**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*

Eileen M. Angelini, 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** Bate 1009

Theme: *Resisting Culture: When Christianity and the Dominate 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 Fundamentalism, the New Psychology, and Science in the Decade of Scopes*

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

Bate 1010

Theme: *Religion, Whiteness, and Antiblackness*

Timothy Rainey II, Emory University,presiding

Joi R. Orr, Emory University

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

R. Nick Peterson, Emory University

*Race and Place: Locating Whiteness in American Christian Missions*

**AAR: Ethics, Religion and Society I and Constructive Theologies I (Joint Session)** Bate 1011

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** Bate1012

**(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 1013

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 Nineteenth 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** Bate 1014

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** Bate 1015

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 1016

Theme: *Feeling and Perceiving Religion*

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University, 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** Bate 1017

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** Bate 1031

**(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** Bate 1018

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** Bate 1019

Theme: *Joshua and Kings*

Jim Wilson, Asbury Theological Seminary,presiding

Robert Coleman, 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** Bate 1020

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

Eric Thurman, University of the South, presiding

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** Bate 1021

Theme: *Archaeology and Historiography*

Laura B. Mazow, East Carolina University, presiding

Rachel V. Nabulsi, Georgia Gwinnett College

*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 Research I** Bate 1022

Mark Proctor, Lee University,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**

**Main Student Center 249**

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 University

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?*

**9:00–10:30 PM - Conference Reception**

**Main Student Center 253 and Gallery**

**SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 9**

**7:30–8:45 AM Croatan Green Room**

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** Bate 2nd floor by 2002

Coffee Service

**9:00–11:00 AM MORNING SESSION I**

**ECU Africa Panel: Power, Religion, and Taxonomy: Decolonization and Tropes of Subhumanity in Africa and the Caribbean** Bate 1032

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 1009

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** Bate 1011

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** Bate 1012

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** Bate 1014

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** Bate 1015

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*

Business Meeting

**AAR: Religion, Culture & the Arts II** Bate 1016

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** Bate 1010

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 1013

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** Bate 1017

Theme: *Open Call*

Laine Christine Walters-Young, Vanderbilt 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** Bate 1019

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** Bate 1020

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

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** Bate 1021

Theme: *Open Session*

Greg 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 Research II** Bate 1022

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University,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 MORNING SESSION II**

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

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

This session on "Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of Humanity" is directed at college and high school students in attendance and designed to give them an example of the kinds of things religious studies scholars investigate. It is not a peer-reviewed research presentation. The general public is invited.

**Noon - 2:00 PM** Bate 1026

**Exhibit & Film Showing:**

**Robotics, Drones, and Other Technologies**

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 9**

**12:00–1:00 PM** Croatan Green Room

Underrepresented Minorities Luncheon

**1:15–1:45 PM** Bate 1031

AAR/SE Business Meeting

Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia, presiding

All members of the society are invited

**1:45–2:15 PM** Bate 1031

SBL/SE Business Meeting

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, presiding

All members of the society are invited

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM SATURDAY SESSION III**

**ECU Faculty Panel II** Bate 1032

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 SATURDAY SESSION IV**

**ECU Africa & Africa Disapora Panel: Power, Religion, and Taxonomy: Decolonization and Tropes of Subhumanity in Africa and the Caribbean** Bate 1031

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** Bate 1009

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** Bate 1011

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** Bate 1012

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** Bate 1015

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

Mark D. Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University,presiding

Michael Deckard, 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** Bate 1010

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)** Bate 1013

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*

**SBL: Hebrew Bible III** Bate 1019

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** Bate 1020

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*

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

Bate 1021

Theme: *Excavation Reports*

Greg 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*

**SECSOR: Undergraduate Research III** Bate 1022

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*

**3:00 – 4:30 PM SATURDAY SESSION V**

**Greenville, North Carolina Interfaith Panel** Bate 1032

Theme: *The Impact of Interfaith Work in Greenville and Pitt County, NC*

Rev. Ann Harrington, Free Spirit Inclusive Catholic Community, priest and pastor,presiding

Panelists:

Samar Badwan, Islamic Center & Mosque, spokesperson and board member

Rev. Rod Debs, Unitarian Universalist Pastor, retired

Lynn Caverly, Interfaith Alliance of Eastern Carolina, former director

Rev. Dr. Rodney Coles, Sr., Interfaith Clergy Standing for the Community, and Churches Outreach Network, President and CEO

**4:35–5:45 PM**  **SAURDAY SESSION VI**

**Roundtable Workshop Session** Bate 1032

Theme: *The Future of the Religious Studies Discipline*

Derek Maher, East Carolina University, presiding

After examining some past history and current trends, the audience will be invited to participate in a brainstorming exercise for steering the discipline in a productive direction.

**6:00–7:30 PM** Bate 1031

**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-SE VP

AAR-SE President: Joseph Winters, Duke University

*Religion, Affect, and the Volatile Sacred*

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

SBL-SE 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: Greg 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 Croatan Green Room**

**Section Chairs’ Workshop for 2020; Section Chairs’ Dinner**

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

**7:30–8:30 PM** Bate 1010

**Student Workshop**

Theme: *Careers and Graduate School in Religious Studies*

John Stowe, East Carolina University, presiding

**8:30-10:00 PM** Bate Lobby

**Student Reception**

**SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 10**

**8:00–11:00 AM**

Registration Bate 2nd floor by 2002

Book Exhibits Bate 2004

**8:00 AM—10:00 AM** Bate 2nd floor by 2002

Coffee Service

**9:00–11:00 AM SUNDAY SESSION I**

**AAR: Judaism III** Bate 1014

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** Bate 1010

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** Bate 1011

*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** Bate 1020

Theme: *Open Session*

Doug Hume, Pfeiffer University,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 Research IV** Bate 1022

Rizwan Zamir, Davidson College,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*