

American Academy of Religion
Society of Biblical Literature
American Schools of Oriental Research
Southeastern Regional Meeting 2013
 Hyatt Regency Greenville
 March 15-17, 2013
 Greenville, SC

FRIDAY, March 15

2:00-8:00pm

Registration Atrium 1st Floor
 Book Exhibits Centennial

3:00-4:00 pm

Boardroom

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion AAR/SBL/ASOR Joint Executive Committee Steven Ramey, Univ. of Alabama, Presiding

4:00-5:00pm

Redbud

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Business Meeting: all members are invited Steven Ramey, Univ. of Alabama, Presiding

SESSION I 6:00-8:00PM

AAR: Women, Gender, & Religion I and Ethics, Religion and Society I (Joint Session)

Regency D

Theme: *Ethics, Reproduction, Parenting, and Public Policy*

Sally Holt, Belmont University, Presiding

Amy Brown, University of Florida

- *Conservative Christian Representations of Pregnancy and the Relationship between the Mother and Fetus*

Anna Moseley Gissing, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

- *Baptism and the Mommy Wars: A Christian Practice that Changes the Cultural Narrative*

Philip Lorish, University of Virginia

- *Choosing Children? What is New in the New Eugenics?*

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University

- *"Born This Way for a Reason": Interrogating Indigenous Concepts of Homosexuality*

AAR: Method and Theory in the Study of Religion I: Undergraduate Research

Redbud C

Theme: *Violence Resistance and Political Engagement*

Randall Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Tina Musilli, Elon University

- *Possibilities for Resistance: Female Demonic Possession in Contemporary Hinduism*

Chrystal Dively, College of Charleston

- *Caste and Cosmic War: Violence Erupts in Kandhamal*

Daniel Szemplé, University of North Carolina, Asheville

- *Cosmological Hierarchies in Domestic Relational Structures*

Mallory Lacoste Harrell, Appalachian State University

- *Political Ideologies in the Emerging Church Movement: Radical and personal change in Political Engagement and Thought.*

Tyler Ray, College of Charleston

- *Putting the World Outside Himself: Metaphorical Meaning in the Zhuangzi*

AAR: Constructive Theologies I

Redbud B

Theme: *Christology Today*

Trevor Eppheimer, Hood Theological Seminary, Presiding

Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo, Emory University

- *The Natal Body of Christ: Recovering a Place for Nativity in Christology*

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

- *James Wm. McClendon, Jr.'s Narrative Christology in Ecumenical Perspective*

Andrea Hollingsworth, Berry College

- *"Your Gaze Never Abandons": Nicholas of Cusa's Mystical Christology and Developmental Neuropsychology*

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts I **ThinkTank@NOMA**

Theme: *Resistance, Liberation, and Female Power in American Culture*

Michael Graziano, Florida State University, Presiding

Sandi Gravett, Appalachian State University

- *Women, Body, Politics and Power: Salome (and Lilith) in HBO's True Blood*

Robert Pennington, St. Thomas University

- *Lady Gaga Speaks to Pope Benedict XVI: A Feminist Theography of Resistance, Liberation, Homosexuality and God*

Cara L. Burnidge, Florida State University

- *The Materiality of a Hyphen: Muslim-American Women in Popular Culture*

SBL/ASOR: Archeology and the Ancient World I **Regency B,C**

Theme: J. A. Callaway Commemorative Session

John Laughlin, Averett University, Presiding

J. Maxwell Miller, Fernbank Museum

- *Joe Callaway: Mentor, Colleague, Friend*

Frederick L. Downing, Valdosta State University

- *Joseph A. Callaway and Khirbet Raddana: Assessing a Salvage Operation*

Gerald L. Keown, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity

• *Joe Callaway: Teacher, Golfer, Friend*
Jim Kautz, Retired

• *Memories of the Mudir: 1966-1988*

John Laughlin, Averett University

• *Of Squares, Strata and Sherds: The Day The Devil Gave 'Ai (et-Tell) to Joseph A. Callaway*

AAR: History of Judaism I **Studio 220@NOMA C**

Theme: *Contemporary Judaism*

Michael E. Fuller, Lee University, Presiding

Stephen Strehle, Christopher New Port University

- *The Nazis, the Sons of the Enlightenment, and the Assault upon the Judeo-Christian Tradition*

Joseph Gindi, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

- *Ethno-Religious Enclaves: Toward a Cellular Model of Culture*

Katja Vehlow, University of South Carolina

- *On Being Jewish and Trans in the Public Sphere*

Samuel J. Kessler, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- *Malamud in Italy: The Moral Choice of Being Jewish*

AAR: Religions of Asia I **Dogwood**

Theme: *Religious Change: Practice beliefs and Interpretations*

Warner Belanger, Georgia College & State University, Presiding

Daniella Vaclavik, Florida International University

- *From Veda to Vedānta: An Analysis of Revelation*

Jonathan R. Herman, Georgia State University

- *Dumbing Down the Tao: The Paradox of Domesticating an Esoteric Tradition*

Priyanka Ramlakhan, Florida International University

- *The Guru and Disciple Relationship—Swami Sivananda, the Transference of Knowledge and its Implications*

Mariana Restrepo, Florida International University

- *Social, Economic and Political Issues, and the Transformation of the Buddhist Forest Dwelling Tradition in Thailand*

SBL: New Testament I **Gardenia**

Theme: *Gospels and Acts of the Apostles*

Andrew Mbuvi, Shaw University School of Divinity, Presiding

Febbie Dickerson, Vanderbilt University

- *The Good Widow: A New Reading of Luke 18:1-6*

Eric B. Dixon, Duke University

- *A New Religious Leadership: Matthew's Use of Jeremiah 50 in Jesus' Commissioning of the Twelve*

Ira B. Driggers, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

- *Creation as Atonement in the Gospel of Mark: On the Correlation Between the Kingdom and the Cross*

Beth Stovell, St. Thomas University

- *Who's King? Whose Kingdom: Contested Space in John 12 & 19*

Daniel Yencich, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

- *When you Hear You will See—Toward a Performance Critical Interpretation of Mark 13*

AAR: Religions in America I **Regency E**

Theme: *Charles Reagan Wilson's Flashes of a Southern Spirit*

Joshua Fleer, Florida State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College

Arthur Remillard, Saint Francis University

Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Rodger Payne, Univ. of North Carolina, Asheville

Responding: Charles Reagan Wilson, University of Mississippi

SBL: Hebrew Bible/OT I **Regency F**

Bryan Bibb, Furman University, Presiding
Max Rogland, Erskine Theological Seminary

- *The Songs of Ascents (Pss 120-134): A Proposal for the Interpretation of the Superscript and the Purpose of the Collection*

Edmon Gallagher, Heritage Christian University

- *The Reception of Esther at Qumran*

Daniel Ray, Duke University Divinity School

- *I'm Just a Soul Whose Intentions Are Good. Oh Lord, Please Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood: A New Interpretation of the Structure of Ecclesiastes*

Denise Flanders, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

- *Mocking Passer-s-by, the Divine Enemy, and the Penitent People: Lamentations in light of Mesopotamian City Laments and Deuteronomy 28*

AAR: Undergraduate Student Research I

Redbud A

Theme: *Religion Engaging Space*

Sarah Fey Porter, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Erin Palmer, Elon University

- *Imagining Spaces: The Heavenly Throne Room and the New Jerusalem in Revelation*

Haley DeLoach, Agnes Scott College

- *Landscape of Origins: Mount Kinabalu as a Portal to Celestial Spheres*

Rachel Storz, Agnes Scott College

- *Monism & Meditation: A Christian Construction of the Altar of the Mind*

Khari McElrath, UNC-Asheville

- *Secular Myth, Sacred Spacemen: Move over, Jesus; An Alien Soteriology Abducts the Christian Cosmos*

AAR/SBL: Bible and Modern Culture I
Magnolia

Theme: *Interpreting Biblical Stories/Parables of Violence and their Significance for Contemporary American Culture*

Presiding: Eric Douglass, Randolph-Macon College

Matthew James Hamilton, Southwest Virginia Community College:

- *Divine Violence: How Do We Promote Peace without Taming the Divine Warrior?*

Terry Shoemaker, Western Kentucky University

- *God, Guts, & Glory: An Evaluation of the Biblical Support Mechanisms Provided by Churches for War Veterans*

N. Samuel Murrell and Bryan Fries, University of North Carolina Wilmington

- *Bible, Violence, and the American Moral Conscience*

Craig Kubias, Spartanburg Community College

- *Moses' Enslavement of Non-Israelite Virgins in Numbers 31: Suggestions from Philip Jenkins' 'Laying Down the Sword' on Reading Violent Bible Passages*

8:15-9:30pm AAR/SBL/ASOR Plenary Session
Regency A

N. Samuel Murrell, UNC-Wilmington and Randall C. Bailey, Interdenominational Theological Center

Official Welcome by Furman University, President Rodney A. Smolla

Conference Announcements Dr. Ken Hoglund, Exec. Director

Presidential Addresses

Steven Ramey, Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham

- *Accidental Favorites: Addressing the Impact in the Study of Religions*

Kavin Rowe, Duke Univ. Divinity School

- *New Testament Theology is a Way of Life*

Conference Reception for SECSOR Participants following addresses Studio 220@NOMA

SATURDAY MORNING, March 16

7:30-8:45am AAR/SBL Women's Caucus Breakfast **Teal**

Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

8:00-8:50am

AAR: Religions in America II and Method and Theory II **Magnolia**

Theme: *Alternative Religions*

Rodger Payne, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Presiding & Responding

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

- *Alternative Explanations for Alternative Religions in Asheville, NC*

Michael T. Bradley, Jr., Georgia Perimeter College

- *"We as Tiny Gods": Projecting Sacred Space at Stone Mountain*

8:00 am-6:00 pm

Registration

Atrium 1st Floor

Exhibits

Centennial

Coffee Service

Centennial

SESSION II: 9:00-10:45am

AAR: Constructive Theologies II and Black Cultures and the Study of Religion I **Redbud A**

Theme: *Constructing Black Theologies*

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University, Presiding
Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee, Baylor University

- *Christ the Church: On Christology, the New Black Theology, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Matthew R. Jantzen, Duke University

- *"Whitening Oneself as a Way of Salvation": A Call to Read Christology against the Colonial "Ordo Salutis" through an Exploration of the Work of Frantz Fanon and Karl Barth*

Tim Hartman, University of Virginia

- *Translatability as Jesus is the Light of the World: Kwame Bediako's Ancestor Christology and Karl Barth's Prophetic Actualism*

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts II

Redbud B

Theme: *Publishing and Protection: The Material Reality of the Bible*

Cara L. Burnidge, Florida State University, Presiding

Robert Bryant, Presbyterian College

- *The Rise of a Monastic "Publishing House" at Wearmouth-Jarrow*

David Dault, Christian Brothers University

- *'Battlezone' Bibles and Bulletproof Covers: The Material Rhetoric of Armor Plating in Contemporary Bible Production*

Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University

- *Dangers, Toils, and Snares: The Materialization of the Saving Grace of the Bible*

AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society II and

Religion and Ecology I Regency B

Theme: *Environmental Ethics*

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

Heather McDivitt, Wingate University

- *The Amish and the Environment: What Can the Amish Lifestyle and Anabaptist Theology Contribute to Environmental Ethics?*

John J. Fitzgerald, St. John's University

- *Together Again, Naturally?: Pope Benedict XVI and the Fourteenth Dalai Lama on Our Environmental Responsibility*

AAR: Philosophy of Religion I

ThinkTank@NOMA

Theme: *Gendered Readings of Religion: Postmodern Engagements*

Makilah Rae Witt, Trinity International University, Presiding

Era Elizabeth Pope, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- *Gendered Constructions of Immanence in the Writings of Simone de Beauvoir and Georges Bataille*

David Barr, University of Virginia

- *Bakhtin and the Book of Job: Theological Implications in Carol Newsom's Use of Mikhail Bakhtin*

K. Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama

- *On the Limits of Feminist Exegesis*

Business Meeting

AAR: History of Judaism II Crepe Myrtle

Theme: *Second Temple Judaism I*

Samuel J. Kessler, UNC-Chapel Hill, Presiding

Chessa Budai, Vanderbilt University

- *Economic Dependence and Sexual Liberty: Widows in the Jewish Tradition*

Scott Cason, Jacksonville University

- *The Lord of the Ring: Ornamental Masculinity in the Testament of Solomon*

Jack Collins, University of Virginia

(independent scholar)

- *Cultural Heroes and Angelic Instructions in the Book of the Watchers: A Comparative Study*

Jason Sturdevant, North Carolina State University

- *"God is Not Like a Human" Yet 'Like a Human': Divine Accommodation to Humanity in Philo of Alexandria*

AAR: Religions of Asia II

Dogwood

Theme: *Visual and Material Cultures of Asia*

Warner Belanger, Georgia College & State University, Presiding

Beverly Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

- *Teaching Buddhism Through Film*

Nicolas Morrissey, University of Georgia

- *Silence, Secrecy and Enigmatic Meaning in Esoteric Buddhist Art Observations on the Stone Sculptures of Temple No.2 at Nalanda*

Youmi Efur, Limestone College

- *Orthodox Hierarchy and Religious Identity in Qing-Dynasty Baiyun guan*

Respondent: Warner Belanger, Georgia College & State University

SBL: New Testament II **Gardenia**

Theme: *Epistles and the Apocalypse*

Annie Tinsley, Shaw University School of Divinity, Presiding

David Callaway, University of Georgia

- *James Dunn, Jens Schröter and the Jesus Tradition in Paul*

Jill Marshall, Emory University

- *Conceptual Metaphor of Community as Body in 1 Cor 6 and Eph 5*

Jared Wortman, Duke University

- *Excavating Paul from Toledot Yeshu: The Sustaining Power of the Polemic in Jewish-Christian Relations and interpretation*

Business meeting

AAR: Religions in America III and Method and Theory III **Regency E**

Theme: *Prisons, Plates, and the Constitution*

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Charles McCrary, Florida State University

- *Who Believes?: License Plates and the First Amendment in South Carolina*

Brad Stoddard, Florida State University

- *Legislating Pluralism and Faith-Based Prisons*

Michael Graziano, Florida State University

- *The Supreme Court and Narratives of American Religious History*

Respondent: Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Business Meeting

AAR: History of Christianity Session I

Magnolia

Theme: *Formation of Integral Values*

Thomas J. Whitley, Florida State University, Presiding

Robert Morehouse, Catholic University

- *Knowing When to Talk: The Values of Silence and Speech in Late Antique Mesopotamian Christianity*

Erin Roberts, University of South Carolina

- *Be Perfect Like Your Father in Heaven (except when he's not)*

Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College

- *Reclusion: Approaching the Value of Solitude*

Business Meeting

SBL: Hebrew Bible/OT II **Regency F**

Edmon Gallagher, Heritage Christian

University, Presiding

Jeffrey S. Rogers, Gardner-Webb University

- *Synchronism and Structure: A Literary Look at King Lists, Chronicles, and Kings*

Bryan Bibb, Furman University

- *The Church and Members: English Bible Translation and Sexualized Rhetoric in the Prophets*

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary

- *Zerubbabel, Persia, and Inner-biblical Exegesis*

Business Meeting

AAR/SBL: Bible and Modern Culture II

Regency D

Theme: *Reading with Different Lenses*

Brian Mooney, Johnson & Wales University

N. Samuel Murrell, University of North

Carolina Wilmington, Presiding

Katherine Bain, Paine College

- *Does Adherence to Biblical Creationism and the Prevalence of "Ape Racism" Affect Achievement of African Americans as Students of Biology?*

Mark A. Wirtz, McAfee School of Theology

- *Appropriating Leviticus 19.9-18 for Our Time*

William L. Lyons, Regent University

- *Origen and Augustine and Herem in the Bible*

Eric Thomas, Interdenominational Theological Center

- *The Souls of Black Gay Folk: Reading Rev. 6:9-11 through a Postcolonial Same-Gender Loving Lens*

AAR: Undergraduate Research II **Redbud C**

Theme: *Religion Engaging Culture*

Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College, Presiding

Erin Engstrom, Agnes Scott College

- *God in a Bottle: Religion in Brave New World*

Brett Evans, Elon University

- *Engaged Jain Traditions & Social Nonviolence: Ethnographic Case Studies of Lay Animal Activists and Service-Oriented Nuns*

Cameron Clark, Maryville College

- *Allah is Too Big for My Islam to Be Small: The Birth of Taqwacore, the Transnational Muslim-Hindu Punk Movement*

Mary Cunningham, Maryville College

- *Religious Art & Celebrity Worship: An Excerpt of a Senior Thesis*

Coffee Service **Centennial**

11:00am-12:00pm Plenary Session **Regency A**

Samuel Merril, Univ. of North Carolina-Wilmington, Presiding

Randal Balmer, Dartmouth College

- *Religion and the Culture Wars*

12:00-1:00pm
Underrepresent Minorities Luncheon
Boardroom@NOMA

Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

12:15-1:15pm

ASOR: Archeology and the Ancient World II
Regency B, C

Theme: *Presidential Address*

James Riley Strange, Samford University, Presiding

Sharon Mattila, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

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

ASOR/SE Business Meeting

12:45-1:15pm

AAR/SE Business Meeting **Regency D**

1:15-1:45pm

SBL/SE Business Meeting **Regency E**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, March 16

SESSION III 2:30-4:15pm

AAR: Teaching Religion I **Regency E**

Theme: *Teaching religion for social change, the intersections of scholarship, pedagogy and activism in Southern US.*

Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia, Presiding

Panelists:

Sandy Martin, University of Georgia

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia

Bob Black, Southern Wesleyan University

Reginaldo Braga, Interdenominational Theological Center

Business Meeting

AAR: Women Gender and Religion II and

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament III and
New Testament III (Joint Session)

Regency F

Theme: *Panel Discussion of Women's Bible Commentary (3rd Ed: Westminster John Knox, 2012) 20th Anniversary Edition*

Eric Thomas, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

Panelists:

Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational
Theological Center

Carol Meyers, Duke University
Carol Newsom, Emory University
Brittany Wilson, Duke University

Respondents;

Wendy Farley, Emory University
Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College

AAR: Constructive Theologies III
Redbud A

Theme: *Theology: Political and Practical*

Mark Medley, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky,
Presiding

Matthew Puffer, University of Virginia

- *Human Dignity after the Image of God*

Stephen Lawson, Emmanuel Christian
Seminary

- *Prophetic Theology: Karl Barth and
Theological Politics Beyond Ideology*

Jonathan Best, St. Thomas University

- *Is It a Sacrament? Practical Theological
Study of the Original Free Will Baptist
Ordinance of Foot Washing*

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts III
Redbud B

Theme: *The Politics of Religious Sound and Art*

Brad Stoddard, Florida State University,
Presiding

Shontea L. Smith, University of North Carolina,
Charlotte

- *Intercommunication through the Medium
of Jazz*

Adam Ware, Florida State University

- *The Solemn Old Judge and the Hillbilly
Boogie: Rustication and the Emotive
Minstrelsy of Rural America*

Sarah Levine, Georgia State University

- *'Splendid Barbarism': Orientalism and
the Early Ballets Russes in Western
Europe*

Business Meeting

AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society III
Redbud C

Theme: *Ethics and Disability*

Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding
Melissa Reginelli, Vanderbilt Divinity School

- *Pastoral Care for Children
with Terminal Illness*

Travis Pickell, University of Virginia

- *Discussing Death*

Mike Stoltzfus, Valdosta State University

- *Spirituality, Chronic Illness and Healing*

Sally Holt, Belmont University

- *Physical and Spiritual Transformation*

Business Meeting

**SBL/ASOR: Archeology of the Ancient
World III**
Regency B, C

Theme: *Special Session on The Jesus*

*Discovery: The New Archaeological Find that
Reveals the Birth of Christianity (New York:
Simon & Schuster, 2012)*

Ralph K. Hawkins, Averett University,
Presiding

James Tabor, University of North Carolina,
Charlotte

- *A New Iconographic Image and an
Mixed Greek/Hebrew Inscription from a
Sealed 1st Century CE Tomb in
Jerusalem*

Chris Rollston, George Washington University

- *The Talpiyot Tombs: Some Sober
Reflections on the Epigraphic Materials*

Mark Goodacre, Duke University

- *The Jesus Discovery? A Skeptic's
Perspective*

James Tabor, University of North Carolina,
Charlotte, response

AAR: History of Judaism III
Crepe Myrtle

Theme: *Second Temple Judaism II*

Michel E. Fuller, Lee University, Presiding
Jonathan Lookadoo, Beeson Divinity School

- *Angelus Interpres in Parabolic
Apocalyptic Literature*

Michael Fuller, Lee University

- *History and Eschatology in the Sibylline
Oracles (Books 3-5)*

Jared R. Wortman, Duke University

- *Excavating Paul from Toledot Yeshu: The Sustaining Power of the Polemic in Jewish-Christian Relations and Interpretation*

Business Meeting

AAR: Religions of Asia III **Dogwood**

Theme: *Hindu Narrative and Ritual: Seeing, Playing, and Telling*

Nicole Karapanagiotus, Georgia Southern University, Presiding

Deeksha Sivakumar, Emory University

- *Putting god to bed: A playful analysis*

Anandileela Salinas, Emory University

- *Revisiting Darsan*

Summer Shoaib, Emory University

- *The Star of the Ramayana: Tara as Monkey Exemplar in Hindu Narrative*

Respondent: Amy L. Allocco, Elon University

Business Meeting

AAR: Religions in America IV and Method and Theory IV **Regency D**

Theme: "Theorizing the Culture Wars"

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding & Responding

Finbarr Curtis, University of Alabama

- *The Bishops and the Public Square*

Kyle Brooks, Vanderbilt University

- *Crying out in Crisis: A Rhetorical Examination of Post 9/11 Sermons*

Jamie Michael Sutton, Georgia State University

- *In God We Trust: Defining American Religion*

AAR: History of Christianity Session II **Magnolia**

Theme: *Identity Formation and Antagonistic Rhetoric*

Robert Morehouse, Catholic University, Presiding

Yonatan Binyam, Florida State University

- *"Running Over Their History": Jews and Christians in the Works of Eusebius*

Jack Turner, University of South Carolina

- *Was Photios an Anti-Latin? Competing Cultural Values in the Liturgical Comments in the Epistle to the Eastern Patriarchs*

Thomas Whitley, Florida State University

- *The Politics of Defamation: Disease and Sexual Invective in Epiphanius' Medicine Chest Against Heresies*

David Woodington, Florida State University

- *We Do It Differently: The Development of Ethical Values in the Early Church*

AAR/SBL: Bible and Modern Culture III **Gardenia**

Theme: *The Empire of the Reader: How the Reader Colonizes the Text*

Finbar S. Benjamin, Oakwood University, Presiding

Eric Douglass, Randolph-Macon College

- *The Colonization of the Text and the Ethics of the Reader*

Arthur M. Wright, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond

- *Resisting Empire: The Hunger Games, Hidden Transcripts, and The New Testament*

Doug Hume, Pfeiffer University

- *Friendship, Violence, "The Good Samaritan", and Mission Mississippi*

Sun Wook Kim, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

- *Reading Matthew from the Perspective of Marginality and Foreign Workers as Marginalized People in a Korean Society*

Business Meeting

AAR: Islam I **ThinkTank@NOMA**

Theme: *Islam in the Culture Wars*

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding

Thomas J. Carrico, Jr., Florida State University

- *Just War Theory, Terrorism, and Capital Punishment: Teaching the Targeted Killing of Anwar al-Awlaki.*

- Jamie Edmonds, Independent Scholar
- *Korea Town: Contested Islamic Spaces in Los Angeles*
- Omar Shaukat Ali, University of Virginia
- *Islam and the Challenge of Culture Wars: Fred Dallmayr's Mediation of Hamid Dabashi and Sherman Jackson.*
- Ross Moret, Florida State University
- *The Nonsense of Denigrating the Prophet Muhammad.*

SESSION IV 4:30-6:00pm

AAR: Religion and Ecology II Redbud B

Theme: *Religious Agrarianism and Ecologies of Religion in the South*

David C. McDuffie, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Presiding

Rachel Leah Davis, College of Charleston

- *Hallowed Ground: Religious Agriculture in South Carolina*

Todd LeVasseur, College of Charleston

- *A "Green" Kataphatic Theology: The Ecospirit of Springbank Retreat Center in Kingstree, S.C.*

Kelsey Viscount, University of North Carolina at Asheville

- *Produce and Provision: Agrarian Revivalism among Protestants in the South*

Sarah Werner, University of Florida

- *William Bartram: The Moral Philosophy of a Quaker Botanist*

Business Meeting

AAR: Teaching Religion II Regency E

Theme: *Mentoring Undergraduate Research in the Lived Religious Experience of Others.*

Reginaldo Braga, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

Panelists:

- Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College
- J. Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia
- Toddie Peters, Elon University

AAR: Constructive Theologies IV

ThinkTank@NOMA

Theme: *Nature and Grace*

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

Brett McCarty, Duke University

- *Nature, Grace, and the Moral Life: Can David Kelsey Hold Together What 20th Century Theology Has Torn Asunder?*

Brandy R. Daniels, Vanderbilt University

- *An Eschatological Constructivism? Karl Barth and Judith Butler on the Relationship between Nature and Grace*

Business Meeting (and Theologians' Pizza Dinner)

AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society IV

Redbud C

Theme: *Politics, Ethnography, Comparative Religious Ethics*

Mike Stoltzfus, Valdosta State University, Presiding

Alfonso Matas, Florida International University

- *The Politics of Good and Evil: Vodou Black Magic and Social Control*

Rimes McElveen, University of Exeter, UK

- *Ethnography and Theology*

Jeff Gottlieb, Florida State University

- *Back to the Start: The Future of Comparative Religious Ethics*

Kristopher Norris and Samuel Speers, University of Virginia

- *The Political Practices of Churches*

AAR: Philosophy of Religion II and History of Judaism IV (Joint Session)

Crepe Myrtle

Theme: *Jewish Philosophy of Religion*

James Grady, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Benjamin E. Sax, Virginia Tech University

- *The Move to Aesthetics in Modern Jewish Thought*

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College

- *Call or Question: A Rehabilitation of Conscience as Dialogical*

Steven Kepnes, Colgate University

- *Response to Sax and Dickman*

AAR: Religions of Asia II **Dogwood**

Theme: *New Religion? Innovations, Renovations, Inventions, and Renewals*

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding
Leena Taneja, Stetson University

- *White Hindus, Indian Hindus: Gender, Race, and Ethnicity in the ISKCON Movement*

Brian K Pennington, Maryville College

- *One abode Too many: Himalayan Masters, Local Backlash, and the Limits of Entrepreneurial Faith*

Lisa I. Knight, Furman University

- *Healing the Physical and social Body: Bauls and NGO's in India and Bangladesh*

Nicole Karapanagiotis, Georgia Southern University

- *YouTube and Bhakti Seva: The sharing of Hindu Devotional Music*

SBL: New Testament IV, Hebrew Bible /Old Testament IV and

AAR: Bible and Modern Culture IV (Joint Session)

Regency F

Theme: *Culture Wars and the Bible: On Scripture on The Huffington Post – a discussion with Matthew Skinner*

Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding.

Panelists:

Matthew Skinner, Luther Seminary, MN

Douglas Hume, Pfeiffer University, NC

David Garber, McAfee School of

Theology

Randal Bailey, Interdenominational

Theological Center, Atlanta

AAR: History of Christianity Session III

Gardenia

Theme: *Open Session*

Erin Roberts, University of South Carolina, Presiding

Bryan Gillette, University of North Carolina, Asheville

- *Editing Hildegard: The Creation of a Modern Saint*

David Wesley Kiger, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

- *The World as Host: Irenaeus's Theological Anthropology Against Modern Heresies*

Kendal P. Mobley, Hood Theological Seminary

- *"Bombshells for Wets and Reds": William David Upshaw's Battle for a "Christian" America*

Rob Young, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

- *The Emperor Julian: His Politico-Religious Program of Universal Concord that Saved Christianity from Christian Sectarianism*

AAR: Islam II

Regency D

Theme: *Contestations in South Asian Islam*

Carl Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding

Edward Yazijian, Furman University

- *Contested Identities: Sheikh Jalal al-Din Mujarrad of Bangladesh.*

Sarwar Alam, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

- *Sufism Without Boundaries: The Maizbandariyya Tariqa and Interfaith Dialogue in Modern Bangladesh.*

Alfred Mall, Bethune-Cookman University

- *The Last Prophet*

Sam Houston, Florida State University

- *The Contours of Conscience: Maududi, Freedom of Conscience, and Comparative Religious Ethics.*

Business Meeting

AAR: Method and Theory in the Study of Religion V

Magnolia

Theme: *Constructing comparative solutions*

Randall Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding.

Erin Routon, University of California, Riverside

- *Material Borders: Exploring Vibrancy within the Material Culture of Undocumented Migration*

Joseph Albertson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

- *Lord Ram's Chariot: Ritual, Utterance, and the Destruction of the Babri Masjid*

Ipsita Chatterjee, Vanderbilt University

- *Constructing Comparative Studies of Communal Violence and Religious Cosmologies: Late 19th Century Lynching in the U.S. and Post-Partition India.*

Lauren Cosgrove, Florida State University

- *Violence, Gender, and Female Perpetrators in the Rwandan Genocide*

Business Meeting

AAR: Women, Gender, and Religion III
Regency B, C

Theme: *Gender and Religion*

Lisa Stephenson, Lee University, Presiding

Richard Coble, Vanderbilt University

- *Unity and its Costs: Toward a Critical Practical Theology of Worship*

Mindy Makant, Lenoir Rhyne University

- *(Dis)Engendering Violence*

Makilah Witt, Trinity International University

- *Women as Good or Goods: Human Dignity in an Ethos of Commodification*

Business Meeting

AAR: Black Cultures and the Study of Religion II
Redbud A

Theme: *Viewing Blackness in a Post-Racial America*

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University, Presiding

Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University

- *"I see you, seeing me. I see the me, you think you see": Racial Voyeurism and the Souls of Black Folk*

Ronald B. Neal, Wake Forest University

- *Throw Back Culture: Tyler Perry, His Many Friends, and Post-Racial America*

Joseph Winters, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

- *Melancholic Hope: Morrison, Obama, and the Fantasy of a Post-Racial World*

Business Meeting

Graduate Student Reception 6:00-7:00pm

Teal

Matthew Puffer, Student Dir. AAR-SE

Presiding

Preparing for the Job Market: A Conversation with Sally Holt, Belmont University, David Rutledge, Furman University, and Tim Wardle, Furman University; moderated by Brett McCarty, Duke Divinity School

SUNDAY MORNING, March 17

7:15-8:45am Section Chair's

Breakfast

Teal

N. Samuel Murrell, Presiding

8:00-11:00am

Registration Atrium 1st Floor

Exhibits Centennial

SESSION V 9:00-11:00am

Coffee Service Centennial

Women, Gender, and Religion IV

Redbud A

Theme: *Gender and Liturgy*

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Nathanael Dryden, Vanderbilt University

- *Ironic Flesh: Insights for Liturgical Practice from a Phenomenology of Trauma*

Timothy Olu Wilson Baiyewu, University of Bayreuth, Germany

- *Degenderizing the Liturgy: A Break with the Past in a Nigerian Aladura Church*

Sarah Porter, Vanderbilt University

- *Clothe Yourselves: Prophetic Performativity and Baptism in Col. 3:5-14*

AAR: Method and Theory in the Study of Religion VI **Redbud B**

Theme: *Violence, Resistance, Advocacy and engagement*

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, Presiding.

Michael Brasher, Florida International University

- *Resistance and Advocacy: Transnational Alliance in the Case of the Presbyterian Church of Columbia.*

Katie Pals, Florida International University

- *Violence, Franquismo and the Catholic Church.*

Evelyn E. Arhin-Sam, Florida International University

- *Atoning for the Sins of Our Fathers! Trokosi: A Necessity for Social Order.*

Michelle Mitchell, Florida International University

- *Girard's Theory Meets Real Life.*

AAR: Constructive Theologies V and Philosophy of Religion III (Joint) **Magnolia**

Theme: *Public Theology 2.0: Philosophy of Religion and Theology in a Digital Age*

Steven R. Harmon, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity, Presiding

E. Harold Breitenberg, Jr., Randolph-Macon College

- *Faith Seeking Digital Public Understanding*

David J. Dunn, Independent Scholar

- *When Theology Meets the Blogosphere*

David Dault, Christian Brothers University

- *Podcasting God*

Peter M. Candler, Jr., Baylor University

- *Inside the "Theology Studio"*

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts V **Dogwood**

Theme: *Images and Imaginings of Christianities*

Adam Ware, Florida State University, Presiding

Tanner Capps, Duke University Divinity School

- *Visually Producing the Self: Performance, Identity and the Image of God*

Earl Gordon Barnett, Columbus State University

- *Imaging Christ: Appropriation of Christological Imagery in Nazi Propaganda*

Sarah V. Bogue, Emory University

- *The Gero Crucifix: The "Evolution" of Imaging Eucharist in the Carolingian and Ottonian Periods*

SBL/ASOR: Archeology of the Ancient World IV **Regency B, C**

Theme: *Excavation Reports and Archaeological Subjects*

John Wineland, Presiding

Tom McCollough, Center College

- *"Galilee as Terra Sancta: The Archaeology of Christian Pilgrimage and its Impact on the Jewish Village of Khirbet Qana (Cana of Galilee)*

Ralph K. Hawkins, Averett University

- *A Culture-Scale Model of the Early Israelite Settlement*

Bob Smith, Mid-Atlantic Christian university

- *The 2012 Abila Expedition: Discoveries and Observations regarding Multi-phase Byzantine Ecclesiastical Structures*

Robert Darby, Erin Darby, Tiffany Key, and Pamela Koulianos, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

- *A Preliminary Report on the Ceramic and Epigraphic Remains from the Late Roman-Byzantine Fort at 'AynGharandal*

AAR: Religions of Asia V **Regency E**

Theme: *Book Panel on A. Whitney Sanford's Growing stories from India: Religion and Fate of Agriculture*

Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding

Panelists:

Emily Holmes, Christian Brothers University
Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University
Amy L. Allocco, Elon University
Gerard Carney, Hampton-Sydney College
Respondent: A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida

**SBL: New Testament V and AAR: Judaism V
(Joint Session) Gardenia**

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

Tim Wardle, Furman University Presiding
Hugo Mendez, University of Georgia

- *Martyr, Liturgy and Eschaton in Two First Century Apocalypses*

Jason Staples, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- *Re-Mythologizing Philo" Plotinus' Appropriation of Philo on Genesis in Ennead III 7*

Benjamin White, Clemson University

- *The Problem of Gentile Christian Judaizing in Justin Martyr and Paul of Tarsus*

Travis Williams, Tusculum College

- *Ancient Prophets and Inspired Exegetes: Interpreting Prophetic Scripture in 1QHab and 1 Peter*

AAR: Religions in America V Crepe Myrtle

Theme: Nation and Race

Katie Hladky, College of Charleston, Presiding & Responding

Zac Johnson, Florida State University

- *Regulating the Leprous Race: Religion, Public Health and Anti-Chinese Legislation in Nineteenth-Century San Francisco*

Andrew Smith, Carson-Newman College

- *"The Great Cardinal Principles of Protestantism": Alexander Campbell, Nativism, and the Development of New Religious Movements*

Camille Kaminski Lewis, Limestone College

- *"The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same": Coding "Segregation" as "Separation"*

**AAR: History of Christianity Session IV
Redbud C**

Theme: *Formation of Values in Contemporary Practice*

Erin Roberts, University of South Carolina, Presiding

Todd M. Brenneman, University of Central Florida

- *A Home for Your Heart: Narcissism and Evangelical Sentimentality in the Culture Wars*

Sarah Laidlaw, Broward College

- *Values Shift: From Believing to Doing in the Modern Christian Church*

Kitra Monnier, University of South Carolina

- *Transmission of Young-Earth Creationist Ideas in Modern America*

Brian Siegel, Furman University

- *Neo-Pentecostalism in Black Africa*

SBL: Hebrew Bible/OT IV

ThinkTank@NOMA

Jim West, Quartz Hill School of Theology, Presiding

Rachel Nabulsi, University of Georgia

- *The Regrets of God: A Biblical Theology of Free Will, Benevolence, and the Immanence and Transcendence of God*

Mark Wirtz, McAfee School of Theology

- *Appropriating Leviticus 19:9-19 For Our Time*

Phillip Michael Sherman, Maryville College

- *The Pedagogy of Reception: Teaching the History of Interpretation in Introductory Biblical Studies Courses*

Mark Eatough, Candler School of Theology

- *Unnamed Women and Unmanly Men: Anonymity in the Book of Judges*

**AAR/SBL: Bible and Modern Culture V
Regency D**

Theme: *Readings in Difference*

Brian Mooney, Johnson & Wales University, presiding

Richard Manly Adams, Jr., Institution: Emory University

- *Cyborgs in the Garden? Assessing Technology and Human Identity through the Genesis Primeval History*

Justin Rosolino, Vanderbilt University

- *God Don't Make No Junk: in Praise of Matter, Sensual Religion and Faking it Till You Make It*

Khari McElrath, UNC-Asheville: *Secular Myth, Sacred Spacemen: Move over Jesus, Alien*

- *Soteriology comes to a Christian Cosmos*

Fitzroy John Willis, Ohio Christian University

- *Authentic Spirituality in Pluralistic Contexts: a Comparative Analysis of the Concepts of Tolerance and Christian Exclusivism*

AAR: Islam III **Regency F**
Co-Sponsored by the International Quranic Studies Association (IQSA)

Theme: *Conversations in Islamic Studies: Carl Ernst and How to Read the Qur'an*

Alfons Teipen, Furman University, Presiding
Discussants:

- Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Gordon Newby, Emory University
- Youshaa Patel, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Michael Pregill, Elon University

Respondent: Carl Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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