Swift Hall will begin at 6:30 pm from the Chicago Hilton Towers Hotel.

**M1-430**

Georgetown University Theology Department Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
CHT-Williford B

**M1-431**

The Paul of Tarsus Reading Group at Northwestern University and Theology and Philosophy Cooperative  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4C

The Paul of Tarsus Reading Group at Northwestern University, along with the Theology and Philosophy Cooperative, present a panel of papers responding to the populist tones recently announced in philosophy by the Argentinian theorist, Ernesto Laclau.

Jeff Snowbarger, University of Iowa, Presiding  
Theme: Hegemony, Gospel, & Empty Signifier: Theological and Philosophical Responses to Populist Reason

Panelists:  
Theodore W. Jennings, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Wolfgang Totschnig, Northwestern University  
Adam Kokosko, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Virgil W. Brower, Northwestern University  
Responding:  
Ernesto Laclau, University of Essex

**M1-405**

Presbyterian Scholars Reception  
7:30 pm-9:00 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4D

*NEW DAY/TIME*  
(was Thursday 7:00 pm-9:00 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 Theology and Worship and the Office of Theological Education and Seminary Relations. For further information, contact Anita Brown, Office of Theology and Worship. 1-888-728-7228 x5033, anita.brown@pcusa.org.

**M1-415**

Study of Islam Section Annual Dinner  
7:30 pm-9:30 pm  
CHT-Grand Tradition Room

**M1-426**

Studies in Comparative Theology: Comparative Monotheism  
7:30 pm-9:30 pm  
CHT-Astoria

Theme: Messianism and Monotheism

Panelists:  
David Novak, University of Toronto  
Vincent Cornell, Emory University  
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University

**M1-416**

Religion and Ecology Reception  
8:30 pm-10:00 pm  
CHT-Boulevard C

* Annual Meeting Additional Meetings *

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ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

M1-417
New Religious Movements Group Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Boulevard B

M1-418
Fortress Press Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Continental A
Fortress Press invites all AAR attendees to join us for hospitality and conversation. Visit www.fortresspress.com for additional information about Fortress Press at AAR.

M1-419
Vanderbilt University Alumni/ae and Friends Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Continental B

M1-420
Azusa Pacific University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4H
Come join us! If you are faculty, students, alumni/ae, or friends of Azusa Pacific University, then we invite you to attend our reception. It will be a great time for dessert, coffee, tea, and fellowship.

M1-421
Walter de Gruyter Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Continental C

M1-422
University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Religious Studies Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
PH-Salon 3

M1-424
Harvard University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South

M1-427
Religion and Politics Section and Cambridge University Press Reception: Politics and Religion, a New Cambridge Journal
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Marquette

M1-428
Hispanic Theological Initiative Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Williford A

M1-432
Emory University’s Graduate Division of Religion Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room

SUNDAY

M2-1
Lutheran Theological Society of North America
7:00 am-8:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4D
7:00 am Morning Prayer
7:15 am Theme: Middle East Peace-Making and Interfaith Initiatives
Panelists:
Carol Schersten LaHurd, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Michael Trice, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
No registration required. Questions? Please contact Sandra Mejia at 1-773-380-2885 or sandra.mejia@elca.org.

M2-2
Center of Theological Inquiry Reception
7:00 am-8:30 am
PH-Lasalle 1
The Center of Theological Inquiry invites members and friends to a breakfast reception. Peter Ochs, Stacy Johnson, and colleagues will speak on the forthcoming publication of the CTI research project on Scriptural Reasoning in the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Traditions. The Center will also honor the work of its former Director, Daniel Hardy.

M2-3
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni Breakfast
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-Clark 5
Please join us for the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni Breakfast. Prior reservations are required and can be made at www.tiu.edu/divinity/alumni. Any questions can be directed to Judy Tetz at tedsdean@tiu.edu or 1-847-317-8086.
M2-4

Fuller Theological Seminary: Conversation with the New Associate Dean for the Center for Advanced Theological Studies (CATS)
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-Clark 3 and 4

M2-5

New York Theological Seminary Breakfast
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-Clark 9

M2-6

Temple University Religion Department Breakfast
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-Clark 7

M2-7

Church of Christ/Christian Church Professors Meeting
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-LaSalle 2

M2-8

Consultation on Theological Education and Interfaith Initiatives
7:00 am-9:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4B

M2-9

Princeton Theological Seminary Breakfast
7:00 am-9:00 am
PH-Red Lacquer Room

Princeton Theological Seminary alumni/ae and friends are invited to join President Iain R. Torrance for breakfast and an update on new projects at the Seminary. The cost for the breakfast is $10, and advanced registration is encouraged. Visit www.ptsem.edu, and click on “Alumni/ae,” or call 1-800-622-6767, ext. 7756, to register. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Prospective students are welcome as guests of the seminary.

M2-10

Disciples of Christ Faculty/Student Breakfast
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-LaSalle 3

M2-11

Opening Doors to Meditation
7:00 am-9:00 am
CHT-Conference Room 41

Theme: Complexities of Meditation: Detaching and Embracing

Bokin Kim explains meditation in general and the distinctive form of sitting meditation taught by Sot'aesan, founder of Won Buddhism in the early twentieth century. She will emphasize the bodily and spiritual dimension of meditation in relation to self and world. Carlton Dallery will address trends in neuro-scientific, behavioral, and comparative inquiries on meditation and propose some ramifications of these trends for scholars and practitioners of meditation. The roundtable discussion will invite scholars interested in practicing, teaching, or doing research in meditation to share their experiences and inquiries.

After the round table discussion, the Won Institute will celebrate its Middle States Accreditation. Please join our celebration! Tea and refreshments will be served.

For further information, email bokin@woninstitute.org.

M2-12

Religion Compass Editorial Board Meeting
7:30 am-9:30 am
CHT-PDR 1

M2-102

A Conversation Addressing the Philosophical Discussions that Undergird the Emerging Church Movement
11:30 am-1:00 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room

M2-104

North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies
11:45 am-12:45 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D

Arvind Sharma, McGill University, Presiding

Theme: Seva as the Focus of Hindu Sampradayas

Panelists:
Jeffrey Long, Elizabethtown College
Rita Sherma, Binghamton College
Katherine K. Young, McGill University
Shruti, Shruti Foundation

For additional information, please contact Arvind.Sharma@McGill.ca.
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

M2-107
Maimonides: The Life and World of One of Civilization's Greatest Minds
11:45 am-12:45 pm
CHT-Marquette

M2-200
The Future of Biblical Studies
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Wilson

All AAR members are invited to a conversation about the future of biblical studies. We will discuss questions such as: What is the appropriate role for biblical studies in AAR? What interdisciplinary conversations are possible? How can biblical studies reach out to scholars of religion and theology? What topics should biblical studies address in the coming years?

We hope for broad interaction between biblical scholars and other AAR members interested in cooperating with biblical scholars.

Panelists:
Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press
Teresa Hornsby, Drury University
Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary
Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School
Rodney S. Sadler Jr., Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Charlotte
Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
Frank Yamada, McCormick Theological Seminary

M2-201
Educating Religious Leaders for a Multi-Religious World
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 12

M2-202
Wabash Center and Louisville Institute Grant Writing Consultation
1:30 pm-5:00 pm
CHT-PDR 7

Drop in for conversation about your grant ideas or help with grant writing. Appointments are not required, but are preferred and may be made in advance at the Wabash Center webpage, www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=14268.

M2-301
Cognitive Science of Religion: Research Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Indiana

M2-302
Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-McCormick Boardroom

M2-303
ReligionDispatches Reception
5:30 pm-7:30 pm
PH-Clark 7

M2-305
Oxford University Press Journals Reception
5:30 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Clark 5

M2-306
Theology Pub on Emerging Church
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Bar Louie's
47 West Polk Street

Join hostess Nadia Bolz-Weber (House for All Sinners and Saints, Denver, and author, Salvation on the Small Screen: 24 Hours of Christian Television) for a Theology Pub featuring:

Pete Rollins (Ikon, Belfast, author, How (Not) To Speak of God and The Fidelity of Betrayal: Towards a Church Beyond Belief)
Becky Garrison (Religious satirist, author, Rising From the Ashes: Re-thinking Church)
Doug Gay (University of Glasgow, author, Alternative Worship: Resources from and for the Emerging Church)
Nannette Sawyer (Wicker Park Grace, author, Hospitality: The Sacred Art)
Ryan Bolger (Fuller Seminary, author, Emerging Churches: Creating Christian Community in Postmodern Cultures)

M2-402
The Centre of Theology and Philosophy
6:45 pm-9:15 pm
CHT-Waldorf
Nathan Kerr, Trevecca Nazarene University, Presiding
Panelists:
John Betz, Loyola College
Sarah Coakley, Cambridge University
Paul DeHart, Vanderbilt University
David Bentley Hart, Providence College
John Milbank, University of Nottingham
Sponsored by the Centre of Theology and Philosophy (Nottingham, UK) and SCM Press' Veritas Series.

M2-400
Wabash Center Dinner for New Teachers
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
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. September 15 deadline. Contact: Paul Myhre, myhrep@wabash.edu.

M2-403
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-LaSalle 1

M2-404
Gay Men's Issues in Religion Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Clark 5

M2-405
Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Clark 5
Persons connected to the Unitarian Universalist tradition are invited to gather for conversation and to plan next year's events. Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Harvard Divinity School, UUA Panel on Theological Education, and Beacon Press.

M2-406
Durham University Department of Theology and Religion Reception for Theology, Ethics, and Study of Religion
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Wilson
Friends and alumni of Durham University are warmly welcomed to the reception where they will be informed about significant developments in the department during the last year.

M2-408
Denver University/Illiff School of Theology Joint PhD Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-LaSalle 3

M2-409
The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Marshfield
The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture will host a reception promoting its various programs.

M2-434
Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Salon 8-9
NEW DAY/TIME
was M2-408, Friday, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

M2-412
University of Iowa Alumni and Friends Reception
7:30 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

M2-413
VU Institute for the Study of Religion, Culture, and Society (VISOR)
7:30 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-Marquette
Theme: VISOR Launching Reception and Presentation
VISOR is a new institute situated at the VU (Vrije Universiteit) University in Amsterdam. VISOR forms a platform for multi- and interdisciplinary research and exchange between scholars working in the field of the study of religion in all its dimensions; with a current focus on the place of religion in the public domain.
Please join us for a panel discussion about Nations Divided by Faiths, followed by a reception.

M2-411
Yale Department of Religious Studies and Yale Divinity School Reception
8:00 pm-9:30 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room

M2-414
Princeton University Department of Religion Reception
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-Boulevard C

M2-415
Syracuse University Department of Religion Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Boulevard A

M2-416
Drew University Alumni Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Grand Tradition Room

M2-417
Boston University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Grand Ballroom

M2-418
Brown University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Williford A

M2-419
Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Williford B

M2-420
Marquette University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

M2-421
Duke University Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Astoria

M2-422
Center for Process Studies Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Joliet
Join us for wine, cheese, and conversation. Friends and members of CPS and anyone interested in process-relational approaches to science and religion, religious studies, theology, biblical hermeneutics, and philosophy of religion are invited. Greet Roland Faber, Philip Clayton, and Marjorie Suchocki. Network, discuss, and schmooze. Informal, fun!

M2-424-CANCELLED
Brite Divinity School Reception
4:00 pm-11:00 pm

M2-425
Nazarene Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
PH-Wilson

M2-426
Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York Alumni/ae and Friends Reception
9:00 pm-11:30 pm
CHT-Continental A

M2-428
Columbia University Reception
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Summer Seminars on Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology

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These week-long seminars will provide training to theological education faculty who are often preparing students for future religious leadership and ministry. The Theological Education Steering Committee invites applications from theological educators interested in pursuing these questions. The seminars will help address the question of religious diversity as a question of faith, that is to say, as a properly theological question: What is the meaning of my neighbor’s faith for mine? While we expect that the bulk of applicants will come from seminaries and divinity schools, we also welcome theological educators who teach in theology and religious studies departments.

Cohort One

June 7-14, 2009, Union Theological Seminary, New York City
May 30–June 6, 2010, University of Chicago Divinity School

Cohort Two

June 13–20, 2010, Union Theological Seminary, New York City
May 29–June 5, 2011, University of Chicago Divinity School

Two separate cohorts will each be composed of 25 participants and 8 instructors and will meet for a week-long event the first summer, then a one-day event the following fall at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, followed by another week-long event the next summer. The seminars are designed for those relatively new to the theologies of religious pluralism and comparative theology, allowing them to learn from scholars and advance their understanding. The result of the summer seminars will be to increase the number of theological educators who can teach in the areas of theologies of religious pluralism and comparative theology in a variety of institutions in which theological education takes place. All accepted applicants will be awarded a cash stipend of $1,000, plus the grant will cover their expenses incurred in their participation in the seminars.

The goals of these summer seminars are to provide theological educators with the following:

• Substantive introduction to the best in current scholarship and teaching resources in the areas of theologies of religious pluralism and comparative theology;
• The opportunity to engage in an interreligious conversation about the meaning of religious diversity;
• The opportunity to bring their own specific areas of research expertise into conversation with theologies of religious pluralism and comparative theology;
• Support in developing teaching resources, syllabi, and other programming appropriate to the particular needs of their home institutions;
• The opportunity to disseminate their learning by means of publication or other appropriate media; and
• A cohort of scholar-teachers who can support each other in their own ongoing scholarly and teaching development in the areas of theologies of religious pluralism and comparative theology.

TO BE ASSURED OF CONSIDERATION FOR COHORT ONE, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 5, 2008. APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MID-JANUARY 2009.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR COHORT TWO WILL BE IN THE FALL OF 2009.

For more information, please go to www.aarweb.org/Programs/summer_seminars or contact John J. Thatamanil at johnj.thatamanil@vanderbilt.edu.

Further information will also be available in the AAR booth (501) in the Book Exhibit hall.
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