

American Academy of Religion
Society of Biblical Literature
American Schools of Oriental Research
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March 2-4, 2012

Atlanta, GA

FRIDAY, March 2

2:00-8:00 pm

Registration Century East Foyer
Book Exhibits Century West

1:00-3:00 pm Workshop

Dogwood

*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

Decatur 1

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
AAR/SBL/ASOR Joint Executive Committee
Michelle Tooley, Berea College, Presiding

4:00-5:00 pm

Decatur 1

AAR/SBL/ASOR (SECSOR):
Joint Business Meeting
All members of the societies are invited
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4:30-6:00 pm Workshop

Centennial A

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

Dekalb

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 הַכְּתוּבִים הַלְלוּם / οὐραρῶσιν λέγεται
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 Centennial C

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) Peachtree

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 Dunwoody 1

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) Centennial B

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 Dunwoody 2

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 Centennial A

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 Dogwood

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 Biopsychology 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 Centennial D

Theme: *Open Theism and Postmodernism*

J. Aaron Simmons, Furman 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 Century East

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 Decatur 1

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) Decatur 2**

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
Century East**

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 **Century Foyer**
Conference Reception for SECSOR Members

SATURDAY MORNING, March 5

7:30-8:45 am **Dunwoody 2**

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 Century East Foyer

Book Exhibits Century West

9:00-10:45 am **SESSION II**

ASOR: Archaeology and the Ancient World I

Peachtree

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
Centennial B**

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
Centennial C

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*

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
Dunwoody 1

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 **Decatur 1**

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 Epehimer, Hood Theological Seminary

- *In Defense of Apocalyptic: The Implications of the Work of J. Christiaan Beker 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
Dunwoody 2

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, Neoliberalism 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 **Dekalb**

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 **Decatur 2**

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
Centennial A

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
Centennial D

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 **Dogwood**

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
Century East

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
Century East

- 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
Century East

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 Centennial A

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

1:15-1:45 pm Centennial B

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

1:45-2:15 pm Centennial C

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
Peachtree

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
Centennial A

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 Dunwoody 2

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

Dogwood

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)

Dekalb

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 Dunwoody 1

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

Centennial B

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

Century East

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 Decatur 1

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 Centennial C

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 Decatur 2

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 Centennial D

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)
Peachtree

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
Century East

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
Centennial A

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 **Dogwood**

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 Indegenous
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 **Decatur 1**

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
Dunwoody 1

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 Dunwoody 2

Theme: *World Christianity*

Michael B. Simmons, Auburn University

Montgomery, presiding

Dan Canteley, 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 Dekalb

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

Centennial B

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 Decatur 2

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) Centennial C

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

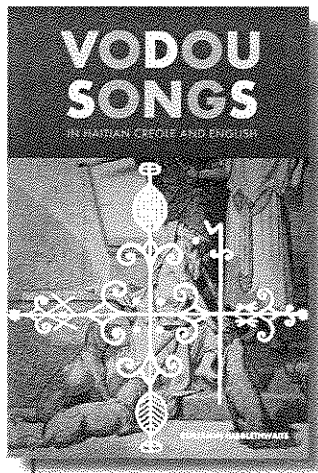
AAR: Women, Gender, and Religion III and Teaching Religion II (joint) Centennial D

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

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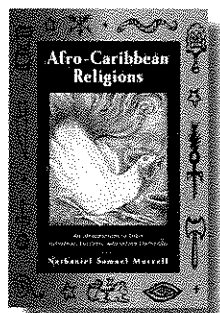
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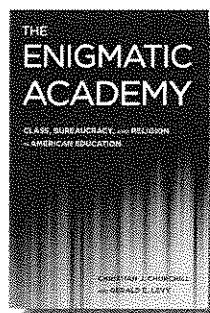
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Reception for Student Members of the Societies

SUNDAY MORNING, March 4

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Section Chairs' Breakfast

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Wilmington and Randall Bailey,
Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

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Book Exhibits Century West

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ASOR: Archaeology in the Ancient World IV
Peachtree

Theme: *Recent Excavations and Finds*
John Mark Wade, Emmanuel Christian Seminary,
presiding
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- *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*

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Testament IV and New Testament V**
Dogwood

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
Centennial A

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)**
Centennial D

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 Decatur 1

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 Dunwoody 1

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 Century East

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 Centennial B

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 Decatur 2

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

Centennial C

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 Dunwoody 2

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*