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 हַמָּה הַכַּהֲנִים 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

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 Ismāʿīlīsm 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 McClauder, 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

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 Chamblish, Candler School of Theology

Apocalyptic Language in Luke and Baruch: Modern Thoughts on the Destruction of the Jewish Temple in 70CE
Trevor Eppehimer, Hood Theological Seminary

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

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
 Poiesis, Phronesis and Jihad
Syed Rizwan Zamir, Davidson College

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
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
All members of the society are invited

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
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 Univeristy
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 Fogligno’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
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 Gauḍīya Vaisnava Devotion
Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest Divinity School

Dancing all the Way to Kailāsa: The Story of Guṇḍayya the Potter as Told by the Kannada Poet Harihara
Gil Ben-Herut, Emory University

Srṅgara vs. Bhakti: Reimagining the Relationship of Aesthetics and Devotion in the Bhamakalapam Dance Drama
Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University

Performing in the Hallway: The Repertoire Between Indian Oral Epics and Folk Expressive Traditions
Jenn Ortegren, Emory University

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, responding

AAR: Teaching Religion I
Reginaldo Braga, Interdenominational Theological Center, presiding
J. Derrick-Lemons, University of Georgia

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 Indeginous 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 Leviathan’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*

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