

American Academy of Religion
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March 2-4, 2012
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FRIDAY, March 2

2:00-8:00 pm

Registration

Book Exhibits

1:00-3:00 pm Workshop

What Difference Does Place Make?: A Conversation on Religion, Land, and Pedagogy

How can religious and theological learning be deepened by sustained attention to and engagement with the land (the particular place in which education is happening) and our ecological context more broadly? And what challenges and opportunities greet teachers of religion and theology who seek this kind of deepened engagement through place-based pedagogies and other models of teaching and learning? Please join us for an open conversation on these themes, and the envisioning of a southern bio-regional network of scholars and teachers in religion and ecology. Our conversation will begin with some reflections on experiences, interests and questions from key scholars in the field, including Dr. Barbara (Bobbi) Patterson, Emory University.

3:00-4:00 pm

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion

AAR/SBL/ASOR Joint Executive Committee

Michelle Tooley, Berea College, Presiding

4:00-5:00 pm

AAR/SBL/ASOR (SECSOR): Joint Business Meeting

All members of the societies are invited

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4:30-6:00 pm Workshop

Planning and Hosting Graduate Student Conferences

Graduate student conferences can be some of the most rewarding events of the PhD experience—they offer opportunities for developing professional friendships, presenting and getting feedback on early research, and otherwise networking with other aspiring professionals in your field. Attending conferences

can be incredibly rewarding, and yet planning such a conference can seem like a daunting task for already stretched-thin graduate students. This graduate student run workshop aims to facilitate a discussion on planning and hosting an excellent grad student conference. From strategic visioning, to inviting your favorite scholar(s), to successfully securing funding, come hear about a cohort of graduate students who recently learned to swim in the organizational deep end. We'll swap ideas and stories about the best and worst of conference planning, including thoughts on starting your own graduate student conference.

FRIDAY EVENING, March 2

6:00-8:00 pm SESSION I

SBL: Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament I

Theme: *Reading and Writing Biblical Texts in the Persian Period*

David G. Garber, McAfee School of Theology, Presiding

Amanda M. Davis, Emory University

What Can הלויים הנהנים/ οἱ ἱερεῖς οἱ Λευῖται Tell Us of the Relationship Between Ezra-Nehemiah and 1 Esdras?

Edmon L. Gallagher, Heritage Christian University

The End of the Bible? The Position of Chronicles in the Canon

Max Rogland, Erskine Theological Seminary

Reading Scripture with Haggai: An Intertextual Study

David B. Schreiner, Asbury Theological Seminary

Double Entendre, Disguised Verbal Resistance, and the Composition of Psalm 132

SBL: New Testament I

Theme: *New Testament and Apocalypse/Apocalypticism*

Andrew Mbuvi, Shaw University Divinity School, Presiding

Bennie H. Reynolds III, Millsaps College

The End is Near(ish): Methodological and Pedagogical Reflections on Reading Ancient Mediterranean and Modern American Apocalypses

Jason A. Staples, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"Rise, Kill, and Eat": Nations as Animals in Apocalyptic Judaism and Acts 10

Timothy Wardle, Wake Forest University

The Death of Jesus and the Arrival of the Kingdom: Jesus, Isaiah, and Eschatology

AAR: Black Cultures and the Study of Religion I and Religion, Culture and the Arts I (Joint Session)

Theme: *Cultural Contestations of Black Religion in the South*

Cara Burnidge, Florida State University, Presiding

Benjamin Hebblethwaite, University of Florida

Vodou Songs in Haitian Creole and English: A Source Text Approach to Vodou Religion

K. Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama

The Commerce of Categories: Scholarship and "Slave Religion" in the American South
Sakinah Nicholson-Carter, The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University
Vice or Virtue: Interpreting Black Popular Culture

AAR: Constructive Theologies I

Theme: *The Virtues and Vices of the Virtues and Vices*

Cameron H. J. Jorgenson, Campbell Divinity School, Presiding

Chris Collins, Ave Maria University

Augustinian Virtue as Means to Beatitude

Brett McCarty, Duke University

The Virtue of Gratitude: Aristotle, Augustine, and the Modern Need for Confession

Cindy Bolden

Holy Pain: The [Paradoxical] Virtues of Self-Love and Self-Sacrifice

AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society I and Religion and Ecology I (Joint Session)

Theme: *Environmental Ethics*

Brock Bingaman, Wesleyan College, Presiding

Tara Flanagan, Loyola University

The Limits of God's Grandeur: How Feminist Embodiment Theology Can Inform Environmental Ethics

Luke MoonOak, College of Central Florida

Ecospiritual Ethics

Kate E. Temoney, Florida State University

Can a Lotus Blossom Change the World?

Business Meetings (Ethics, Religion and Society and Religion and Ecology)

AAR: History of Christianity I

Theme: *Early Church History*

Erin Roberts, University of South Carolina, Presiding

Michael B. Simmons, Auburn University Montgomery

The 'viri novi' of Arnobius, Adversus nationes: Who are the 'new men'?

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University

Monks Making Monsters: Conceptualizing and Combatting Sin in the Desert

Thomas Whitley, Florida State University

The Savior Laughed: The Rhetorical Use of Jesus' Laughter in Early Christian Gnostic Texts

AAR: Islam I

Theme: *Islam, Violence, and non-Violence*

Aydogan Kars, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Elizabeth Martin, The University of Georgia

The Revolution of Nizārī Ismā'īlism in Twelfth Century Persia and Syria

Samuel Houston, Florida State University

The Role of Ibn Taymiyya's Legal Thought in His Views on Rebellion
Jamie Sutton, Middle Tennessee State University

Transgress not the Limits: Restrictions on Violence in Islam
Andrea Cluck, University of Georgia

Violent Discourse: Themes in Islamophobic Polemics
Business Meeting

AAR: Method and Theory I

Theme: *Approaches to Apocalyptic*

Randall Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Robin Globus, University of Florida

A Problem Based Approach to Understanding the Millennium
Tom Ellis, Appalachian State University

Like a Predator in the Night: Toward a Bio-psychology of Apocalyptic Fantasy

Andres Arrazola, Florida International University

A Derridian Reading of Apocalypse

Tim Murphy, University of Alabama

Oppression, Anxiety and Otherness: A Theoretical Analysis of the Structures of Apocalyptic Ideation

AAR: Philosophy of Religion I

Theme: *Open Theism and Postmodernism*

Chad Maxson, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Thomas A. James, Union Presbyterian Seminary

A Radical Theology of Hope

James McLachlan, Western Carolina University

Postmodern and Process Eschatologies Meet Open Theism: Unsure Happy Endings?

Nathaniel Holmes, Jr., Florida Memorial University

Open Theism and Postmodernism: An Evangelical Critique of Divine Metanarrative

John Sanders, Hendrix College

Response on Behalf of Open Theism

AAR: Religion in America I

Theme: *Gender, Class, Race and Sexuality in American Religions Classrooms: A Round Table*

Joshua Fleer, Florida State University, Presiding

Panelists

Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University

Laurie Maffly-Kipp, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee

Heather White, New College

AAR: Religions of Asia I

Theme: *Asia From the Inside Out*

Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding

Suzanne Degnats, Georgia State University

Hindu Identity in Southeast American Culture: Faith Tapestries of Hindu Immigrants as Seen Through Religious Narratives

Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University

The One Gave Birth to the Two: Martin Buber's Encounters with Chinese Thought

Justin Snider, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Asian Religions and Stereotypes: Orientalism in the Star Wars Saga

Paul B. Courtright, Emory University, respondent

AAR/SBL: Women, Gender, and Religion I and Bible and Modern Cultures I (joint)

Theme: *Beyond the Boundaries? Theorizing (Liberative) Gendered Spaces at the Intersections of the Theological Disciplines and Christian Practice*

Lisa Stephenson, Lee University, Presiding

Casey Thornburgh Sigmon, Vanderbilt University

Manly Men and Spirited Women: The (Paradoxical) Inclusion and Exclusion of Gendered Bodies in the Pulpit

Yolanda M. Norton, Vanderbilt University

Embodying Inferiority: Inadequate Interpretations of the Legacy of Eve

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University

Belonging and Border Logic: Scripture, Theology, and LGBTQ Suicides

Lauren White, Vanderbilt University

What God Hath Not Bound: Challenging Biological Essentialism by Re-reading Scripture in Conservative Stone-Campbell Congregations

Richard Coble, Vanderbilt University

Shame and Salvation in the Genders of Young Adolescent Boys

8:15-9:30 pm

AAR/SBL/ASOR: Plenary Session

Steven Ramey, University of Alabama, and

Kavin Rowe, Duke University, Presiding

Announcements of Student Awards

Presidential Addresses:

AAR: Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College

A Desert Monastic Christian Community

SBL: Theodore Burgh, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

"And the Band Played On": The Indelible Mark of Music on Ancient Culture

9:30-11:00 pm

Conference Reception for SECSOR Members

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 3

7:30-8:45 am

AAR/SBL: Women's Caucus Religious Studies Breakfast
Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Seminary and
Robyn Neville, Emory University, Presiding
Business Meeting

8:00 am-6:00 pm

Registration

Book Exhibits

9:00-10:45 am SESSION II

ASOR: Archaeology and the Ancient World I

Theme: *ASOR SE Presidential Address*

Ralph Hawkins, Kentucky Christian University, Presiding
Sharon Mattila, UNC Pembroke

Revisiting Jesus' Capernaum: A Village of Subsistence-Level Fishers and Farmers?

SBL: Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament II

Chad Eggleston, Huntingdon College, Presiding

Caryn Tamber-Rosenau, Vanderbilt University

The Bare-headed Adulteress: What a Gesture Might Tell Us About the Sotah Ritual (Numbers 5:18)

Alysha Vaughn, McAfee School of Theology

A Comparison of Gender in Judges 4 and 5

Scott C. Jones, Covenant College

Power, Honor, and the Discourse of Bodies in the Book of Job

Business Meeting

SBL: New Testament II

Theme: *Open*

Doug Hume, Pfeiffer University, Presiding

Jonathan Redding, Wake Forest Divinity School

Babylon Revisited: A Feminist Inspired Reading of the Whore of Babylon

Erin Roberts, University of South Carolina

Realized Eschatology and Cognitive Plausibility in 1 Corinthians

Benjamin L. White, Clemson University

The Eschatological Conversion of "All the Nations" in Matthew (28:19): What's Paul Got to Do with It? or (Mis)reading Matthew through Paul

Arthur M. Wright, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond

John's Irony and Rome's Governor: Negotiating Empire in the Fourth Gospel

AAR/SBL: Bible and Modern Culture II

Theme: *Let's get our Bearings: The Quest of the Historical Jesus One-hundred Years after Schweitzer*

Eric Douglass, Randolph-Macon College, Presiding

Brian Mooney, Johnson & Wales University

"In Whose Shadow We All Stand": The Quest for the Historical Albert Schweitzer

Sam Murrell, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

A Post-Schweitzer Historical Jesus: Gospel Traditions for a New Century

Richard Pinder, Johnson & Wales University

Jesus of Nazareth: An Historian's Perspective

Panel discussion by presenters: *Faith meets History: One Jesus, or Two?*

Business Meeting

AAR: Constructive Theologies II

Theme: *Apocalypticism Now?*

Adam English, Campbell University, Presiding

Jacob Chambliss, Candler School of Theology

Apocalyptic Language in Luke and Baruch: Modern Thoughts on the Destruction of the Jewish Temple in 70CE

Trevor Eppheimer, Hood Theological Seminary

In Defense of Apocalyptic: The Implications of the Work of J. Christian Berker for Contemporary Christian Theology

Richard Floyd, Emory University

An Earthly Hope: Moltmann, McFague, and the Search for an Ecological Eschatology

AAR Ethics, Religion and Society II

Theme: *Economic and Political Ethics*

Michael Stoltzfus, Valdosta University, Presiding

Laura Alexander, University of Virginia

Christian Cosmopolitanism and the Common Good: Exploring Church Bodies' Public Speech about Undocumented Immigrant Laborers in the United States

Curtis Lanoue, Florida International University

Playing With Power: Homeownership, Neo-liberalism and Supervision

Sean McBride, UNC Asheville

Illegal Tender: Sustaining Communitas of the Social Gospel in The Music Man, Footloose, and Dirty Dancing

Christina McRorie, University of Virginia

Divine Economics? Exploring Suffering, Giving, and Grace in the Theo-Economic Visions of M. Douglas Meeks and Kathryn Tanner

AAR: Islam II

Theme: *Islamic Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics*

Elizabeth Martin, University of Georgia, Presiding

Aydogan Kars, Vanderbilt University

Limits of Theology in Medieval Judeo-Islamic Philosophy: A Comparative Study on the Transcendence of God

Benjamin Hardman, University of Southern Mississippi

Poesis, Phronesis and Jihad

Syed Rizwan Zamir, Davidson College

The Missing Religion: Social Ethics in the Thought of Maulana Ashraf 'Ali Thanvi

AAR: Philosophy of Religion II

Theme: *Cognitive Science and Philosophy of Religion*

Witold P. Wolny, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, Presiding

Logan Beitmen, Florida International University

Neuroscience and Hindu Aesthetics

Steven G. Smith, Millsaps College

Religious Appeals and the Cognitive Science of Religion

Samuel Robert Byer, University of Oklahoma

Debunking Debunking Arguments

Business Meeting.

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts II

Theme: *Eschatology and Expectation in American Narratives*

Cara Burnidge, Florida State University, Presiding

Michael Graziano, Florida State University

The "Affirmative Apocalypse" of the Beat Generation Writers

Andrew Coates, Duke University

The Visual Truth for Fundamentalist Youth: A History and Politics of Conservative Protestant Visual Culture in the Early Twenty-first Century

Bo Helmich, Duke University

The End of the World As We Read It?: Eschatology in the Short Fiction of Flannery O'Conner

Brad Stoddard, Florida State University

McCarthy's Apocalyptic Call to Action

Business Meeting

AAR: Religion in America II

Theme: *Religion and Regionalism*

Darren Grem, Emory University, presiding

William S. Kossen, Pennsylvania State University

'A Body of Sage, Prudent and Religious Counsellors': The Conventions of the Diocese of Charleston and the Place of Southern Catholicism in Antebellum Religious History

Tammy Heise, Florida State University

Prophetic Religion and Political Compromise in the Mid-Nineteenth-Century American West

John L. Crow, Florida State University

Lemuria Rising: California in the Theosophical Place-Making Imagination

Kari Edwards, Mississippi State University

Six Days of Twenty-Four Hours: The Scopes Trial, Antievolutionism, and the Last Crusade of William Jennings Bryan

Business Meeting

AAR: Religions of Asia II

Theme: *Zen Poetry*

Amy Allocco, Elon University, presiding

Steven Heine, Florida International University

Seasons Are the Reason: An Overview of Zen Master Dōgen's Chinese Poetry Collection

Therese Sollien, Florida International University

Dōgen as a Japanese Poet Well-Versed in Chinese

Pamela Winfield, Elon University

Reflections on the Word-Art of Zen Master Dōgen

Roundtable Discussion

Business Meeting

AAR: Women, Gender, and Religion II

Theme: *Apocalyptic Rhetoric and Feminist Impulses*

Jill Peterfeso, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, presiding

Emily A. Holmes, Christian Brothers University

The Age of the Spirit: Irigaray, Apocalypse, and the Trinitarian View of History

Laura F. Hawthorne, University of Virginia

The Apocalyptic Imagination and Sin

Leif C. Tornquist, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

"Resanctifying" Sex, Marriage, and Motherhood: Liberal Protestant Ministers, Eugenics, and the (Re)production of American Society in the 1920s

Business Meeting

11:00 am-12:00 pm Plenary Session

C. Kavin Rowe, Duke University, presiding

J. Ross Wagner, Princeton Theological Seminary

Is God the Father of Jews only, or also of Gentiles? The Peculiar Shape of Paul's Universalism

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 5

12:00pm *Special Town-Hall Session: The Future of the American Academy of Religion*
Jack Fitzmier, Exec. Dir., AAR

AAR/SE, SBL/SE, and ASOR/SE Business Meetings

12:45-1:15 pm

AAR/SE Business Meeting
All members of the society are invited

1:15-1:45 pm

SBL/SE Business Meeting
All members of the society are invited

1:45-2:15 pm

ASOR/SE Business Meeting
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2:30-4:15 pm SESSION III

ASOR: Archaeology and the Ancient World II

Theme: *Early Explorers/Excavators of the Ancient Near East and New Techniques from the Field*

Sharon Mattila, UNC Pembroke, presiding

Robert W. Smith, Mid Atlantic Christian University,

William Francis Lynch: Before and after the Expedition to the Dead Sea

Frederick L. Downing, Valdosta State University

Sir Flinders Petrie: Early Explorer and Pioneer in Palestinian Archaeology

John Mark Wade, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

Bringing the Experts to the Field Through Skype

SBL: Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament III

Scott C. Jones, Covenant College, presiding

Seth A. Bledsoe, Florida State University

The Gods of Ahiqar: Theodicy and Divine Justice in the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar

Tiffany Cox, McAfee School of Theology

"And She Wept": Judges 11:29-40

Shin Wook Hur, Emory University

Theology and Politics: Two Ways to Explain Judah's Demise
Chwi-Woon Kim, Candler School of Theology
Reconsideration of Ezra 2:68–3:7: Redaction Criticism

SBL: New Testament III

Theme: *Texts and Contexts of the Graeco-Roman World and Second Temple Judaism*

Jason Staples, UNC Chapel Hill, presiding

Mitchell Esswein, University of Georgia

Historiography and the New Testament: A Combination of Modern and Ancient Methods of Analyzing the History Presented in the Book of Acts

Travis B. Williams, Tusculum College

Benefiting the Community through God Works: The Economic Feasibility of Civic Benefaction in 1 Peter

Business Meeting

AAR/SBL: Bible and Modern Culture III

Theme: *Is Apocalyptic Language still Meaningful: How do Ancient Texts apply to Modern People?*

Brian Mooney, Johnson & Wales University, presiding

Eric Douglass, Randolph-Macon College

Is Apocalyptic Language still Meaningful: How Ancient Texts apply to Modern People -

Emily Cheney, independent scholar

Apocalypticism: Devastation or Celebration

Witold P. Wolny, University of Virginia's College at Wise

The Apocalypse Now: the Symbolic Multiverse and the End of Biblical Paradigm

Finbar S. Benjamin, Oakwood University, presiding

AAR: Constructive Theologies III and Religion and Ecology II (joint)

Theme: *Vocation: Farming, Food, and Theological Education*

David McDuffie, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, presiding

Elizabeth Lee, High Point University

The Whole Creation Has Been Groaning: A Theo-Ethical Perspective on Factory Farming

Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University

Bittersweet: Resisting Ecological Hopelessness Through Sacramental Discourse

Christopher Dale Walk, Campbell University Divinity School

The Land as Character: The Idea of Progress in American Agriculture, and the Christian Narrative

AAR: History of Christianity II

Theme: *Medieval/Reformation Church History*

Michael B. Simmons, Auburn University Montgomery, presiding

Andrew Reinsch, University of Chicago

Angela of Foligno's Book and the End of Time

Sarah Bogue, Emory University

Reciprocal Love in Divine Procession and Human Ascent: Pseudo-Dionysius and Ibn 'Arabi on the Divine Names

Robert Morehouse, Catholic University of America

Hidden Heritage: Faith Seeking Understanding as a Common Denominator Between Adversaries' Polemics in Early Syriac Christianity

Business meeting

AAR: History of Judaism I

Bryan Whitfield, Mercer University, presiding

Sam Kessler, UNC Chapel Hill

The Silverman Prayer Book, Political Zionism, and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Perry Hildreth, Gardner Webb University, Michelle Tooley, Berea College

Teaching Genocide and the Holocaust in the Religious Studies Classroom

Michael Fuller, Lee University

Turning the Other Cheek: Teaching on War and Conflict in a Christian Liberal Arts University

Business Meeting

AAR: Method and Theory II

Theme: Panel Review of Ann Taves' *Religious Experience Reconsidered: A Building-Block Approach to the Study of Religion and Other Special Things*

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, presiding

Panelists

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University

Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College

Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama

Ann Taves, University of California at Santa Barbara, responding

AAR Religion in America III

Theme: *Race and Land in American Religious History*

Isaac Weiner, Georgia State University, presiding

Stephanie Gaskill, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

The Intersection of Race History and Holy Land Literature in Daniel Seaton's The Land of Promise

Stanley Thayne, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

'A land which is choice above all other lands': The Americas and Americans in Mormon Visual Culture

Shannon Harvey, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

God, Land and Masculinity in All God's Dangers: The Life of Nate Shaw

AAR: Religions of Asia III

Theme: *The Aesthetics of Devotion*

Warner Belanger, Georgia College and State University, presiding

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest Divinity School

Love at a Distance: The Erotic Sentiment in Gaudiya Vaisnava Devotion

Gil Ben-Herut, Emory University

*Dancing all the Way to Kailāsa: The Story of Guṇḍayya the Potter as Told by the
Kannada Poet Harihara*

Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University

*Srngara vs. Bhakti: Reimagining the Relationship of Aesthetics and Devotion in the
Bhamakalapam Dance Drama*

Jenn Ortegren, Emory University

*Performing in the Hallway: The Repertoire Between Indian Oral Epics and Folk Expressive
Traditions*

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, responding

AAR: Teaching Religion I

Reginaldo Braga, Interdenominational Theological Center, presiding

J. Derrick-Lemons, University of Georgia

Questions of Faith: The Making of Questions Requiring Higher-Order Cognitive Skills

Itihari Toure, Interdenominational Theological Center

*From Nommo (Word Energy) to Mdu Ntr (Divine Speech): Characteristics of Intent in the
Language of Teaching for Just Power Relations*

Business Meeting

AAR: Undergraduate Session I

Critical Perspectives on Religion and Culture

Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College, presiding

Terrinae A. D. Watson, Agnes Scott College

Eve and the Desire for Knowledge

Michele Ferris, Wake Forest University

Nineteenth-Century Chinese "Pollution" of Mormonism's American Zion

Virginia Thomas, University of North Carolina

*The Deconsecration of St. James' Black Episcopal Mission: A story of seemingly small decisions
made in the context of a racist landscape that resulted in the closure of a once-thriving
congregation*

Luke Waring, University of Tennessee–Knoxville

*Accepting the "Green Dragon": Towards a Response to American Evangelical Christian Anti-
Environmentalism through Contextual Analysis of Resisting the Green Dragon*

4:30-6:00 pm

SESSION IV

ASOR/AAR: Archaeology and the Ancient World III and Islam III (Joint session)

Theme: *Islam and Muslim Spaces*

Syed Rizwan Zamir, Davidson College, presiding

Jacqueline H. Fewkes, Florida Atlantic University

Gendered Spaces and 'Being Muslim': Women's Mosques in the Maldives

Eleanor Finnegan, Coastal Carolina University

Provisions, Providence, and Place: Farms as Muslim Spaces in the Southeastern United States

Anisah Bagasra, Claflin University

Sufi Islam in the South: Islamic Revivalism in an Unexpected Place

Ralph Hawkins, Kentucky Christian University

The Islamic Village at Tall Jalul (Jordan): The Khan

SBL: New Testament IV

Theme: *"The One Who Reads and Who Hears": Perspectives on the Revelation to John – An Invited Panel Discussion*

Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Center, presiding

Panelists

Juan Hernandez, Bethel College

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College

Lynn Huber, Elon University

AAR/SBL: Bible and Modern Culture IV

Theme: *The Bible and Cultural/Political Practices and Ideologies*

Brian Mooney, Johnson & Wales University, presiding

Arthur Wright, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond

John's Irony and Rome's Governor: Negotiating Empire in the Fourth Gospel

Stephen Wright, Saint Petersburg College

Contemporary Patterns of Reconstruction: The Manifestation of Theonomy in Public Office

Mirsad Krijestorac, Florida International University

Theory of Critical Insecurity: Case of Catholic Christianity

Frederic Downing, Valdosta State University

Clarence Jordan and Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Social and Political Action as Faith

AAR: Black Cultures and the Study of Religion II

Theme: *Gender, Sexuality, and Black Religion*

Monique Moultrie, Western Kentucky University, presiding

Mary Nyangweso Wangila, East Carolina University

Religion and Female Genital Cutting in the United States

Genevieve Nrenzah, University of Bayreuth

Changing Notions about the Spirituality of the Vagina in Popular Nzema Indigenous Religious Philosophy

Lacette Cross, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology Virginia Union University

The Divine Gift of Sex in Its Full Expression

Business Meeting

AAR: Constructive Theologies IV

Theme: *“Translating” Theology*

Cameron H. J. Jorgenson, Campbell University Divinity School, presiding

Adam C. English, Campbell University

How to Argue Unwinnable Arguments: Nicholas Lash and the Existence of God

Tim Hartman, University of Virginia

Lost in Translation: Postcolonial Reflections on Guilt in the Amazon

Business Meeting

AAR Ethics, Religion and Society III

Theme: *Comparative Religious Ethics*

Darla Schumm, Hollins University, presiding

Charles Mathewes, Matthew Puffer, Mark Storslee, University of Virginia

Comparative Religious Ethics: Status Quaestionis, Panel Presentation

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College

Integrating Levians’s Ethics and Buddhist Ontology

Cristóbal Serrán-Pagán y Fuentes, Valdosta State University

Merton and Nhat Hanh: Love is the Answer and Compassion the Solution

AAR: History of Christianity III

Theme: *World Christianity*

Michael B. Simmons, Auburn University Montgomery, presiding

Dan Cantey, Emory University

Freedom, Equality, and Totalitarianism in the Mind of Martin Luther

Matthew W. Dougherty, UNC-Chapel Hill

The Lost Tribes in New Spain: Apocalypticism, Anti-Semitism and the Imagining of the Americas

William Yoo, Emory University

What do Left Behind Evangelicals, Killer Robots, Vampires, and Zombies Have in Common? A Comparative Analysis of Apocalyptic Themes in Popular American Literature

AAR: History of Judaism II

Second Temple Judaism in the Greco-Roman World

Michael Fuller, Lee University, presiding

Bryan Whitfield, Mercer University

Second Temple Readings of Zechariah 3

Mark Proctor, Lee University

Josephus and the Noble Suicide: The Ethical Status of Self-Inflicted Death in the Jewish War

Jared Poznich, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

Holy Traitors: How Pious History Converted the Biblical Villain

Delio DelRio, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

‘Obedience of Faith’: An Intertextual Dialogue Between Romans and the Isaiah Targum

AAR: Method and Theory III

Theme: *Undergraduate Research – Focus on Apocalypticism*

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, presiding

M.G. Proaps, University of Alabama

The Dilemma of Religious Terrorism

Erin McBride, Appalachian State University

Apocalypse 2011: Another Failed Apocalypse

Peter Wilson, Appalachian State University

Pseudoscience and the Validation of Apocalyptic Culture

Elizabeth Clark, Appalachian State University

Social Interests and the Apocalypse: An Examination of Hell in the work of Rob Bell and the Book of Revelation

Alyssa Lenox, University of Alabama

Revel in Revelation: Christian and Muslim Power Dynamics in the American South

Business Meeting

AAR: Philosophy of Religion III

Theme: *Beauty, Power, and the Paranormal*

Craig Kubias, Spartanburg Community College, presiding

Brian Ribeiro, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

The Theistic Argument from Beauty: A Philonian Critique

Joshua Lupo, Florida State University

The End of Critique?: Sarah Coakley, Judith Butler, and The Trouble with Transcendence

Travis Dumsday, Livingstone College

Integrating Paranormal Research and Religious Studies?: A (Sympathetic) Critique of Kripal's Proposal

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts III and Religion in America IV (Joint session)

Theme: *Zombie Apocalypses in American Cinema, Art, and Literature*

Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee Knoxville, presiding

Katherine Cronin Daley, Georgia State University

The Walking Dead and the Allegorical Zombie

Kenny Smith, Emory University

Vampire Churches, Vampire Images, and Invented Religions

Joe Laycock, Piedmont Virginia Community College

The Other Kind of "Apocalypse": The Christian Worldview of They Live

Gregory Reece, independent scholar

Apocalypse Profane: Revenants, Vampires, and Zombies

AAR: Women, Gender, and Religion III and Teaching Religion II (joint)

Theme: *The Promises, Perils, and Pedagogy when Teaching Issues of Gender, Sexuality, and Religion in the Southeast*

Jill Peterfeso, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, presiding
Kelly Frances Fenelon, Vanderbilt University

Pedagogy or Provocation? Chas(t)ing Women's Human Rights Using Purity Balls

Kent L. Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

What's Fear Got to Do with It? Teaching Gender and Sexuality Courses without Apology

Heather McDivitt, Wingate University

Overcoming Obstacles to Provide a Successful Undergraduate Religion Course in Human Sexuality

6:00-7:00 pm

Reception for Student Members of the Societies

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 4

7:15-8:45 am

Section Chairs' Breakfast

Sam Murrell, University of North Carolina Wilmington and Randall Bailey, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

8:00-11:00 am

Registration

Book Exhibits

9:00-11:00 am SESSION V

ASOR: Archaeology in the Ancient World IV

Theme: *Recent Excavations and Finds*

John Mark Wade, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, presiding

Paul F. Jacobs, Mississippi State University, Cobb Institute

Sacred Space at Iron II Tell Halif

Robert and Erin Darby, University of Tennessee

The Second Season of Excavation at the site of 'Ayn Gharandal, Jordan

SBL: Joint Session: Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament IV and New Testament V

Theme: *Teaching the Bible to Engage and Transform: Workshop and Discussion*

Bryan Bibb, Furman University, presiding

A series of practical and informal presentations on teaching the Bible with the goal of engaging students in larger ethical, religious, and political issues. Everyone is invited to bring syllabi, ideas, experiences, and/or questions to share in group discussion.

AAR/SBL: Bible and Modern Culture V

Theme: *Open Call*

Finbar S. Benjamin, Oakwood University, presiding

Joe Cooley, Union College

The False Dawn of Enlightenment: W.E.B. du Bois and the Critique of Western Progress

Anna Moseley Gissing, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

"19 Kids and Counting": Children as a Blessing from the Lord

Christopher W. Skinner, Mount Olive College

Virtue in the New Testament: The Legacies of Paul and John in Comparative Perspective

Daniel Timmer, Reformed Theological Seminary

The Use and Abuse of Power in Amos: Identity, Idolatry, Ideology

AAR: Black Cultures and the Study of Religion III and Teaching Religion III (Joint Session)

Theme: *Obama and the Teaching of Religion*

Roger Sneed, Furman University, presiding

Mark Ellingsen, Interdenominational Theological Center

Teaching Religion, Our Founding Documents and the Obama Presidency

Christopher D. Ringer, Vanderbilt University

Obama, Race, and the Unveiling of Hopes

Brandon J. White, Emory University

Civil Religion Forging a New Beginning: A Sociotheoretical Interpretation of Barack Obama's Cairo Speech

AAR: Constructive Theologies V

Theme: *Theology of the Book*

Steven R. Harmon, Gardner-Webb School of Divinity, presiding

David Dault, Christian Brothers University

'This way of living is different from communism because...': The Ideological Control of Scriptural Interpretations of Acts 4 in the Editorial Rhetorics of Popular Study Bibles

Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University

Portraits of America's Iconic Book

Kelly West Figueroa-Ray, University of Virginia

Twisted Scriptural Tokens: The Bible According to Jerry Falwell

AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society IV

Theme: *Ethics and Disability*

Sally Holt, Belmont University, presiding

Darla Schumm, Hollins University, and Michael Stoltzfus, Valdosta State University

Disability in Judaism, Christianity and Islam and Disability and Religious Diversity, Panel Presentation

Scott Claybrook, McAfee School of Theology, responding

Profound Priests of Grace

Sally Holt, Belmont University, responding

Disability and Religious Diversity

AAR: Religion in America V

Theme: *Millennialism and Apocalypticism in America: A Round Table*

Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee, presiding

Panelists

Ben Brazil, Emory University

Emily Clark, Florida State University

W.Scott Poole, College of Charleston

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University

AAR: Religion and Ecology III

Theme: *Apocalypticism and (Re)telling Religious Narratives in Environmental Rhetoric*

David McDuffie, University of North Carolina, presiding

Seth Walker, University of South Florida

“Captain Planet, He’s [Not] Our Hero”: Aggressive Rhetoric and the Environmental Crisis

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University

Anthropocentrism versus Biocentrism: re-telling stories of the creation

Leigh Pittinger, Rhodes College

Moving Theology in a “Biosphere-Friendly Direction”: Religious Ecofeminism and Margaret Atwood’s *The Year of the Flood*

Jefferson Callico, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Ragnarok and High-Tech Doomsday: The Innovative Use of Myth within the Environmental Discourse of a New Religious Movement

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts IV

Theme: *The Female Body: Cultures of Resistance and Cultures of Re-Creation*

Kelly Williams, Vanderbilt University, presiding

Kenya Tuttle, Vanderbilt University

“This Moment for Life”: Popular Culture’s Impact on the Moral Sphere of Young Black Women

Catherine Schmidt, Georgia State University

The Most Successful Mud-Slinging Job: Mary Magdalene Continues to be a “Fame Hooker, Prostitute, Wench”

Angela Yarber, Wake Forest University

Endancing Jewish Resistance: Israeli Folk Dance and the Violence of the Holocaust

AAR: Religions of Asia IV

Theme: *Embodying Ethics: Morality, Locality, and Relationality*

Pamela Winfield, Elon University, presiding

Leena Taneja, Stetson University

Resurrecting Braj: Engaged Vaishnavism as Environmental Theology

Mariana Restrepo, Florida International University

Buddhism and Meat-Eating: The Human-Animal Relationship, Ethics and Implications

Shivani Bothra, Florida International University

The Anuvrat Movement of Jainism: Old Precepts, New Prospects

Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College, responding
The Ethics of Displacement

AAR: Undergraduate Research II

Reexamining Texts

Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College, presiding

Sarah Waters, Virginia Tech

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: A Discussion of Mark 14: 32–42

David Burman, University of Tennessee–Knoxville

Serious Scholarship: Nathaniel Brassey Halhed, Sir William Jones, and British Readings of Hindu Texts and Concepts in Late Eighteenth-Century Bengal

Joshua Kelly, Clemson University

An Examination of the Eschatological Dramas of the Book of Revelation and the Similitudes of Enoch

Brenda Richardson, Georgia Southern University

The Power of Voice in the Aqedah: Exploring Spoken, Imminent, and Silent Voices within the Abraham Narratives