**American Academy of Religion**

**Society of Biblical Literature**

**Southeastern Regional Meeting 2019**

March 8 – 10, 2019

East Carolina University Religious Studies Program

Greenville, North Carolina

**Friday Afternoon, March 8**

**1:30–8:00 PM**

Registration Bate 2nd floor by 2002

Book Exhibits Bate 2004

**2:00–3:00 PM** Bate 1006

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

Diana Pasulka, UNC Wilmington, presiding

**3:00–3:30 PM** Bate 1006

SBL/SE Executive Board

Phillip Sherman, Maryville College, presiding

**3:00–3:30 PM** Bate 1009

AAR/SE Executive Board

Joseph Winters, Duke University, presiding

**3:30–4:30 PM** Bate 1006

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Board

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**4:30–5:00 PM** Bate 1032

AAR/SBL (SECSOR) Joint Business Meeting

All members of the societies are invited

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**Friday Evening, March 8**

**5:15–7:15 PM SESSION I**

**ECU Faculty Panel I**  Bate 1032

Theme: *Religion and the Public Square*

TBD, East Carolina University, presiding

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

*Lessons from AIDS and Ebola in the Atlantic World*

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University

*When the Private is Public: Exploring the intersection between Religion, Sexuality and the Public Sphere in Africa and the African Diaspora*

Laura Grillo, Georgetown University

*The Incivility of “Civil Society” in Africa: Untimely Tropes and Spiritual Weapons in the Global Postcolony*

**AAR: Bible and Modern Culture I**

Theme: *Resisting Culture: When Christianity and the Dominat Culture Come into Conflict*

Samuel Murrell, University of North Carolina- Wilmington,presiding

Todd M. Brenneman, Faulkner University

*The Scholars’ Bible: The Challenge of Inerrancy and Evangelical Biblical Studies*

Brendan G. Mooney, University of South Carolina

*Vladimir Soloviov: The Incompatibility of Darwinian Evolution with Aesthetics in Late 19th Century Russian Religious Philosophy*

Jesse Micah Robinson, University of Virginia

*The Fundamentals of the Self: American Fundamenalism, the New Psychology, and Science in the Decade of Scopes*

**AAR: Black Cultures & the Study of Religion I**

Theme: *Open Call*

Timothy Rainey II, Emory University,presiding

Joi R. Orr, Emory University

*A Requiem for Modernity: Transcending Antiblackness with Eschatological Hope*

**TBD**

**AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society I and Constructive Theologies I (Joint Session)** Bate 1010

Theme: *Theological and Ethical Interpretations of Animality, Humanity and Post-Humanity*

Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College,presiding

Calvin D. Bradford, University of Manchester

*NeuroSpirituality*

Aaron Stauffer, Union Theological Seminary

*Organizing Practices, Race, and Sacred Value*

Nathaniel Holmes, Jr., Florida Memorial University

*Whose Posthuman Future? Human Self-Creation/Evolution and the Will of God*

**AAR: Islam I & Religions of Asia I** Bate1009

**(Joint Session)**

Theme: *Islam in Asian Contexts*

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, presiding

Grisel d'Elena, Florida International University

*Re-Forming Rohingya Identity in Light of the International Response to the Refugee Crisis*

Darian J. Shump, Florida State University

*Becoming Uyghur: Resistance and Religion in Modern Xinjiang*

Faiza Rahman, Emory University

*The Feminine in Indian Sufism: From Fana to Khudi*

**AAR: History of Christianity I** Bate 1011

Theme: *Bodies and Difference in the History of Christianity*

Kenneth Vandergriff, Florida State University,presiding

Younghwa Kim, Emory University

*The Imminent Return of Christ: Eschatological Expectation in the Korean Missionary Movement*

Andrew Monteith, Elon University

*Postmillennialist Understandings of Progress and Narcotics Reform in the Late Ninteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries*

Jordan Henderson, Florida State University

*What to Do about Callinicum? Remembrance, Omission, and Re-Incorporation of the Callinicum Incident in the Life of Ambrose of Milan*

Jordan Steffaniak, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

*Herman Bavinck and Reformed Hylomorphism: An Alternative to the Prison House of Substance Dualism*

Business Meeting

**AAR: Judaism I**

Theme: *Second Temple Judaism*

Giancarlo P. Angulo, Florida State University,presiding

LaToya M. Leary, Florida State University

*Too Feminine to Lead: Qumran’s Feminization of Other Jewish Sects*

Edith Georgi, Florida International University

*The Sotah Ritual: Punishment or Protection?*

Emily Olsen, Florida State University

*Angels, Giants, and Evil: Interpretations of Genesis 6:1-4*

Bryan J. Whitfield, Mercer University

*Liturgy and Narrative Shaping Jewish Identity in the Second Temple: A Case Study of the Ceremony of the Red Cow*

**AAR: Philosophy of Religion I**

Theme: *Rethinking the Subject: Bodies, Affects, and the Philosophy of Religion*

Wesley Barker, Mercer University,presiding

Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University

*The Queer Subject: LGBTQ+ Identity as a Locus of Complex Subjectivity*

Rebekah Gordon, Florida State University

*Political Affect and Semiotics: The Kaepernick Phenomenon*

Bhikkhu Dipananda, Dharmarajika Buddhist Monastery (Bangladesh)

*An analysis of Human Mind from Buddhist perspective*

Stephen Dawson, Lynchburg College

*I Feel It in My Bones: Intuition and Embodied Experience*

**AAR: Religion, Culture, & the Arts I** Bate 1012

Theme: *Feeling and Perceiving Religion*

Timothy Burnside, Florida State Unuversity, presiding

Adam Sweatman, Florida State University

*Santayana's Metanoia: Religion, Aesthetics, and Identity*

Caleb Sage Hendrickson, University of Virginia

*The Eye of Redemption: Franz Rosenzweig on Religious Vision, Time, and Feeling*

Nicholas Austin, Florida State University

*Dorothy Day, Modern Artist*

Nathan Jumper and Ehsan Sheikholharam, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Transgressive Affects: From Head of the President to the Sacred of the Child*

**AAR: Religion & Ecology I**

Theme: *Re-visioning the Human at the Intersection of Ecological Theory and Practice*

Jefferson Calico, University of the Cumberlands,presiding

Ryne Beddard, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

*'Swamp Scent': Entanglement and Resistance in the Great Dismal Swamp*

James Harris, University of Birmingham

*The Historical Christian Interpretation of Dominion and Wilderness*

Jared Wesley Opoien, University of North Texas

*A Duty to Walk: Thoreau and Tibetan Buddhist Circumambulation in Ecology*

**AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom, and Global Politics I & Religions in America I (Joint Session)**

*Theme: The Space of American Religious Freedom*

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University, presiding

Robert Lee, Florida State University

*Settling the Margins: Secularist Re-Purposing of Condemned Space*

Keven Lewis, Middle Tennessee State University

*Queer Spaces, Queer Bodies, and the Creation of the Sacred*

Florian Pohl, Oxford College of Emory University

*Civic Participation and Religious Freedom in Georgia Mosque Controversies*

Yucheng Bai, Duke University

*Calvin, American Conservatism, and Wang Yi's Articulation of Religious Freedom*

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

Theme: *Open Session*

Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia,presiding

Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

*"Get Behind Me, Satin": In Biblical and Religious Studies, How Much Knowledge is Too Little?*

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida

*From "A Life-Changing Experience" to "It Triggered My Eating Disorder." Promises and Perils of Contemplative Pedagogy at a Large Public State School*

Jeanine Viau, University of Central Florida

*"every living creature"--Teaching the Flood Narrative at a Public University in Florida*

A. Paige Rawson, Wingate University

*Teaching the Bible Interdisciplinarily: Employing Secular Resources to Teach Sacred Texts or Why I Teach the Bible with a Sociology Textbook*

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

Theme: *Joshua and Kings*

Jim Wilson, Asbury Theological Seminary,presiding

Robert Colmen, Southeastern Seminary

*Joshua 5:13 - 15 in Reception Critical Perspective*

Ralph Hawkins, Averett University

*Joshua’s Encounter with the “Prince of the army of Yahweh” (Josh 5:13-6:5)*

Tyng-Guang Chu, Duke Divinity School

*Rahab on the (Physical and Literary) Border*

Daniel J. Stulac, Duke Divinity School

*Wisdom That Delivers: Resurrection and Hope in the Book of Kings*

Kathryn M Lopez, Campbell University

*Lampooning the King of Israel: Satire Among the Prophets in 1 Kings 22:1-28*

**SBL: New Testament I**

Theme *Religion, Animality, and the Post-Human*

Eric Thurman, University of the South, presiding

Amanda C. Miller, Belmont University

*Restoring the Heart, Breaking the Chains, and Recognizing Humanity: Transforming “Beasts” in Moana and the Gospels*

Stetson Glass, Bangor University

*"We Shall Wear a Robe and Crown": A Pentecostal Engagement with Apocalyptic Apparel of the Saints*

Christy Cobb, Wingate University

*Leonine Ambiguity and Animality in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles*

Andrew J. Coutras, Asbury Theological Seminary

*Reading Revelation from a Ritual Perspective: The Pharmakos Rite and Revelation 11:1-14*

**ASOR Member-Sponsored:** **Archaeology & the Ancient World I**

Theme: *Archaeology and Historiography*

Laura B. Mazow, East Carolina University, presiding

Rachel V. Nabulsi, Georgia Gwinnett College Title of *Tabnit of Sidon: Victorian Romance or Archaeological Mystery?*

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary

*Sennacherib’s Siege of Jerusalem: A Case Study in Historiography*

Gary Herion, Emeritus, Hartwick College

*George Mendenhall in Retrospect*

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research I**

Scholar’s Name, Institution,presiding

Jonathan Punt, Samford University, Jeff Leonard, advisor

*Job, Camus, and Lament: Moving Toward a Fuller Understanding of Wisdom in the Face of Human Suffering*.

Emma Fischer, Agnes Scott College, Tina Pippin, advisor

*Pleasure, Power, and Patriarchy: S/Words and Other Weapons in the Book of Judith*

Amanda Bryant, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Erin Darby and Christine Shepardson, advisors

*‘Sing, O Barren One’: The Jerusalem Above as the Barren Woman in Galatians 4:21-5:1*

Kristina Meyer, Elon University, Rebecca Todd Peters, advisor

*The Challenge of White Christian Guilt in Faith Based Community Organizing*

**7:30–9:00 PM - AAR/SBL (SECSOR) Plenary Session**

**New Student Center Ballroom A-B**

Dr. Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University Religious Studies Program Director, presiding

Welcome & Comments from ECU Religious Studies Program: Dr. Mary Nyangweso

Welcome & Comments from ECU Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences: Dean William Downs,

Introduction of Plenary Speaker: Dr. Calvin Mercer, East Carolina Univeristy

Plenary Address: Rev. Dr. Ronald Cole-Turner, H. Parker Sharp Chair in Theology and Ethics,

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

*“Are Scholars of Religion Posthumanists or Transhumanists?”*

**9:00–11:00 PM - Conference Reception**

**New Student Center Ballroom A-B**

**SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 9**

**7:30–8:45 AM Croatan**

Women’s Caucus Religious Studies Breakfast

**8:00 AM–6:00 PM**

Registration Bate 2nd floor by 2002

Book Exhibits Bate 2004

**8:00 AM—10:00 AM**

Coffee Service

**9:00–11:00 AM MORNING SESSION A**

**ECU Africa Panel: Power, Religion, and Taxonomy: Decolonization and Tropes of Subhumanity in Africa and the Caribbean**

Theme: *African & African Diaspora Religions, Part 1*

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, presiding

Nicolas Médevielle, East Carolina University

*Africa for Princely Consumption: Imaging—and Imagining—the Continent on 16th-Century French Maps*

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

*Mapping Myths of Terror: Africom, Instability, and Cosmography in West Africa*

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University

*Rites of Passage as Loci of Public Health Discourses in Africa*

Responses from Presenters; Response from Laura Grillo

**AAR: Constructive Theologies II** Bate 1011

Theme: *Theology, Incarnation, and Embodiment*

Tracey Stout, Bluefield College,presiding

Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College

*Deep Incarnation, Deep Transfiguration and the Cosmic Christ*

Jason M Smith, Belmont University

*Politicizing Theological Anthropology: The Curious Case of John Milbank's "Transorganicity"*

Tyler Kibbey, University of Kentucky

*Blended Experiential Domains: An Argument for Phenomenologically Complex Metaphor in Religious Discourse*

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

Theme: *Religious Ethics and Politics*

Samuel Elolia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary,presiding

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University

*James Turner Johnson's Recovery of Christian Just Ethics: Pursuing Justice or Order*

Nathan Moats, Florida State University

*A Thomistic Response to Political Tyranny: Armed Rebellion in the Name of the Common Good*

Harrison Litzell, McAfee School of Theology

*A Communal Responsibility Model for Christian Vocational Calling*

Eric Hilker, University of Virginia

*Skillful Virtue: Polanyian Skills and "Virtue as Mastery"*

**AAR: Islam II**

Theme**:** *Sufism*

Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College, presiding

Lane Smith, University of Georgia

*Sufism through Chess: An Analysis and Translation of Alā’ al-Dawla Simnānī’s Epistle of Chess*

Nathan Lean, Georgetown University

*The Significance of Ladhdha in al-Ghazālī’s Book of Hearing and Ecstasy*

Askan Bahrani, Vanderbilt University

*Decolonizing Persufilia: Academic Violence in the Study of Iranian Sufism in North America, A Genealogy*

**AAR: Judaism II**

Theme: *Judaism in Late Antiquity*

Amanda Smith, University of Georgia,presiding

Andrew Burrow, Samford University

*Paul’s Use of the Law in Gal 4:21-32 and its Implications for Recent Discussions on Paul’s Views of Torah*

Michael Fuller, Lee University

*Philo of Alexandria: Israel’s Re-gathering as a Universal Pilgrimage to a Vision of God*

Sarah Anne Cook, University of Georgia

*Divine Designation in LXX Genesis as Part of an Overall Double Translation Strategy*

Natalie Catherine Polzer, University of Louisville

*The Atoning ‘Mother of All Life’: Eve in Avot de Rabbi Natan and oeuvre of Elazar berabbi Qillir*

**AAR: Philosophy of Religion II**

Theme: *Religion, Animality and Religion*

Stephen Dawson, Lynchburg College,presiding

Philip Butler, Loyola Marymount University

*Black Posthuman Transformer: Secularized Technorganic*

Zachary Thomas Settle, Vanderbilt University

*Human Being as Laboring Animal: Derrida and Aquinas on the Work of the Animals*

Arpan Bhandari, Duke University

*Hallaj and the Post-Human*

Business Meeting

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

Theme: *Religion and Public Performance*

Meredith Ross, Florida State University,presiding

Sarah Plummer, Virginia Tech

*Breaking Bread: Community, Communion, and Resistance at Bread and Puppet Theater*

Ehsan Sheikholharam, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Islamic Architecture Today: Serving Muslim Communities or Aesthetic Veneer?*

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

*Do I Know You from Somewhere?: The Character Actor as Religious Phenomenon*

**AAR: Religions in America II**

Theme: *Representations of Freedom in American Religion*

Haley Iliff, Florida State University,presiding

Israel L. Dominguez, University of North Carolina

*Hands-On, Hands Off: Curanderismo For the Digital Age*

Johnathan D. Clayton, Georgia State University

*Hey Mister, She’s My Sister(wife)!: Fundamentalist Mormon Polygamy in US Pop Culture*

Becca Henricksen, University of North Carolina

*Trans\*Fat: Disidentification, Evangelicalism, and Possibilities for Trans\*Bodies*

**AAR: Religions of Asia II Bate 1009**

Theme: *Mystery, Transmission and Reform in Buddhism: Going Beyond the Human Norm*

Lisa Battaglia, Samford University,presiding

Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia

*Between Death and Life: Huaigan’s Conception of the Intermediate State of Existence (antarābhava)*

Jay Valentine, Troy University

*The Life of Chos rgyal bsod nams (1442-1509): Unlocking the Mysteries of a Byang gter Master from Mustang*

Christopher Hiebert, University of Virginia

*“Naturally Complete:” Shenpen Tayé (1800–1855) and the Rise of Comprehensive Monastic Education in the Tibetan Buddhist Nyingma Sect*

Business Meeting

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

Theme: *Open Call*

Vicki Phillips, West Virginia Wesleyan University, presiding

Julie Newberry, Duke University

*Rejoice, Favored One!": Hearing Both Greeting and (Joy) Command in Luke 1:28*

Haley Petersen, UNC Chapel Hill

*The Specter of Motherhood: Gender and Religion in Japan's Modern Ubume Boom*

**SBL: Hebrew Bible II**

Theme: *Prophets and Trauma*

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary,presiding

Matthew Christian, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

*A Scroll or The Scroll: A Look at a Technical Term in Ezekiel 2:9*

Daniel O’Hare, Wheeling Jesuit University

*Ritualization, Illocution, and Performative Ritual in MT Ezekiel 21.13-22*

Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity

*The End Is Nigher than You Think: An Eschatological Red Herring and a Holistic Reading Strategy for the Book of Habakkuk*

Abbie Mantor, Asbury Theological Seminary

*Holy Blasphemy: Jeremiah’s Curse Throug the Lens of Trauma Studies*

Kevin Scott,Baylor University

*Trauma and the Anti-Benjaminite Polemic in Judges 20–21*

**SBL: New Testament II**

Theme: Book Review of Stephen D. Moore, *Gospel Jesuses and Other Nonhumans: Biblical Criticism Post-structuralism*

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

Reviewers: Eric Thurman, University of the South

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University

Christy Cobb, Wingate University

Response: Stephen D. Moore

Business Meeting

**ASOR Member-Sponsored: Archaeology & the Ancient World II**

Theme: *Open Session*

Gary Linton, Johnson University,presiding

Emily Edwards, East Carolina University

*Skeletal Indicators of Metabolic Disease as Evidence for Childhood Malnutrition in a Population at Tell Hesban during the Ottoman Period*

Laura B. Mazow, East Carolina University, and

Diane Strathy, Independent Researcher

*Travelling on the highway to the Fuller’s Field: Integrating text and archaeology to reconstruct wool processing technologies*

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research II**

Scholar’s Name, Institution,presiding

Styrling Rohr, Elon University, Amy Allocco, advisor

*Keertan and Religious Experience in a North Carolina Sikh Community*

Lindsay Jordan, Elon University, Rebecca Todd Peters, advisor

*Power from Below: The Leadership of the Poor in the Struggle for Social Change*

Katherine Francisco, Elon University, David McGraw, advisor

*The Book of Mormon and Religious Offense*

Sophie Zinn, Elon University, Brian Pennington, advisor

*Identity, Religion, and Secularism: The Ongoing Danish Debate*

**SATURDAY SESSION B**

**11:00 AM - NOON** Bate 1032

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, presenting **“Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of Humanity”**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM** Bate 2012

**Exhibit:**

**Robotics, Drones, and Other Technologies**

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 9**

**12:00–1:00 PM** Croatan

Underrepresented Minorities Luncheon

**1:15–1:45 PM** Bate 1032

AAR/SE Business Meeting

Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia, presiding

All members of the society are invited

**1:45–2:15 PM** Bate 1032

SBL/SE Business Meeting

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, presiding

All members of the society are invited

**SATURDAY SESSION C**

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**ECU Faculty Panel II**

Theme: *Religion and the Public Square II*

Lisa Ellison, East Carolina University,presiding

Lee A. Johnson, East Carolina University

*Use and Abuse of Religion in American Politics*

Eileen M. Angelini, Whichard Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities, East Carolina University

*Why the Lessons of the Holocaust and the WWII Occupation of France Remain Relevant*

John Collins, East Carolina University

*Why Do So Few People Believe in an Evil God?*

**2:30–4:30 PM SESSION III**

**ECU Africa & Africa Disapora Panel: Power, Religion, and Taxonomy: Decolonization and Tropes of Subhumanity in Africa and the Caribbean**

Theme: *African & African Diaspora Religions, Part 1I*

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, presiding

Zoë Walker, Florida State University

*Witchdoctoring Modernity: Decolonization, Health, and Religion in Equatorial Guinea*

Jesse Miller, Florida State University

*Shedding the Colonial Coil: The Practicality and Productivity of Mossi Funerals in Burkina Faso*

Cristina Carter, Florida State University

*Re-Embodying the Nation: Violence, Popularity, and the Maria Lionza Movement in Venezuela*

Responses from Presenters

Response from Timothy Rainey II, Emory University

**AAR: Bible and Modern Culture II**

Theme: *Open Call*

Brian Mooney, Johnson & Wales University,presiding

Arthur M Wright, Jr., Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond

*Disarming Rulers and Authorities: Reading Colossians in its Roman Imperial Context*

Eric Douglass, Randolph-Macon College

*Violating Culture: How Readers Grasp a New Symbolic Universe*

Samuel Murrell, University of North Carolina - Wilmington

*A Nazi Gospel Jesus for Deutschland Christians*

Business Meeting

**AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society III**

Theme: *Religious Pluralism and Ethics*

Samuel Elolia, Emmaunel Christian Seminary at Milligan,presiding

Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College

*Reflections on Ethical Transformation in Buddhism and Christianity*

Humberto Perez, Florida International University

*Karma and the Three-Fold Law: A Comparison of the Ethical Systems of Buddhism and Wicca*

Ryan Andrew Newson, Campbell University

*Confederate Monuments and Whiteness: Aesthetics and the Challenge of Iconoclasm*

Business Meeting

**AAR: Islam III**

Theme: Method and Theory in the Study of Qur’an

Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College, presiding

Mohammad Meerzaei, Vanderbilt University

*Anthropologizing the Qur'anic Milieu*

Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College

*Variant Readings, Epistemological Certainty, and Canonization:* *A Case Study of Q. 4:24*

Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College

*Philology in Quran Exegesis: A Case Study of Q. 4:34 in Ibn ʿĀshūr’s al-Taḥrīr wa’l-tanwīr*

**AAR: Philosophy of Religion III**

Theme: *Philosophies of Flourishing and Constructing Post-human Futures (joint session with Religion and Ecology*

Mark D. Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University,presiding

Michael Deckardand, Lenoir-Rhyne University, and Narya Ingram, Independent Scholar

*Writing-in-the-tracks of Kafka's Parables: Derrida and Coetzee's Post-Animal-Human Community*

Ruthanne Crapo, Minneapolis Community and Technical College

*Autopoiesis, Artificial Life, and Biomimcry: Between Crips and Cyborgs*

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College

*A Zhuangzian Tangle: Corroborating (Orientalism in?) Posthumanist Approaches to Subjectivities and Flourishings*

Wesley N. Barker, Mercer University

*Decapitating Subjects and Re-grounding Beings for Posthuman Futures: Feminist Approaches to Religion after the Anthropocene*

**AAR: Religions in America III**

Theme: *Space – The Final Frontier*

Andy McKee, Florida State University,presiding

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University

*The New Negro and the New Deal: The Public Art of the Harlem Renaissance the State Support of Black Spirit*

Andrew Gardner, Florida State University

*Women’s Benevolence and the Clothing of the Ministerial Body in Early-Nineteenth Century America*

Adam McDuffie, Emory University

*America First, Border Walls, and Muslim Bans: A Place-Based Approach to White Nationalism and the Reification of National Identity in a Time of Globalism and Demographic Change*

Haley Iliff, Florida State University

*“Should you be detected coming out of the haunts of impurity”: The New York Female Reform Society, Surveilling Sex, and Nineteenth-Century Self-Making*

Chad E. Moore, Georgia State University

*The Sainthood of TRANSgression: The Martyrdom of Trans Women of Color as a Product of Hegemonic Masculinity*

**AAR: Religions of Asia III & Method and Theory in the Study of Religion I (Joint Session)**

Theme: *Who Invents Asian Religions Now? Rethinking Orientalism and other Post-Colonial Approaches*

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, presiding

Marko Geslani, University of South Carolina

*Teaching Hinduism After the "Invention" Debate: American Orientalism and the Model Minority*

Alex Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina Charlotte

*Buddhist Teak and Christian Guns: Imagining Religion in Burma’s Last Kingdom*

Ellen Gough, Emory University

*What Makes a Jain Not Hindu? Religious Identity and the Rakṣā Bandhana Festival*

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

Theme: *Excavation Reports*

Gary Linton, Johnson University, presiding

Alan Todd, Coastal Carolina University

*Insights from Duke’s final reports of the Sepphoris Regional Project*

Randall O'Neill, Northeastern Illinois

*The 2018 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project*

**SBL: Hebrew Bible III**

Theme: *Pentateuch and Wisdom*

Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University School of Divinity,presiding

Bradley Haggard**,** Asbury Theological Seminary

*Schematization of the “kipper ‘al” Formula in Priestly Ritual Instruction*

Carl Dates, Columbia Theological Seminary

*From Peripheral Demon to Centralized Deity: Yhwh's coming-of-age tale in the Exodus plague narrative*

Frederick L. Downing, Valdosta State University

*The Exodus in History, Memory, and Tradition*

Jonathan Homrighausen, Duke University

*The Eyes’ Pilgrimage to and From the Garden: Visual Exegesis of Song of Songs 3-4 in The Saint John’s Bible*

Jim Wilson, Asbury Theological Seminary

*Never Gonna Run Around and Desert You: Re-evaluating the Meaning of ‘azab in Deuteronomy 12:19 and 14:27*

**SBL: New Testament III**

Theme: *Open Session*

Mark Proctor, Lee University, presiding

Jonathan Sanchez, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University

*Guilt, Dominance, Potentiality, and the Pharisees in Luke 5-7*

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

*Questioning Jesus: Questions Asked of Jesus and His Responses to Them*

Amy Whisenand, Duke Divinity School

*The Catena in Romans 3:10-18 as Lament*

Alexander P. Thompson, Emory University

*Hospitality and Hermeneutics: A Sociological Setting for Two Lukan Themes*

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research III**

Christopher Bell, Stetson University,presiding

Priya Brahmbhatt, The George Washington University, Eyal Aviv, advisor

*The Existence of Selfhood in Buddhism and Science*

Kehinde Ojediran, College of Charleston, Elijah Seigler, advisor

*Image and Imagined Depictions of Asian Culture in American Popular Culture*

Monica Boedigheimer, The George Washington University, Eyal Aviv, advisor

*A Buddhist Perspective on Organisms*

Nathan Bodger, Stetson University, Christopher Bell, advisor

*Women’s Rights, Buddhism, and Law in Thailand*

**4:35–5:45 PM**  **SESSION IV Bate 1032**

**Roundtable Workshop Session**

Theme: *Growing Religious Studies Departments*

Derek Maher, East Carolina University, presiding

All members are invited to hear research on ways to grow their Religious Stuides Programs and brainstorm ideas for their institutions.

**6:00–7:30 PM SciTech 207**

**Annual AAR/SBL Presidential Addresses & Presentation of Awards**

Diana Pasulka, UNC Wilmington, and Doug Hume, Pfeiffer University, presiding

Introduction of AAR President by J. Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia, AAR VP

AAR President: Joseph Winters, Duke University

*Religion, Affect, and the Volatile Sacred*

Introduction of SBL President by Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, SBL VP

SBL President: Phillip Sherman, Maryville College

*And also many cattle?: The Animal Turn and Biblical Studies*

AAR/SBL Graduate Awards

SECSOR Undergraduate Award

**6:00–7:30 PM Bate 1009**

**ASOR Member-Sponsored** **Presidential Address**

Alan Todd, Coastal Carolina University, presiding

ASOR Member President: Gary Linton, Johnson University

*Nabataean-Roman Water Systems in the Central Karak Plateau, Jordan*

Business Meeting

**6:00–8:00 PM Bate 1032**

**ECU Faculty Panel III**

Theme: *Throwing Pearls to Swine: Race, Religion, and the Crisis of Corporate Hog Production in Eastern North Carolina*

TBD, East Carolina University,presiding

Elsie Herring, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network, & Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

*A Visual Introduction to the Crisis: Excerpts from Film Documentaries*

Elsie Herring, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network

*A Problem in My Backyard: The Hazardous Consequences of Living Near Confined Hog Operations*

Bob Edwards, East Carolina University, and Lisa Sawyer, East Carolina University

*Resisting Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in North Carolina in the Aftermath of Hurricane Florence*

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

*A Religious Reckoning: Capitalism as Cosmology and as Apocalypse, through the Lens of Social Theory*

**7:30–10:00 PM Section Chairs’ Workshop for 2020; Section Chairs’ Dinner Croatan**

Paper Presentation by J. Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia

Panelists:

Rizwan Zamir, Davidson College

Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University

Mark Proctor, Lee University

**7:30–10:00 PM ECU/SECSOR: Student Workshop & Reception**

Theme: *Careers and Graduate School in Religious Studies*

Student Reception

**SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 10**

**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*

Michael Fuller, Lee University,presiding

Jerome Gellman, Ben-Gurion University

*Illusion, Self-Estrangement, and Self-Deception: The Hiddenness of God in Early Hasidic Judaism*

Matthew H. Brittingham, Emory University

*’There is no free thinker’: Popular Yiddish-Language Literature and American Jewish Religiosity in Light of World War I*

L.R. Lovestone Florida State University

*The Gendering of Jewishness in Edith Stein’s Life*

**AAR: Religions in America IV**

Theme: *Theorizing American Catholicisms*

Haley Iliff, Florida State University,presiding

Jesse Lee, Florida State University

*Modernism, Fundamentalism, and Catholicism Revisited: Anglo-Catholicism, Free-Catholicism, and the Modernist-Fundamentalist Paradigm*

Andie Alexander, Emory University

*America and Its Catholicisms: Complicating the Rise of an American Religion*

Andy McKee, Florida State University

*Haunted by Belief: The Making of Pittsburgh’s Working Catholics*

**AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom, and Global Politics II**

*Theme: Freedom, Nationalism, and Resistance*

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University, presiding

Hinasahar Muneeruddin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Disrobing White Feminism and the White Gaze*

Haydn Campmier, Claremont School of Theology

*Religious Identity and Freedom: Hamas, Islam, and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University

*Bent Knees, the National Football League, and the Profane Rites of Nationalism*

Business Meeting

**SBL: New Testament IV**

Theme: *Open Session*

Doug Hume, Pfeiffer Univeristy,presiding

J. Andrew Cowan, Independent Scholar

*Paul and Socrates in Dialogue: Points of Contact between the Areopagus Speech and the Apology*

David Z. Blackwell, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Anti-Judaism, the Gospel of Matthew, and the Dead Sea Scrolls*

Katherine H. Burgett, Duke University

*The Law as Enslaved "Enslaver" in Galatians 3-4*

Ben Sheppard, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*The First Gospel for All Christians: Luke and the Construction of a Catholic Christianity*

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Student Research IV**

Scholar’s Name, Institution,presiding

Amanda Wood, College of Charleston, Matthew Cressler, advisor

*Racial and Religious: Both Sides of the Rohingya Muslim Crisis*

Benjamin Law, East Carolina University, Joseph Hellweg, advisor

*The Religious Rhetoric of Boko Haram and its Effect on the Conflict in Nigeria*

Brianna Elder, Elon University, Ariela Marcus-Sells, advisor

*(Mis)Translating Christianity in Africa*

Bailey Freeburn, Wingate University, Christy Cobb, advisor

*Redefining Patronage: Wealthy Women and Christianity*