**American Academy of Religion**

**Society of Biblical Literature**

**American Schools of Oriental Research**

**Southeastern Regional Meeting 2018**

March 2 – 4, 2018

Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Resort

Atlanta, Georgia

**Friday Afternoon, March 2**

**2:00–8:00 PM**

Registration

Book Exhibits

**2:30–3:00 PM**

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

**3:00–3:30 PM**

SBL/SE Executive Board

**3:30–4:00 PM**

AAR/SE Executive Board

**4:00–5:00 PM**

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Board

**5:00–5:30 PM**

AAR/SBL/ASOR (SECSOR) Joint Business Meeting

All members of the societies are invited

**Friday Evening, March 2**

**6:00–8:00 PM SESSION I**

**AAR: Bible & Modern Culture I**

**AAR: Islam I**

Theme: *Open Session*

K. Robert Beshears, University of Mobile

*Islamic Calumny: A Brief History of Muslim Otherness in the Western Imagination Through Libel*

Amanda Propst, Florida State University

*Legitimizing Wealth and Social Status through Waqf*

Patrick Luade, Georgetown University, SFS-Qatar

*Discerning the Absolute and the Necessary: Frithjof Schuon on Sufism and Islam*

Natalie Ghosn, Esq., University of Miami

*Islamic Family Law, Gender, and the United States*

**AAR: Philosophy of Religion I**

Theme: *Prospects and Implications of Contemporary Theories of the Body for Philosophy of Religion*

Stephen Dawson, Lynchburg College,presiding

Wesley N. Barker, Mercer University

*Race, Dis-identification, and the Philosophy of Religion: Rethinking the Subject in Kalpana Shesadri-Crooks'* Desiring Whiteness: A Lacanian Analysis of Race

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College

*Feminism and the Challenges to “Traditional” Philosophy of Religion*

Jason E. Graham, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

*A Dynamic Systems Approach to Embodiment in Religious Studies*

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University *Religious Realism and Embodied Perception*

Business Meeting

**AAR: Religion, Culture & the Arts I**

Theme: *Religion and Public Relations*  
A/V Room Required: YES

Hyemin J. Na, Emory University

*“Eat Mor Chikin”: Chik-fil-A’s Bovine Mascots and Their Atlantan Habitat*

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University

*Come to Papa: Prosperity, Puffery, and Belief in Papa John's Pizza*

Lauren Morris, Middle Tennessee State University *Prejudice and Media: The Evolution of Public Perceptions of Serpent-Handling Churches*

Adam Sweatman, Florida State University

*Reddit Wills It: "Deus Vult" and the History of the Alt-Right*

**AAR: Religions in America I**

Theme: *Material Belief and Performing American Religion*

A/V Room Required: YES

Moderator: Andy McKee

Michael Nilon, University of Virginia

*St.Vincent in the Halls of Medicine*

Hyemin Na, Emory University

*Easter at the Foot of a Confederate Monument: Reflections on Heritage, Landscape, Space and Place in a Southern Town*

Michael T. Bradley, Jr., Georgia State University *Constructing/Contesting Heritage Space: Confederate Battle Flag Rallies at Stone Mountain*

**AAR: Teaching & Learning Religion I**

Theme: *Teaching Digital Tools in the Graduate Classroom*

 A/V Room Required: YES

Michael J. Altman, University of Alabama

Nathan B. Loewen, University of Alabama

Sierra L. Lawson, University of Alabama

Sarah Griswold, University of Alabama

Emma Gibson, University of Alabama

**AAR: Women, Gender & Religion I**

Theme: *Embodiment in Politics, Film, and Practice*

A/V Room Required: YES

William Philip Boyce, University of Virginia

*“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”: Gay Christianity after the Nashville Statement*

Jakob Zalman Breunig, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
*It Is That Kind of a Kiss: Schindler’s List and the Erotic in American Holocaust Cinema*

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University

*Women Run Madrasas in Mombasa: A Clash of Feminisms*

 Christine Carter**,** Florida State University

*Santa Muerte: The Voice of The Oppressed Mexican Indigenous Population*

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

Theme: *Open Session*

Joshua Joel Spoelstra, Southern Wesleyan University

*The Flood as Sabbatical Rest: Explorations in the Yearlong Reprieve*

Tyler Kelley, University of Georgia

*Imagining the Priestly Bureaucracy*

Drew S. Holland, Asbury Theological Seminary

*Chronographic Genres in 1-2 Kings*

Jim Wilson, Asbury Theological Seminary

*'No I Will Not Makeout with You!': Why ns̆q in Gen 41:40 Does Not Mean 'Kiss' or 'Command'*

Julianne Burnett, University of Manchester

*Words of Power: Another look at the writing and destroying of the tablets in Exodus 31:18 and 32:15-20 in light of ancient Egyptian magic*

**SBL: New Testament I**

Theme: *Open Session*

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, presiding

Julie Newberry, Duke University

*(Old and Young) Age in the New Testament: Luke 1:5—2:40*

Christopher T. Holmes, McAfee School of Theology

*Fear of Death in the Epistle to the Hebrews*

Thomas Dixon, Campbell University

*Our Mother and Father Saint Paul: A Brief Extension of Gaventa's Procreative Metaphor in Romans 7*

Christy Cobb, Wingate University

*The Truth of the Philippian Slave-Girl: A Bakhtinian Feminist Reading of Acts 16*

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research I**

A/V Room Required: YES

Emily Liske, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Erin Darby, advisor

*The Holy Brick of Birth Giving: A Reassessment of Ancient Near East Birth Bricks and Their Medical Role in Delivery*

Julia Burkley, Davidson College; Anne Wills, advisor

*Walking With Hagar into the Wilderness: Analyzing Slavery and Power in Genesis 16 and 21*

Austin Kistner, Davidson College; H. Gregory Snyder, advisor

*The First Southern Kristians: An Analysis of the Ku Klux Klan’s Use of the New Testament*

Joel Green, Elon University; Ariela Marcus-Sells, advisor

*The Development of Malcolm X’s Understanding of Race*

**8:15–9:30 PM**

AAR/SBL Plenary Session

Sandra Hack Polaski, SECSOR Executive Director, presiding

A/V Room Required: YES

Announcement of Student Awards

Presidential Addresses

**9:30–11:00 PM**

Conference Reception

**SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 3**

**7:30–8:45 AM**

Women’s Caucus Religious Studies Breakfast

**8:00 AM–6:00 PM**

Registration

Book Exhibits

**8:00 AM—10:00 AM**

Coffee in Foyer

**9:00–10:45 AM SESSION II**

**AAR: Black Cultures in the Study of Religion**

Theme: *Black Religion, the Law, and the Truth*

Thomas Dixon, Campbell University

*Dr. King and Martin Luther on Law: Politics, Theology, and Captivity*

Megan Leverage, Florida State University

Ted Patrick

*Criminal Acts of Deprogramming and Brainwashing in African American History*

Shontea Smith, Duke University

*Discerning Truths through Trap-ological Musings and Thoughts in Hopes of Remembering Ante-Blackness*

**AAR: Ethics, Religion & Society I and Islam II (Joint Session)**

Theme: *Ethics, Islam, and American Culture*

Sally Holt, Belmont University, presiding

Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University

*The Risk of Hospitality: Derrida and American Immigration Policy*

Ross Moret, Florida State University

*Incidental Terror: The Dar-al Farooq Islamic Center, Bloomington*

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University

*Stars, Moons, and the Horizon: Muslim Moonsighting in North America and the Problem of Categories in Science and Religion*

Khadija Fouad, Appalachian State University

*Interpretations of the Quran in the context of ideas on biological evolution*

**AAR: History of Christianity I**

Theme: *Martin Luther, Past and Present*

Nathan Moats, Florida State University

*Desist or Resist?* *Critique of Martin Luther’s*

*Understanding of Political Resistance*

William Peeler, McAfee School of Divinity

*Reclaiming the Bible: Luther and LGBTQ Inclusion*

**AAR: Judaism I**

Theme: *Second Temple Judaism*

A/V Room Required: YES

Giancarlo P. Angulo, Florida State University, presiding

Tyler Dunstan, Duke University

*Moses and Exodus in Artapanus: Present Exemplar and Eschatological Hope*

Thomas Scott Cason, Florida State College of Jacksonville

*Rise of the Planet of the Sheep in Enoch 85-90*

Kenneth A. Vandergriff, Florida State University

*Priest, Angel, Messiah, King: Locating Melchizedek in the Hebrew Bible and 11QMelchizedek*

Sean Daly, Florida State University

*Masoretic Myopia: Revisiting the Greek Minor Prophets Material from Nahal Hever*

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

Theme: *Book Review Panel*

Nicolas Meylan, University of Lausanne, University of Geneva, *Mana: A History of A Western Category* (Brill, 2017)

Michael Altman, University of Alabama, presiding

Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University

Joanne Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**AAR: Philosophy of Religion II**

Theme: *Refiguring the Sacred and Profane*

Wesley N. Barker, Mercer University,Presiding

Tal-Hi Bitton, The George Washington University *Discerning the Christian Historical Preconditions to the Secular “Truths” of Nation, Race, State, and Capital*

Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College

*The Making of Gods: Deification and the Cultivation of Intuition in Bergson’s Philosophy*

Stephen Dawson, Lynchburg College

*Beyond Critics and Caretakers: Religious Studies as a Humanistic Practice*

Neeth Patil, University of Virginia

*The Politic of the Fanatic*

**AAR: Religions in America II**

Theme: *American Religions and the Making of Place and Space*

A/V Room Required: YES

Moderator: Andy McKee

Isaiah Ellis, UNC

*The Urban Dream of Form and Function: Louis Sullivan’s Transcendentalist Architecture*

Haley Illif, Florida State University

*“Gatherings of the West”: The Imagined Space of the American Empire in the Ladies’ Repository*

Samuel Avery-Quinn, Appalachian State University *Reimagining Philadelphia by the Sea: community and critique of the urban in the Wesleyan holiness movement at Ocean Grove, New Jersey*, 1869-1885

Tucker Adkins, Florida State University

*Robert Keayne’s Town House: Puritanism and Space in Early New England*

**AAR: Religions of Asia I**

Theme: *Indian Religions: Critical Perspectives on Gender, Colonialism, and Modernity*

AV Room Required: YES

Jay Valentine, Troy University, presiding

Sarah Griswold, University of Alabama

*“The Subtle Pleasures of Personal Superiority”: The Constructed Purity of White Womanhood in Cinematic Representations of Colonial India*

Akshay Gupta, Duke University

*Hinduism and the Vaishnava Tradition: Still Relevant Today?*

Venu Mehta, University of Florida

*Religious Place-making, Space-sharing, and Sectarian Negotiations in the Jain Religious Diaspora in the USA*

Roland Mullins, Florida State University

*Sanskrit Vidyādharī Literature and the Personification Of Kindness-As-Feminine*

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

Theme: *Open Session*

A/V Room Required: YES

Byron McCane, Wilkes Honor College at Florida Atlantic University, presiding

Alan W. Todd, Coastal Carolina University

*Manufacturing Judaism in Roman Palestine*

Gayatri Nandwani, Howard Cyr, and Erin Darby, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

*Natural Change and Anthropogenic Impact: Sedimentology and Microartifact Analysis at ‘Ayn Gharandal, Jordan*

Louis A. Ruprecht, Jr., Georgia State University

*The Blessing and Curse of the Aegina Marbles: Sixteen Greek Statues’ Long March to Munich*

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

Theme: *Open Session*

Arthur G. Quinn, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary *The Eyes of a Matriarch*

John W. Herbst, Independent Scholar

*Helping David exceed Samson: The Account of Merab in 1 Samuel 18*

William Briggs, Baylor University

*“When the Levee Breaks, Mama You Got to Move”: The Interplay of Water and Gender in Nahum*

Abbie F. Mantor, Asbury Theological Seminary

*Did Job Misquote God on Purpose? The Use of Allusion in Job 42:1–6*

Robin Gallaher Branch, Christian Brothers University *Judith’s Adventuresome Three Prayers: Private Supplication, Immediate Action, Public Jubilation in Song*

**SBL: New Testament II**

Theme: Book Review of J. R. Daniel Kirk’s *A Man Attested by God: The Human Jesus of the Synoptic Gospels* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016)

Ira Brent Driggers, Lutheran Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, presiding

Eric Thurman, University of the South

Tim Wardle, Furman University

Mark Proctor, Lee University

Response from the Author—J. R. Daniel Kirk

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research II**

A/V Room Required: YES

Katira Dobbins, Elon University; Amy L. Allocco, advisor

*Catholicism and Possession in South India*

Caitlyn Bell, University of Alabama; Steven Ramey, advisor

*Exhibiting Asia: When Asia Meets America in Contemporary Museums*

Anya Fredsell, Elon University; Amy L. Allocco, advisor

*Pujas and Poses: Religion and Modern Transnational Yoga*

Daniela Ceron, Elon University; Amy L. Allocco, advisor

*Possession of Power: How Social Justice is Disseminated in South Asian Hindu and Islamic Traditions*

**11:00 AM–12:00 PM**

Plenary Session

Phillip Michael Sherman, Maryville College, presiding

A/V Room Required: YES

Jacob Wright, Emory Univerisity

*What Truths does Biblical Scholarship Seek to Discern?*

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 3**

**12:00–1:00 PM**

Underrepresented Minorities Luncheon

**12:15–1:15 PM**

**ASOR: Archaeology & the Ancient World II**

Gregory Linton, Johnson University, Presiding

A/V Room Required: YES

Theme: *ASOR Presidential Address*

Tom McCollough, Centre College

*Jewish Resistance or Christian Appropriation? The Late Antique Synagogue at Khirbet Qana (Cana of Galilee)*

Business Meeting

**1:15–1:45 PM**

AAR/SE Business Meeting

All members of the society are invited

**1:45–2:15 PM**

SBL/SE Business Meeting

All members of the society are invited

**2:30–4:15 PM SESSION III**

**AAR: Constructive Theologies I**

Theme: *Discerning Truths – Theological Perspectives*

Tracey Mark Stout, Bluefield College, presiding

Mark Ellingsen, Interdenominational Theological Center

*Bucking the Theological Establishment on Truth: A Barthian, Pragmatic, Neurobiological Alternative*

Jason M. Smith, Vanderbilt University

*Behold What You Are: The Eucharist and the Discernment of Truth*

Cameron H.J. Jorgenson, Campbell University Divinity School

*Mapping the Moral Life: The Significance of St. Thomas’s Account of the Virtues and Vices for Moral Discernment*

J. Burton Fulmer, Christian Brothers University

*Talking Black: Can a White Theologian Do Black Theology?*

Business Session

**AAR: Ethics, Religion & Society II**

Theme: *Ethics and Politics in America*

Sally Holt, Belmont University, presiding

Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College

*Zora Neale Hurston: Paradox, Politics, and Self-Expression*

Cara Curtis, Emory University

*Returning from the Looking Glass: A Paradoxical Model for White Women’s Moral Agency*

E. Harold Breitenberg, Randolph-Macon College

*The Morals of Jesus, the Morals of Jefferson*

Steven Lane, Florida State University

*Obama as Niebuhrian: A Reevaluation*

Business Meeting

**AAR: Islam III**

Theme: *Open Session*

Joseph Hellweg, East Carolina University

*“I Put My Hand in the Qur’an”: Islam, Hunting, and Apostasy in Dozo Hunting Songs from Northwestern Côte d’Ivoire*

James Riggan, Florida State University

*Qur'anic Exorcism: Healing Bodies Making Space*

Keely Sutton, Birmingham-Southern College

*Jihad and the Avoidance of Moral Injury on the Malabar Coast*

Jesse Miller, Florida State University

*Captalist Ethics and the Growth of Islam in Burkina Faso*

**AAR: Judaism II**

Theme: *Judaism in Late Antiquity*

Michael Fuller, Lee University, presiding

J. Andrew Cowan, Independent Scholar

*A Tale of Two Antiquities: Josephus’ Implicit Engagement with the Argument of Dionysius of Halicarnassus*

Kris Lindbeck, Florida Atlantic University

*The Purpose and Weight of Abraham’s Trials in Genesis Rabbah*

David R. Edwards, Florida State University

*The Contours of the “Border Lines” of Justin Martyr’s Christianity in Dialogue 47*

Natalie C. Polzer, University of Louisville

*Miscarriage in Rabbinic Halakhah and Aggadah*

Carson Bay, Florida State University

*Reading the Bible Backwards: Hebrew Bible and Anti-Jewish Polemic in Fourth-Century Latin Christian Historiography*

**AAR: Method & Theory in the Study of Religion II**

Theme: *Approaches to Identity, Law, and Cyber*

Nathan Loewen, University of Alabama, presiding

Andie Alexander, Emory University

*Passing as American: On Immigration, Whiteness, and Identity Construction in late 19th century United States*

Charles McCrary, Florida State University

*Believing Religiously: Courts, Scholars, and their Ultimate Concerns*

Nathan Schradle, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*The Revolution Will Be Digitized: Stafford Beer, Cybernetics, and the Study of Religion*

**AAR: Religions in America III**

Theme: *Making Religion American*

Moderator: Andy McKee

Joshua Matson, Florida State University

*Building a Biblical Utopia with the Dead Sea Scrolls in America: The Brotherhood of Christ Church Essene Community*

Caitlin Joy Montgomery, Columbia Theological Seminary

*“Hamming it Up”: The Popularization of American Evangelical Hermeneutics*

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University *Respectable Exoticism and Exoticization of the Respectable: the Racial Politics of Reconstructionist Religions in the United States*

Kevin Burton, Florida State University

*Making Better (White) People: Conservative Christian Promotion of Eugenics*

**AAR: Religions of Asia II**

Theme: *Teaching Religions of Asia in the American South: Strategies and Methodological Approaches*

AV Room Required: YES

Rachel Pang, Davidson College, presiding

Lisa Battaglia, Samford University

*A Cup of Tea, Beginner’s Mind, and the Phenomenological Approach: Teaching Asian Religions in the American South*

Brett J. Esaki, Georgia State University

*Reaching Southern African Americans’ Interest in Asian Religions*

Natasha L. Mikles, Texas State University

*The Buddhas at Night, are Big and Bright: Teaching Asian Religions in Central Texas*

Jay Valentine, Troy University, respondent

Business Meeting?

**AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom & Global Politics Group**

Theme: *Secularism and American Public Life*

Charles McCrary, Florida State University, presiding

Respondent: Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University

Joshua Patterson, University of Georgia

*Funding Faith: Controversial Donations and Struggling for a Secular Study of Religion in the US and UK*

Jesse Lee, Florida State University

*Tax Exempt Temples: A Study on the Influence of the IRS on American Buddhist Temple Communities*

Brook Wilensky-Lanford, UNC Chapel Hill

*The Stalking Horse of Thomas Paine: Reading and Misreading Secularism in American Religious History*

Alyssa Lowery, Vanderbilt University

*Freedom and Integrity in Public Reason Liberalism*

**ASOR: Archaeology & the Ancient World III**

Theme: *Excavation Reports*

Tom McCollough, Centre College, Presiding

Ralph K. Hawkins, Averett University

*A Report on the First Season of Excavation at Khirbet el-Mastarah*

James R. Strange, Samford University

*A Kiln Dedicated to Lamp Production? The 2017 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project*

**SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament III**

Theme: Review of Brent Strawn, *The Old Testament is Dying* (Baker, 2017)

Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor of *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Murray Vasser, Asbury Theological Seminary

**SBL: New Testament III**

Mark Proctor, Lee University, presiding

Donghyun Jeong, Emory University

*“Let the Reader Understand”: War-Prophecy, Discernment, and the Construction of Markan Historiography*

Ira Brent Driggers, Lutheran Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University

*Jesus and the Kingdom of Shalom: Revisiting the Allison-Borg Debate on Jesus' Eschatological Vision*

Eric Moore, Emory University

*Prophets, Forerunners, and Exemplars: Appealing to the Ancestors in Luke-Acts*

David W. Priddy, Campbell University

*We Know the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error: Discerning the Truth in the Epistle of First John*

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research III**

A/V Room Required: YES

Sarah Fink, Davidson College; Rachel H. Pang, advisor

*Tibetan Takeover: Growing Han Chinese Interest in Tibetan Buddhism and Governmental Interference*

Morgan Mercer, Davidson College; Rachel H. Pang, advisor

*“Green Tibetans” or “Sustainable Communisists”? An Analysis of Environmental Rhetoric on the Tibetan Plateau*

Kim Byrne, Elon University; Amy L. Allocco, advisor

*Ethnic Influences in Death Practices of Thai Spirit Cults*

Kelly Kimble, East Carolina University; Joseph Hellweg, advisor

*Cosmologies of Cocoa Slavery: The Ethics of Political Economy in Contemporary Cote d’Ivoire*

**4:30–6:00 PM SESSION IV**

**AAR: Black Cultures in the Study of Religion II**

Theme: *The Normative Gazes of Black Women’s Bodies:*

*Womanist Critical Theory and Holy Readings of Embodiment, Performance, and the Law*

Dr. Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, presiding

Jocelyn Boulware, Vanderbilt University Divinity School

*Is It Truth You Seek?: Liberative Performance as Existential Reckoning*

Rebecca Wilcox, Vanderbilt University Divinity School

*These is Bloody Shoes: Toward a Womanist Ethic of Embodied Dissonance*

Shatavia Wynn, Vanderbilt University

*We Got The Body: A Womanist Hermeneutic of the the Law*

**AAR: Constructive Theologies II and Philosophy of Religion III (Joint Session)**

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: J. Aaron Simmons and Bruce Ellis Benson’s* The New Phenomenology: A Philosophical Introduction

Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo, Wake Forest School of Divinity,presiding

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College

*Apologetics in/and/or Phenomenology: A Response to Simmons’s and Benson’s* The New Phenomenology

Bradley B. Onishi, Skidmore College

*From Mash-Up to Braided Philosophy*

Tracey Mark Stout, Bluefield College

*Porous Boundaries: Philosophy and Theology in* The New Phenomenology

J. Aaron Simmons, Furman University, respondent

**AAR: History of Christianity II**

Theme: *The Early Church*

David Hester, Faulkner University

*Asklepios, the Asklepios Cult, and Possible New Testament Connections*

Youngbom Lee, University of Bristol

*Law in Romans, Particular or Universal? An Asian Protestant Perspective*

Luke Drake, UNC Chapel Hill

*Christian Identity, Scribal Practice, and the Construction of Judaism*

**AAR: Religions in America IV**

Roundtable: A Conversation on Shari Rabin’s *Jews on the Frontier: Religion and Mobility in Nineteenth-Century America* (NYU Press, 2017)

Moderator: Charles McCrary, Florida State University

Kate Rosenblatt, Emory University

Andy McKee, Florida State University

Kati Curts, Sewanee: The University of the South

Respondent: Shari Rabin, College of Charleston

**AAR: Religions of Asia III and Religion & Ecology (Joint Session)**

Theme: *Varieties of Eco-praxis in Asian Religions*

Rachel Pang, Davidson College, presiding

Jarrod W. Brown, Berea College

*Hòa Hảo Ecology: Vietnamese Buddhist Environmental and Agricultural Ethics*

Brett Patterson, Clemson University

*Mystic Activism and the Environment: Religion and Eco-praxis*

Mark D. Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University, respondent

**AAR: Women, Gender & Religion**

Theme: *Ploys and Promises of Gender and Disability in the Bible*

A/V Room Required: YES

Dr. Vicki Phillips, West Virginia Wesleyan College, presiding

Joshua Joel Spoelstra, Southern Wesleyan University

*Wine, Women, and the Witless King: The Female Embodiment of Power*

LaToya M. Leary, Florida State University

*Masculinity and Disability in the Hebrew Bible and Early Judaism*

Jonathan C. Groce, Emory University

*Is Paul Obligated to Demonstrate Epistolary Masculinity?*

**ASOR and SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament IV (Joint Session)**

Theme: *Uses and Abuses of Archaeology in the Study of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*

A/V Setup needed

Tony W. Cartledge, Campbell University Divinity School

*The Use and Abuse of Archaeology in the Media*

Frederick L. Downing, Valdosta State University

*Near Eastern Archaeology in the Post-Truth Age: The Use and Abuse of the Bible in the Study of the Monarchy*

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary

*The "Elisha" Ostracon and Methodological Musings*

Jeffrey P. Hudon, Institute of Archaeology, Andrews University

*Judah in Central Jordan? An Incised Concentric Circle Royal Jar Handle from Tall Jalul*

**SBL: New Testament IV/Teaching & Learning Religion II (Joint Session)**

A/V Room Required: YES

Wongi Park, Belmont University

*Teaching Jesus, Race, and Racial Difference*

Alexander P. Thompson, Emory University

*The Redactional Tendencies of Kidz Bop: A Strategy for Teaching Undergraduates NT Redaction Criticism*

Robin Gallaher Branch, Christian Brothers University

*Phoebe Talks to the Romans: Delivering Paul’s Letter and His Personal Greetings to Beloved Friends at a House Church in Rome*

**SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 4**

**7:15–8:45 AM**

**Section Chairs Breakfast**

**8:00–11:00 AM**

Registration

Book Exhibits

**8:00 AM—10:00 AM**

Coffee in foyer

**9:00–11:00 AM SESSION V**

**AAR: Judaism III**

Theme: *Contemporary Judaism*

A/V Room Required: YES

Caron Bay, Florida State University, presiding

Shari Rabin, College of Charleston

*Rest and Refuge: Religion and Space at a Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews*

Jakob Zalman Breunig, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

*Lügenpresse: The Anti-Semitism Communicated Through Donald Trump’s Attacks on the Media*

H.D. Uriel Smith, University of Kentucky

*Stages of Response to a Menacing Community*

**AAR: Teaching & Learning Religion III**

Theme: *Open Session*

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University, presiding

Ingie Hovland, University of Georgia

*Bringing Critical Reading into the Classroom: Reading and Thinking With Students About Christianity and Colonialism*

T.K. Waters, Western Kentucky University

*Saul vs. David: The Presidential Debate of the Hebrew Bible*

Tyler Kelley, University of Georgia

*Thinking Sideways: Historical Imagination and Textual Pedagogy*

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research IV**

A/V Room Required: YES

Annsley Banks, College of Charleston; Lee Irwin, advisor

*The UFO Phenomenon: An Experience of Religious “Feeling*”

Jordan Long, Transylvania University; Carole Barnsley, advisor

*Let’s Get Digital: A New Perspective on the Relationship Between Offline and Online Religion*

Evangeline Giaconia, Appalachian State University

*Beyond Gaia: Increasing Connectivity Between Humanity and the Other in the Worlds of Octavia Butler, Ursula K. LeGuin, and Diane Duane*

Alexandra McCorkle, Elon University; Lynn Huber, advisor

*In WOD We Trust: Christianity, Crossfit, and Conversion*

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| AAR Black Cultures in the Study of Religion |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Constructive Theologies |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Ethics, Religion & Society |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR History of Christianity |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Islam |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Judaism |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Method & Theory in the Study of Religion |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Philosophy of Religion |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Religion & Ecology |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Religion & Law |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Religion, Culture & the Arts |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Religions in America |  |  |  |  |  |
| AAR Religions of Asia |  |  |  |  |  |
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