

**American Academy of Religion
Society of Biblical Literature
American Schools of Oriental Research
Southeastern Regional Meeting 2016
March 4 – 6, 2016
Atlanta Perimeter Center Marriott
Atlanta, Georgia**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 4

2:00–8:00 PM

Registration

Foyer

Tracey Mark Stout, Bluefield College

Apophysis as Spiritual Formation

Book Exhibits

Salon E

Matthew Robertson, University of California, Santa Barbara

Better Left Unsaid: Death and Apophysis in Relation to the Issue of Transcendence

2:30–3:00 PM

Boardroom

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
(SECSOR) Executive Board

Darla Y. Schumm, Hollins University, presiding

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Apophysis and Anthropology: The Mystery of the Imago Dei in Comparative Perspective

3:00–3:30 PM

Boardroom

SBL/SE Executive Board

Margaret Aymer, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, presiding

AAR: Ethics, Religion, and Society I **Monroe**

Theme: *Violence and Nonviolence in Cultural Context*
Sally Holt, Belmont University, presiding

3:30–4:00 PM

Madison

AAR/SE Executive Board

Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College, presiding

S.K. (Kip) Eloia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

Barth, Barmen and Kairos: Barth's Hermeneutics of Non-violent Response to Racist Ideologies

4:00–5:00 PM

Madison

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
(SECSOR) Board

Darla Y. Schumm, Hollins University, presiding

Xi Li, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

Barth's Postmodern Relevance

5:00–5:30 PM

Madison

AAR/SBL/ASOR (SECSOR) Joint Business Meeting

All members of the societies are invited

Darla Y. Schumm, Hollins University, presiding

Elizabeth Reid, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

Responsible and Respectful: The Implications of Karl Barth's Theology of Church and State for America

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 4

6:00–8:00 PM

SESSION I

AAR: Constructive Theologies I, Philosophy of Religion I, Religions of Asia I (Joint Session) **Polk**

Theme: *Apophysis Within and Across Religions*

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College, presiding

AAR: History of Christianity I, Religion & Law I (Joint Session) **Jefferson**

Theme: *Conflict and Consensus: Christianity, Civil Rights, and Religious Freedom in the United States*

Brad Stoddard, McDaniel College, presiding

John Bush, Duke Divinity School

Translating Mark 16:17-18 in Appalachia: Self-Destructive Behavior and Religious Freedom

Warner Belanger, Georgia College & State University

Apophysis in the "Mustard Seed" Trope in Indian Buddhist Texts and the Efficacy of the Worship of Relics, Stūpas, and Images

Chelsea Ebin, New School for Social Research

Jerry Falwell and the Religious Right: Laying the Foundations for a New Conservatism, 1971-1979

Nicholas T. Pruitt, Baylor University
Coming to Terms with Pluralism: Protestant Home Missions to Immigrants and Ethnic Americans, 1950-1965

AAR: Religion & Ecology I **Madison**

Theme: *Sustainable Futures: Religious Justice and Resiliency*

Jefferson Calico, University of the Cumberland, presiding

Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College
Thinking Like a Pope: Laudato Si' and J. Baird Callicott's Environmental Philosophy

Robby Waddell, Southeastern University
The War for the World: A Comparison of Three Green Apocalypses

Sarah Werner, University of Florida
Sustainability and Peace: North American Mennonite Urban Agricultural Initiatives

Kevin York-Simmons, Georgia Gwinnett College
The Ecological and the Soteriological: Laudato Si' and a Conflict of Crises

Business Meeting

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts I **Tyler**

Theme: *Constructing and Projecting Religious Identities in Media*

Cara Burnidge, University of Northern Iowa, presiding

Howard Pickett, Washington and Lee University
It's the Real Thing: Authenticity, Seriality, and the Religion of Advertising in Mad Men

Bradley Robertson, Florida State University
The Appropriation of the Apocalypse: Cataclysmic Representation and Rhetoric in Video Games

Meredith Ross, Florida State University
'Christianity is not an Enemy of Neomascularity': Men's Rights Activists, Religion, and Classification

Rebecca Peters, Florida State University
Cinematic Elements of Shi'I in Iranian Film

Megan Leverage, Florida State University
Dispensational Premillennialism in Hollywood Business Films during the Reagan Era

AAR: Women, Gender, and Religion I **Salon A**

Theme: *Responding to Sexual Violence*
Vicki Phillips, West Virginia Wesleyan College, presiding

Veronica Uduak Onyemauwa, Imo State University, Owerri
Moral Implications of Sexual Violence against Women on Campuses of Nigerian Universities: A Case Study of University of Calabar, Nigeria

Hilary J. Scarsella, Vanderbilt University
Christian Political Theology and Violence against Women: The Case of John Howard Yoder

Rhonda D. Hartweg, California Institute of Integral Studies
Responding to the Epidemic of Sexual Violence on College Campuses – Can Hermeneutical Revisions Change Attitudes about Women and Sex?

Aaron Griffith, Duke University Divinity School
Sex, Spectacle, and Salvation: The Role of the Ex-Sex Worker Christian Spokeswoman in Contemporary American Evangelicalism

SBL: Bible & Modern Culture I **Salon C**

Theme: *Ritual/Cultural Practices: Holy Texts, Holy Actions, Holy Lives*

Eric Douglass, Randolph-Macon College, presiding

Samuel Murrell, University of North Carolina-Wilmington
The Biblical Jewish Jesus & the Aryan Christ: A Crisis of Theology in Nazi Germany

Kelly West Figueroa-Ray, University of Virginia
Proclaiming the Victory of God in Christ by the Power of the Holy Spirit: Entextualizing Beloved Community through the Preaching of Pentecost

Finbar Benjamin, Oakwood University
Ritualizing a Fragmented Space: Renewing HBCU Theological Education

Frederick L. Downing, Valdosta State University
The Legend of Clarence Jordan As A Southern Saint

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament I **Washington**

Theme: *Open Session*
Jim West, Quartz Hill School of Theology, presiding

Simon Krause-Heiber, Duke Divinity School
God's Role in the Greek Versions of Esther

James Hedgis, McAfee School of Theology
The Person Behind the Razor Wire

Julianne Burnett, University of Manchester
*Ancient Egyptian Concepts of Divine Manifestation and
the Incident of the Golden Calf in Exodus 32*

Sean Daly, Florida State University
Moses the False Prophet in Tacitus' Histories 5

SBL: New Testament I

Jackson

Theme: *Translation and Contexts*
Annie Tinsley, Shaw University, presiding

Mark Proctor, Lee University
*What Being an "Outsider" Means: Mark 4:12 as an
Epexegetic Hina Clause*

Jill E. Marshall, Wingate University
*Uncovering Traditions: A Rhetorical Analysis of 1
Corinthians 11:2–16*

Anthony James Beall, East Carolina University
*An Unholy Partnership: Dissociating Paul's Socio-
Economic Vision with American Capitalism*

Matthew Strickland, Boston University School of
Theology
*Eternity as Authority: Jesus, Nicodemus, and the Power
of Time and Space in John 3*

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research I

Lynn Huber, Elon College, presiding **Salon B**

Melody Cook, Middle Tennessee State University
The Mormon Diaspora in Tennessee

Amy Beard, Furman University
*At the Intersection of Culture and Interpretation: Serpent
Handling Churches and Pentecostal Hermeneutics*

Melina Oliverio, Elon University
*Migration and Negotiation: Religious Identity in a North
Carolina Punjabi/ American/ Sikh Community*

Judith Jones, Agnes Scott College
*From Our Grandmothers to Our Daughters: State-
Sanctioned Violence and the Search for God*

8:15–9:30 PM

AAR/SBL Plenary Session **Carter**
Sandra Hack Polaski, SECSOR Executive Director,
presiding

Announcement of Student Awards
Presidential Addresses

SBL

Margaret Aymer, Austin Presbyterian Theological
Seminary

*Outrageous, Audacious, Courageous, Willful: Reading
the Enslaved Girl of Acts 12*

AAR

Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College
*Unofficially Official: Telling Clergy-Wives' Stories -- the
Case of Ruth Bell Graham*

9:30–11:00 PM

Conference Reception

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 5

7:30–8:45 AM

Women's Caucus Religious Studies Breakfast **Monroe**

8:00 AM–6:00 PM

Registration **Foyer**
Book Exhibits **Salon E**

8:00 AM—10:00 AM

Coffee in Foyer

9:00–10:45 AM

SESSION II

AAR: Black Cultures in the Study of Religion I

Salon A

Theme: *Hip Hop and Religion*

Joseph Winters, Duke University, presiding

Brandon McCormack, University of Louisville
*"F*ck that, f*ck rap, this God-Hop": Representations of
Hip-Hop and Religion in the Cultural Productions of Jay
Electronica*

Alex Parrish, Duke Divinity School
*Get Up and Go to Church: Outkast as Counterexample of
Religious Nihilism in Hip Hop*

Benjamin Hebblethwaite, University of Florida
*Arabic Islamic lexical and cultural influences in French,
German and Dutch hip-hop: --Plus thoughts on Islam and
Tawhid (God's oneness) in the hip-hop of the Southern
States*

Ross Moret, Florida State University

A Jihad of Words, Muslima Style

AAR: Constructive Theologies II

Monroe

Theme: *Theology, Social Location, and Translation*
Elizabeth Gandolfo, Wake Forest University, presiding

Matt Jantzen, Duke University

*Encountering Providence: Kant, Hegel, and the Global
Theopolitics of Whiteness*

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University
Roots of an African Ecotheology

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University
Is It Time for a Womanist Theology of Reconciliation?

Michael Yandell, Emory University
*"Do Not Torment Me": The Morally Injured Gerasene
Demonic*

Business Meeting

AAR: History of Christianity II **Tyler**

Theme: *Translation and Contexts in the History of
Christianity*

Thomas J. Whitley, Florida State University, presiding

Samuel C. Barry, The University of Manchester
*Religion, Philosophy, and Science in Classical Syriac:
Encyclopedism in the School of Hunayn ibn Ishāq*

Danielle Gorczyca, University of California, Los Angeles
*"Translations" of the Arab Conquests in Christian
Apocalyptic Tradition: An Analysis of the Apocalypse of
Pseudo-Methodius*

Jacob A. Lollar, Florida State University
*Tell Me Now, O Muses Spirit: Origen of Alexandria,
Focalization, and the Holy Spirit in the Interpretation of
John 1:15-18*

AAR: Judaism I **Salon D**

Theme: *Hebrew Bible in the Narratives of Second Temple
Judaism*

Samuel J. Kessler, UNC Chapel Hill, presiding

Sean Daly, Florida State University
Moses the False Prophet in Tacitus' Histories 5

Nicholas Schaser, Vanderbilt University
*Did Israel 'Fail' in the Wilderness? Descriptions of Israel
in the Wilderness according to Deuteronomy LXX,
Josephus, and Sifre Deuteronomy: Responding to a
Common Misreading of the Gospels*

Joshua M. Matson, Florida State University
*You Shall Return to the Lord your God: A Critical
Reading of the Use of the Divine Name in 4Q375*

Kristan Foust Ewin, University of North Texas
*Evolution of Jewish Crucifixion From Ezra to Josephus:
The Missing Link of the Dead Sea Temple Scroll*

AAR: Method & Theory in the Study of Religion I **Salon C**

Theme: *Analyzing Spirituality*

Randall Reed, Appalachian State University, presiding

Richard Coble, Vanderbilt University
*Spirituality in Chaplaincy Care: An Appreciative
Ethnographic Critique of the Individualism Thesis*

Mary R. Huie-Jolly, Care and Counseling Center of
Georgia
*The emergence of "Spiritual Care" from "Pastoral
Care:" popular and theoretical dimensions of spirituality
embodied in education of religious practitioners*

Jamie Kirkpatrick, Appalachian State University
*The Soul of the Machine: Neuroscience, Consciousness,
and Spirituality*

Savannah Rountree, University of Chicago
The Multiplicity of Spirituality in America

AAR: Religion & Law II **Jefferson**

Theme: *Religion and Law*

Michael Graziano, Florida State University, presiding

Matthew Coston, Florida State University
*Mortuary Law and the Production of American Mourning
Culture*

Charles McCrary, Florida State University
*"Some old-time wrongdoing or indecency": Religious
Freedom and an Accused Fortune Teller in Brooklyn*

Michael Turner, Georgia Gwinnett College
*Hobby Lobby as Koinonia?: On the Religious Expression
of Corporations*

Respondent: Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University

AAR: Teaching & Learning Religion I **Polk**

Theme: *Teaching with Heart and Soul?: A Discussion of
the Role of Personal Religious Beliefs in Teaching*

Jodie Lyon, University of Georgia, presiding

Panel:

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
Gene Gallagher, Connecticut College
Susan Hylen, Candler School of Theology, Emory
University

Stephen Riley, Northwest Nazarene University

Business Meeting

ASOR: Archaeology & the Ancient World I **Roosevelt**

Theme: *Notes From the Field: Current Excavations*
James Riley Strange, Samford University, presiding

Casey Sharp, University of Georgia
The Late Bronze Figurines of Tel Burna and Canaanite Religion

Rachel Nabulsi, Emmanuel College
Iron Age Funerary Texts of Aram and their Hittite Connections

Ralph K. Hawkins, Averett University
Israelite Temples and the 'Altar Law' of Deut. 12:5

Byron R. McCane, Wofford College
Report on the 2015 Season at Horvat Kur

SBL: Bible & Modern Culture II **Madison**

Theme: *Open Call*
Finbar Benjamin, Oakwood University, presiding

Courtney Tepera, Temple University
Aural Piety: Sacred Sound, Identity, and Christian Contemporary Music

Aaron McGinnis, McAfee School of Theology
Reading Through Ambiguity with Elie Wiesel: How the Kabbalah Can Answer Questions of Theodicy

Ingie Hovland, Independent scholar
"Individual" or "individual-in-relation-to-God"?

Arthur M. Wright, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond
"What is Truth?": The Complicated Characterization of Pontius Pilate in the Fourth Gospel

Business Meeting

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament II **Washington**

Theme: *Open Session*
Phillip Michael Sherman, Maryville College, presiding

Diana Abernathy, Duke University
Translating Deception in 1 Samuel: A Case Study of Michal, Jonathan, and Abigail

Stuart Irvine, Louisiana State University
"Is anything too hard for Yahweh?" Theological Cohesion in Genesis 18:1—19:28

Tyler Kelley, University of Georgia, Athens
Finding the Lay of the Land: An Oblique Approach to the Composition of Joshua

John Herbst, Regent University
Subverting Wisdom: Post-Modern Takes on 'Solomon's Wisdom in Judgment'

SBL: New Testament II **Jackson**

Theme: *Characterization in the New Testament/Powers and Principalities in the New Testament*

Mark Proctor, Lee University, presiding

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University
Matthew's Authoritative Jesus: Reading Matthew 15 through a Deuteronomic Lens

Sheldon Steen, Florida State University
Inscribing Authority: Writing and Authority in the Book of Revelation

Lacy D. Anderson, Lee University
The Parable of the Shameless Patriarch: A Reading of Luke 15:11-35

Scott Kendrick Brevard, University of Georgia
Paul's Rhetorical Demons: Uncovering the Meaning of Daimonia in 1 Cor. 10:20-21

Business Meeting, Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, presiding

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research II **Salon B**

Jared Powell, University of Alabama
And the Beat Goes On: Imaginings and Retellings of Han Shan by Gary Snyder and Jack Kerouac

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University
"Save me Jebus!" Irreligious Prayer and the Appropriation of Religious Acts

Shelby Lewis, Elon University
Ruth, Naomi, and the Lesbian Continuum: Reading an Ancient Text in Light of Twentieth Century Literary Lesbians

Paul Ulishney, Johnson University
"Communicating Fully with That Most Primal and Unrivaled Beauty": Tracing Themes of the Trinity in Gregory of Nyssa's Ascetic Works

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Plenary Session

Bryan Bibb, Furman University, presiding

Carter

Timothy K. Beal, Case Western Reserve University
Thief in the Night of the Living Dead: Revelation, Apocalypticism, and the Emergence of Evangelical Horror Culture

Catherine Wright, Wingate University

An Ecological Theological Anthropology at the Heart of Laudato Si's Ecohermeneutic

AAR: Ethics, Religion, and Society II **Monroe**

Theme: *Violence and Nonviolence in Cultural Context*

Mike Stoltfus, Georgia Gwinnett College, presiding

Jeremy Sorgen, University of Virginia

Kingian Nonviolence and the Face of the Other

James W. Waters, Vanderbilt Divinity School

Government, Church, and Occupy Wall Street: Civil Disobedience and the Ecclesial Body

Haley M. Cawthon, McAfee School of Theology

Elie Wiesel and Wrestling with God

AAR: History of Christianity III **Jefferson**

Theme: *Translating Missions and Identity in the History of Christianity*

Sheldon Steen, Florida State University, presiding

William Boyce, University of Virginia

Encountering Islam with Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Theological Identity in Colonial North Africa

Douglas H. Brown Clark

Social Gospel, Evangelism, and War in the Ottoman-Persian Borderlands: American Protestant Missionaries and Assyrian Christians During World War I

Joe Stapleton, Duke Divinity School

From Enslavement to Humanitarianism: A Genealogy of Christian Missionary Activity

AAR: Islam I **Washington**

Theme: *Texts/Context*

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, presiding

Jacob Hicks, Florida State University

Banditry in the Balkans: An American Baptist Missionary Observes the Failure of Sharia in Late Ottoman Greece

Keely Sutton, Birmingham-Southern College

Contested Devotion: The Praise of Sufi Saints in Muslim Poetic Literature of Kerala

Jeffrey R. Halverson, Coastal Carolina University

The Meccan and Medinan Dichotomy in Islamic Conceptions of Non-Violence

Respondent: Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 5

12:00–1:00 PM

Underrepresented Minorities Luncheon

Boardroom

12:15–1:15 PM

ASOR: Archaeology & the Ancient World II

Roosevelt

Theme: *ASOR-SE Presidential Address*

Byron R. McCane, Wofford College, presiding

James Riley Strange, Samford University

Four Campaigns at Shikhin: Answers and Questions

Business Meeting

1:15–1:45 PM

AAR/SE Business Meeting

All members of the society are invited

Salon A

1:45–2:15 PM

SBL/SE Business Meeting

All members of the society are invited

Salon D

2:30–4:15 PM

SESSION III

AAR: Constructive Theologies III, Religion & Ecology II (Joint Session)

Madison

Theme: *Our Common Home: The Ecohermeneutics of Pope Francis' Environmental Encyclical*

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

Luke Arredondo, Florida State University

A Hermeneutic of Continuity: Pope Francis' Ecology in Context

Candace M. Laughinghouse, Regent Divinity School

Investigating the Eco-Hermeneutics of Pope Francis' "Laudato Si" from a Womanist Perspective

Alessandro Rovati, Belmont Abbey College

Sustainable Humanity, Sustainable Nature: The Integral Ecology of Pope Francis

AAR: Method and Theory in the Study of Religion II

Salon C

Theme: *Culture on the Edge Grounded and Applied: The Wider Relevance of the Study of Religion*

Randall Reed, Appalachian State University, presiding

Panel:

Russell McCutcheon, University of Alabama

Steven Ramey, University of Alabama

Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama

Vaia Touna, University of Alabama

Respondent: Thomas B. Ellis, Appalachian State University

AAR: Religions in America I, Teaching & Learning Religion II (Joint Session)

Tyler

Theme: *Teaching about "Controversial" Religious Groups in America*

Joshua Fleer, Florida State University, and Monica C. Reed, Louisiana State University, presiding

Florian Pohl, Oxford College of Emory University
When 'Religion' Becomes the Object of Analysis: Studying the Nation of Islam in the Introduction to Religion Course

Andrew McKee, Florida State University
Between Cult and New Religious Movement: Teaching 'Controversial' Religious Groups in an Introduction to World Religions Classroom

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
Sex and the Shadow of the Guru: Teaching the Asian Guru Scandals in America

Respondent: John Hayes, Augusta University

AAR: Religions of Asia II

Polk

Theme: *Hinduism in Context*

Lisa Battaglia, Samford University, presiding

Ian Reed, Florida State University
Limits of the Theological Lens: Rammohun Roy and Unitarian Christianity

Madeline Welch, College of Charleston
Taming Bali's Hinduism: Standardization's Impact on Balinese Religions of the Mountains and Lowlands

Priyanka Ramlakhan, University of Florida
Towards a Unified Hindu Identity: An Indo-Caribbean Youth Movement

Logan Beitman, Florida State University
Resource Control and the Cultural Imaginary: A Material Culture Approach to the Mahābhārata

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament III

Roosevelt

Theme: *Of the Writing of Commentaries There is No End: Commentaries and Reception History*
Bryan Bibb, Furman University, presiding

Panel:

Carol Newsom, Emory University
other panelists TBA

Respondents:

Jennifer Williams, Furman University
Amy Merrill Willis, Lynchburg College

SBL: New Testament III

Jackson

Theme: *Open Session*

Sung Uk Lim, Belmont University, presiding

Joseph Longarino, Duke University
Gentiles Saved by Works? Understanding an Enigma in Romans 2

Carson Bay, Florida State University
Austin on Paul: Reading ἀνάθεμα ἔστω in Galatians 1:8–9 with Speech-Act Theory

Zane McGee, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
The Household Code of Galatians: Reading Paul's Ethical Teachings through the Rhetoric of Kinship

John S. Shelton, Duke Divinity School
The Heart of Pauline Ethics: The Systolic Logic of 1 Corinthians 7

SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research II

L.D. Russell, Elon College, presiding

Salon B

Elizabeth Hardt, Transylvania University
"ISIS Brides": Western Neo-Orientalist Narratives of Female Terrorism

Casey Alridge, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Contextual Theology in Context: Roles of Afrikaner and African Theologies during Apartheid

Sarah Griswold, University of Alabama
There Is a Well at Cawnpore: The Politics of Commemoration in Colonial India

Eliza Smith, Furman University
From Terror to Transformation: The Story that Transcends its Literary Form

4:30–6:00 PM

SESSION IV

**AAR: Black Cultures in the Study of Religion II;
Women, Gender, and Religion II (Joint Session)**

Roosevelt

Theme: *Race, Gender, and Visual Culture*
Joseph Winters, Duke University, presiding

Jessica Chapman, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
*Resistance in Shondaland: The Use of Female Characters
in Mainstream Media as an Act of Resistance against the
Traditional Black Family Structure*

Daniel Ray, Meredith College
*Who Do You Say that I Am? An Examination of Olivia
Pope's Indecent Theology of Dis-Respectability*

Zachary Thomas Settle, Vanderbilt University
*James Baldwin and The Politics of Film: The Rupture of
Screened Whiteness*

William Livingston, Florida State University
*Creative Justice or Creating "Justice"?: "How to Get
Away with Murder" and the Politics of Race, Sex, and
Transgression*

AAR: Ethics, Religion, and Society III

Monroe

Theme: *Ethics and Interreligious Dialogue*
Darla Schumm, Hollins University, presiding

Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College
*Cultivating Interreligious Appreciation in Undergraduate
Classrooms*

Brooke Baker, Faith and Culture Center
*Our Muslim Neighbor Experiment: The Nashville Muslim
and Interfaith Communities' Efforts to Bridge a
Harrowing Divide*

Edward Matusek, Atlanta Metropolitan State College
*Is There a Connection Between Disabilities, Suffering,
and Health in World Religions?: A Comparison of
Jewish, Christian and Hindu Perspectives on Disability*

Business Meeting

AAR: History of Christianity IV

Jefferson

Theme: *Translating Forms and Formats in the History of
Christianity*

Jacob Lollar, Florida State University, presiding

Julie Bruce, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Embodiment in The Book of Margery Kempe

D. E. "Gene" Mills, Jr., Florida State University
*Samuel Mānaiakalani Kamakau, Haku Mo'olelo:
Translation from Orality to Textuality as Ritual
Reconciliation in 19th Century Hawai'i*

Josh Williams, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
St. Eragon: A Modern Hagiography

Business Meeting, Thomas J. Whitley presiding

AAR: Judaism II

Carter

Theme: *Judaism in the Second Temple Period*
Matthew Lynch, UNC Chapel Hill, presiding

Brian Coussens, University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill
*Measured Memories and Imagined Spaces: Josephus and
the Monuments of Jerusalem*

Blake A. Jurgens, Florida State University
*Metals, Magic, and Idol-Making: The Reception History
of the Watchers' Illicit Instruction in Early Jewish and
Christian Contexts*

Joseph Kyle Stewart, Florida State University
*Qumran Hebrew as Anti-Language: Is Schniedewind
Correct?*

Michael Fuller, Lee University
*Israel's Past, Present and Future in 1 Enoch (The Animal
Apocalypse)*

AAR: Philosophy of Religion II

Madison

Theme: *Expanding Philosophy of Religion*
Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College, presiding

Stephen Dawson, Lynchburg College
*Insularity as a Philosophical Problem: A Challenge for
Global Philosophy of Religion*

Jason Graham, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
*Nietzsche, dynamical systems theory, and the future of
Religious Studies*

Mark Banas, Georgia Perimeter College
*Appropriating Gadamer's Example of Aesthetic
Experience in Religious Interpretation*

Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College
Humility Reckoned: A Timely Reappraisal

Business Meeting

AAR: Religions in America II**Tyler**Theme: *Religion, Place, and Space*

Joshua Fleer, Florida State University, and Monica C. Reed, Louisiana State University, presiding

Brenna Keegan, Duke University

Our Lady of the Rockies: An Economy of Seeing and Devotion in Butte, Montana

Kelly Gannon, Emory University

Victorian Gods of Amusement: Atlanta's Surprising Secularity during the 1895 Cotton States Exposition

Samuel Avery-Quinn, Appalachian State University

New Jerusalems: Holy Urbanism in the Wesleyan Holiness Movement, 1868-1880

Andrew Gardner, Florida State University

Place, Space, and the Birth of American Seminaries

Respondent: Kristy Slominski, Georgia State University

AAR: Religions of Asia III**Polk**Theme: *Translation and Context in Japan, China, and Tibet*

Rachel H. Pang, Davidson College, presiding

Jeffrey L. Richey, Berea College

Disappearing Act: Translating 'The Way of Demons' (guǐdào/kidō 鬼道) from China to Japan, c. 300 CE

Charles Cook, UNC Chapel Hill

Translating Chaplaincy: Japanese Buddhist perception of "Interfaith Chaplaincy"

Jay Valentine, Troy University

Translation in Context: Tulku (Nirmāṇakāya) Magical Emanation or Steadfast Incarnation

Michelle Sorensen, Western Carolina University

*Longchenpa Reads Machik Labdrön: Translation and Transmission of Buddhist Chöd***AAR/SBL: Bible & Modern Culture III, Method & Theory in the Study of Religion III, New Testament IV (Joint Session)****Jackson**Theme: *New Methods in New Testament Interpretation/ Hermeneutics*

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, presiding

Eric Douglass, Randolph-Macon College

What Characters Think and What Characters Feel: Applying the Insights of Cognitive Science and Folk Psychology to Understanding Characters

Eric C. Moore, Emory University

Divine Sanction, Founding Acts, and Community Identity: Acts 1-5 and the Origins of a Colonizing Cult

Tyler Dunstan, Emory University

Confession and Narrative: Reading Mark 15:39 with Paul Ricoeur

Rebecca Copeland, Emory University

*Thinking with Matthew's Half-Penny Sparrow: Ecomimetic Interpretation in the Service of an Ecological Hermeneutic***SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament IV Washington**Theme: *Open Session*

David Garber, McAfee School of Theology, presiding

David Schreiner, Independent scholar

Literary and Literary-critical Observations on the Lamp (ner) in the Books of Samuel

Ralph Hawkins, Averett University

The Forty Thousand Men of Joshua 4:13 and the Scale of Early Israelite Settlement in Canaan

Philip Henson, Gardner-Webb University

Revisiting the Relationship Between Kings and Chronicles: Josiah as a Test Case

Phillip Michael Sherman, Maryville College

*Caught in the Thicket: Looking at/for Animals in the Book of Genesis***6:00-7:00 PM****Graduate Student Roundtable and Reception****Boardroom**Theme: *Graduate Training and the Job Market*

Moderator: Richard Coble, Vanderbilt University

Panelists: Dr. Jodi Lyon, University of Georgia

Dr. Eleanor Finnegan, University of Alabama

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 6**7:15-8:45 AM****Section Chairs Breakfast****Monroe/Jackson**

Diana Walsh Pasulka, UNC-Wilmington, and Douglas Hume, Pfeiffer University, presiding

8:00-11:00 AMRegistration
Book Exhibits**Foyer
Salon E****8:00 AM-10:00 AM**

Coffee in foyer

9:00–11:00 AM

SESSION V

AAR: Islam II

Jefferson

Theme: *Borders and Boundaries*

Eleanor Finnegan, University of Alabama, presiding

Matthew Hotham, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*"Because of inhumanity, humanity is wary of humanity":
The Conjunction of Misanthropy, Renunciation, and
Seclusion in the Poetry of Niẓāmī*

Ashkan Bahrani, Vanderbilt University

*Hujwīrī's Contributions to the Normativization of
Baghdad Sufism and the Formation of Sufi Orders*

Sher Afgan Tareen, Florida State University

*'It betokens a newsy periodical': Readership, Conversion,
and the Transnational African-American Ahmadiyya*

Respondent: Eleanor Finnegan, University of Alabama

AAR: Judaism III

Salon D

Theme: *Rabbinic, Medieval, and Modern*

Michael Fuller, Lee University, presiding

Yehonatan Elazar, Florida International University
Discovering the Hidden Identity of Los Banilejos

Willa Johnson, University of Mississippi
*Pathos and Prophetic Sympathy: Abraham Joshua
Heschel and the American Civil Rights Movement*

Gabriel Moskovitz, Independent scholar

*The Second Day of the Festival: Its Genesis and
Evolution*

Mari Rethelyi, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
*The Urban Landscape and the Jew: Making of Identity in
the Early 20th Century Hungarian Jewish Literature*

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

*Midrash and Mysticism in Wissenschaft des Judentums:
The Case of Adolf Jellinek*

AAR: Religion, Culture, and the Arts II **Madison**

Theme: *Creating Authenticity through Art and Literature*

Andrew McKee, Florida State University, presiding

Shea Watts, Chicago Theological Seminary

*No Church in the Wild: Artistic Critique Towards a Post-
Religious Sacredness*

Brook Wilensky-Lanford, University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill

*The Silent Prophet: Kahlil Gibran and Spiritual
Authenticity*

Steven Félix-Jäger, Southeastern University

*Charismatic Eschatological Community in Folk Art of the
American South*

Eunil David Cho, Emory University

*Finding Identity in Your Story: Narrative Analysis
Through Memoir*

Mwangi Njau, Egerton University

*Cultural Identity or Distortion of Meaning? African
Traditional Aspects in Christianity*

Respondent: Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

AAR: Religions in America III

Tyler

Theme: *Religion, Civil Rights, and Civic Activism*

Joshua Fleeer, Florida State University, and Monica C.
Reed, Louisiana State University, presiding

Kevin Rose, Duke Divinity School

*"We Are not Simply Prisoners of History": St. Philip's
Episcopal Church in the Civil Rights Movement (1959-
1970)*

Adam Sweatman, Florida State University

*"We Charge Genocide": Lemkin, Patterson, and the
Rhetoric of Atrocity*

Elizabeth M. Bounds, Emory University, and Michael T.
Bradley, Georgia State University

*"Confederate Lives Matter": A Study in the Construction
of Southern Christian Identity at Stone Mountain Park*

Respondent: Cara L. Burnidge, University of Northern
Iowa

AAR: Teaching & Learning Religion III **Polk**

Theme: *Open Session*

Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia, presiding

Shelli Poe, Millsaps College

Acknowledging Students' Collaborations through Peer

Review: A Footnoting Practice

Ryan Neal, Anderson University

Ethical Dilemmas in Teaching Ethical Dilemmas

Darlene K. Flaming, Mercer University

Beginning with Abraham in Context

B. Ronald Gilmer, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School

Civil Religious Wrath: A Model for Understanding

Controversial Religious Groups in a Post-9/11 World

AAR: Women, Gender, and Religion III **Salon A**

Theme: *When Gender, Care and Nationality Intersect*

Richard Coble, Vanderbilt University, presiding

Eunbee Ham, Candler School of Theology, Emory

University

The Influences of Race, Ethnicity, Culture, Gender and

Spirituality on Asian American Identities and Implications

for Pastoral Counseling

Won Chul Shin, Emory University

Sing Broken Hallelujah: A Critical Analysis on

Incarcerated Women's Moral Injury and the Role of the

Religious Practice of Singing in the Healing of Moral

Injury

Pamela Ayo Yetunde, Columbia Theological Seminary

A New Spelling of Our Names: The Psycho-Spiritual

Experiences of African-American Buddhist Lesbians

Mary G. Puckett, University of Florida

Gender Roles in the Luz del Mundo Church

Zannah Kimbrel, University of North Carolina at
Charlotte

Synagogues and Brothels: The Intersection of Misogyny

and Anti-Semitism in John Chrysostom's Discourses

Against Judaizing Christians

ASOR: Archaeology & the Ancient World III

Roosevelt

Theme: *Text and Artifact: Integrating Literary Sources
and Material Culture*

Ralph Hawkins, Averett University, presiding

Taylor Thomas, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Ashes in Bethel: Evidence for the Role of Asherah in

Israelite Religion

Mark D. Ellison, Vanderbilt University

Two Rhipidia and Two Pendants: Public and Private

Material Expressions of Isaiah's Theophany in the Syriac

Eucharistic Tradition

Ann Glennie, Florida State University

Ritual Weaving in Ancient Athens and Sparta

Brett E. Maiden, Emory University

Pazuzu and Lamaštu in Iconography, Text, and Cognition

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament V **Washington**

Theme: *Open Session*

Caryn Tamber-Rosenau, Vanderbilt University, presiding

Raleigh Heth, University of Georgia, Athens

Child Sacrifice in the E Source

Bryan Bibb, Furman University

The Many Names of God: Translation and Ideology in

Global Contexts

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