**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 **Buckhead Foyer**

Book Exhibits **Buckhead B**

**2:30–3:00 PM**

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

Bryan Bibb, Furman University, presiding

**3:00–3:30 PM**

SBL/SE Executive Board **Marietta**

Doug Hume, Pfeiffer University, presiding

**3:30–4:00 PM**

AAR/SE Executive Board **Dahlonega**

Diana Pasulka, University of North Carolina Wilmington, presiding

**4:00–5:00 PM**

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Board **Marietta**

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**5:00–5:30 PM**

AAR/SBL/ASOR (SECSOR) Joint Business Meeting

 **Dahlonega**

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All members of the societies are invited

**Friday Evening, March 2**

**6:00–8:00 PM SESSION I**

**AAR: Bible & Modern Culture I Brookhaven**

Theme: *Resisting Culture: When Christianity and the Dominant Culture come into Conflict*

Samuel Murrell, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, presiding

Kristy Slominski, University of Mississippi

*Tim LaHaye, Sex Educator: How Bible Believers Transformed Public Sex Education*

Frederick L. Downing, Valdosta State University

*Clarence Jordan and the FBI: Prophet Faith in Conflict with Cultural Faith*

Brian Mooney, Johnson & Wales University

*Christian Bones Rattling in Darwin’s Geological Closet: Charles Lyell’s Doubts about Evolution and Human Origins*

**AAR: Islam I Augusta**

Theme: *Open Session*

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, presiding

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 Marietta**

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 Savannah**

Theme: *Religion and Public Relations*
Meredith Ross, Florida State University, presiding

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 Oglethorpe**

Theme: *Material Belief and Performing American Religion*

Andy McKee, Florida State University, presiding

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 Buckhead A**

Theme: *Teaching Digital Tools in the Graduate Classroom*

Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia, presiding

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 Dahlonega**

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

Zannah Kimbrel, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, presiding

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*

 Cristina Carter**,** Florida State University

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

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

Theme: *Open Session*

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary, presiding

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 Chastain B**

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**

 **Suwannee**

Jordan Long, Transylvania University; Carole Barnsley, advisor

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

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 Buckhead A**

Sandra Hack Polaski, SECSOR Executive Director, presiding

Announcement of Student Awards

Presidential Addresses

Diana Pasulka, University of North Carolina Wilmington

*Technology, Bots, Religion*

Douglas Hume, Pfeiffer University

*Friendship and the Academy*

**9:30–11:00 PM**

Conference Reception **Buckhead Foyer**

**SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 3**

**7:30–8:45 AM**

Women’s Caucus Religious Studies Breakfast

 **Winning Edge**

**8:00 AM–6:00 PM**

Registration **Buckhead Foyer**

Book Exhibits **Buckhead B**

**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**

 **Marietta**

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

Timothy Rainey, Emory University, presiding

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) Augusta**

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 Rome**

Theme: *Martin Luther, Past and Present*

Andrew Gardner, Florida State University, presiding

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**  **Buckhead A**

Theme: *Second Temple Judaism*

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**

 **Dahlonega**

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 Athens**

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 Oglethorpe**

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

Andy McKee, Florida State University, presiding

Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina

*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 Savannah**

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

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**

 **Ponce de Leon**

Theme: *Open Session*

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 Chastain A**

Theme: *Open Session*

Clinton Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, presiding

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 Chastain B**

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

Business Meeting

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research II**

 **Suwannee**

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**  **Buckhead A**

Phillip Michael Sherman, Maryville College, presiding

Jacob Wright, Emory Univerisity

*What Truths does Biblical Scholarship Seek to Discern?*

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 3**

**12:00–1:00 PM**

Underrepresented Minorities Luncheon **Winning Edge**

**12:15–1:15 PM**

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

 **Ponce de Leon**

Gregory Linton, Johnson University, presiding

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 **Buckhead A**

All members of the society are invited

**1:45–2:15 PM**

SBL/SE Business Meeting **Chastain A**

All members of the society are invited

**2:30–4:15 PM SESSION III**

**AAR: Constructive Theologies I Athens**

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 Marietta**

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 Buckhead A**

Theme: *Open Session*

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, presiding

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 Augusta**

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**

 **Dahlonega**

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 Oglethorpe**

Theme: *Making Religion American*

Andy McKee, Florida State University, presiding

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 Savannah**

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

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 Brookhaven**

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**

 **Ponce de Leon**

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 Chastain A**

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

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary, presiding

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 Chastain B**

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**

 **Suwannee**

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**

 **Marietta**

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

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

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 Law*

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

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 Rome**

Theme: *The Early Church*

Andrew Gardner, Florida State University, presiding

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 Oglethorpe**

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) Savannah**

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 Dahlonega**

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

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) Ponce de Leon**

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

Ralph Hawkins, Averett University, presiding

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 / AAR: Teaching & Learning Religion II (Joint Session) Buckhead A**

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*

**6:00–7:00 PM**

**Graduate Student Roundtable and Reception**

 **Winning Edge**

**SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 4**

**7:15–8:45 AM**

**Section Chairs Breakfast Ponce de Leon**

**8:00–11:00 AM**

Registration **Buckhead Foyer**

Book Exhibits **Buckhead B**

**8:00 AM—10:00 AM**

Coffee in foyer

**9:00–11:00 AM SESSION V**

**AAR: Judaism III Buckhead A**

Theme: *Contemporary Judaism*

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 Marietta**

Theme: *Open Session*

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University, presiding

Ingie Hovland, University of Georgia

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