

# **AAR/SBL SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MEETING 2021**

## **“Religion, Health & Disease: An Online Conference Where Interdisciplinary Lines Intersect”**

**Draft Program, Feb. 12, 2021**

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### ***DAY ONE – FRIDAY, MARCH 12***

#### **Friday Afternoon, March 12**

- 2:15 – 2:45 p.m.      AAR/SBL SE Joint Business Meeting
- 2:45 - 3:15.            AAR SE Business Meeting
- 3:15 - 3:45            SBL SE Business Meeting

#### **Friday Evening, March 12**

- 4:00 - 4: 30 p.m.      Opening Remarks, Orientation & Awards**  
Welcome – Dean Sam Huckaba & Aline Kalbian, Florida State University  
AAR Graduate Student Award – Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College  
SBL Graduate Student Award – Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College  
Undergraduate Paper Prize – Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College

#### **SESSION 1**

**Friday, 4:45 - 6:30 p.m.**

#### **AAR Invited Session I – Panel: Africana Religions**

*Theme: Class, Identity, and Religion*

Andie Alexander, Emory University, presiding

- Jeremy Posadas, Austin College—Constitutive Structures of Capitalist Formations
- Cody Musselman, Yale University—*Locating Escape in SoulCycle’s ‘Breakthrough’ Moment: For-Profit Fitness and the Conscious Embrace of Spirituality as the Opiate of the Masses*
- Matt Sheedy, University of Bonn—*Religion, Identity and Class in the New Culture Wars*
- K. Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama—*Context > Truth Claims in Identity Studies*
- Andrew Durdin, Florida State University—*Religious Studies, A Discipline without Class*
- James Dennis Lorusso, Georgia State University—*Gig, Job, Profession: Strategies of Class Maintenance in the Academy*

## **SBL Invited Session I – Panel: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament**

*Theme:* Recent Scholarship on the Book of Sirach

Emily Olsen, Florida State University, presiding

- Samuel Adams, Union Theological Seminary—*Ben Sira as a Window into the New Testament? Challenges and Unexamined Possibilities*
- Bradley Gregory, Catholic University of America—*“Bread to the Hungry and Clothes to the Naked”*: A History of a Prophetic-Sapiential Motif from Tobit to the Syriac of Ben Sira
- Matthew Goff, Florida State University—*A Devilish Parallel: The Hebrew Reception of Sir 15:14*
- Laura Manzo, University of St. Thomas—*The Blessings of a “Wisdom-Filled” Life in Sir 14:20-15:10*

## **AAR Constructive Theologies I**

*Theme:* Contemporary Christology: Approaches to Atonement and Descent

Jason Smith, Tougaloo College, presiding

- Aaron Brian Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary—*The Moderated Ecumenical Interpretation: A Mashup Account of the Atonement*
- Jacob Denhollander, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—*Love so Divine or Divine Child Abuse? John Owen and Triune Justice in the Atonement*
- David Priddy, Campbell University—*Atonement and Spirituality in Eugene Vodolazkin's Laurus*
- Jordan L Steffaniak, University of Birmingham—*Holy Saturday's Dualistic Problem: Why Dualism is Insufficient to Affirm a Literal Descent*

## **AAR: Intersectionality I**

*Theme:* Open Session

Mitzi Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary, presiding

- Brian Cromer, Columbia Theological Seminary—*Spiritual Homelessness, Violence, and Closeted Jesus: Reading Luke 4:16-30 through the Lens of Black Trans Women*
- Lydia Meredith, Georgia State University—*How the bible is Used to Oppress LGBTQ+ Americans: Discrimination, Stigma, Disease and Death*
- Florence Abimbola Egbeyle, Florida State University—*Interrogating the Place of Religious Symbols in African Yoruba Pre- and Postnatal Care*

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

*Theme:* Comparative Analogies: Applying Scholarship on Religion

(The panel invites two scholars of religion to discuss how their work shifted from specifically religious examples to looking more broadly at how culture works, and what are the gains from such a shift for scholars of religion.)

Vaia Touna, University of Alabama, presiding

- Leslie Dorrough-Smith, Avila University
- Mike Altman, University of Alabama

## **AAR: [JOINT] Religions of Asia I and Religion, Culture, & the Arts I**

*Theme:* Collective Healing Through Media

Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia, presiding

- Yudai Chiba, Duke Divinity School—*The Spirit if Life Itself: Eschatological Hope in Princess Mononoke and the Book of Ezekiel*
- Nathan Fleeson, University of Georgia—*The Deaths of Fantasy Characters as Sites of Collective Healing*
- Guanxiong Qi, Florida State University—*Securing Individual Health in the Mortal World of Decaying: A Study of a Buddo-Daoist Text*
- Taylor Dean, Florida State University—*The Triumph of the Drunk: Labor, Citizenship, and the Therapeutic in Alcoholics Anonymous*

## **AAR: Teaching and Learning Religion I**

*Theme:* Open Session

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University, presiding

- Kenneth J. Purscell, University of Virginia's College at Wise—*'End of the World': A Scientist, A Biblical Student, and a Professor of Culture Walked into an Honors Class and COVID-19 Happened*
- Kati Curts, Sewanee: The University of the South—*Religion, Capitalism, and Critical Pedagogy: A Case Study in a (suddenly) COVID Classroom*
- Elizabeth M. Pope, University of West Georgia—*Facilitator Guidance during Interfaith Dialogue*

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

*Theme:* Open Session

Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University, presiding

- Mary Dance Berry, Duke University—*Enabled Matriarchs of a Disabled Patriarch: An Examination of the Matriarchs' Barrenness and Jacob's Impairment in Genesis*
- Tommy Woodward, Florida State University, *Masculinities and the Politics of Obedience in Esther*
- S. Spivey, Vanderbilt Divinity School—*Job: A Tapestry*
- Kevin Hogg, Mount Baker Secondary School—*History, Composition, and Relevance of the Book of Daniel*

## **SBL: New Testament I**

*Theme:* Healing in New Testament

Moderator: Eric Thurman, The University of the South: Sewanee

- Alexander P. Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University—*The Nonsense of the Resurrection: The Use of λῆρος in Luke 24:11*
- Donghyung Jeong, Emory University—*Theopassianism in Ancient Context: The Suffering Christ in the Letter to the Hebrews and the Suffering Deities of the Mystery Cults*
- Tyler Culp, Vanderbilt University—*Relocating the Locus of God in Luke 17:11-19*
- Lucas S. Brandon, Florida State University—*Resurrection a Lost Tradition; Source Criticism and the Search for Lazarus*

## **Invited Undergraduate Papers Session I**

*Theme: Health, Gender, and Religion in Africa and the Bible*

Presider: TBA

- Simone Burgin, Florida State University—*Between Paradise and Public Health: Competing Discourses about Talibés in Senegal*
- Lauren Metcalf, Florida State University—*Violence in the DRC: Conflict, Cosmos, and Health Care under Ebola*
- Meagan McLaughlin, Florida State University—*Female Genital Cutting: Bodily Formation and Religious Implications in West Africa*
- Anna Bergholtz, Florida State University—*Patriarchal Influence on Translations of Christian Biblical Text: Damaging the Well-being of Women Through Oppressive Interpretations*

## **Friday Night, March 12**

**6:45 - 8:45 p.m.**

### **Plenary Roundtable 1**

**Theme: Race, Religion & Health: Epidemics of Disparity**

Aline Kalbian, Chair, Department of Religion, Florida State Univ., presiding

- Nicole Ennis, Behavioral Sciences & Social Medicine, Florida State University
- Joseph Gabriel, Behavioral Sciences & Social Medicine, Florida State University
- Laura Guidry-Grimes (Medical Humanities & Bioethics, University of Arkansas)
- Elsie Herring (North Carolina Environmental Justice Network)
- Frances Tran (English, Florida State University)

**8:45 - 10:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Reception & Dinner: Breakout Rooms Focused on Various Topics**

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## **DAY TWO – SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

### **Saturday Morning, March 13**

**9:00 a.m.                      Book Vendor Rooms Open – Details Forthcoming**

### **SESSION 2**

**Saturday, 9:00 – 10:45 a.m.**

#### **AAR: Constructive Theologies II**

*Theme:* Sickness, Disability and Addiction in Interdisciplinary Perspective (early Saturday afternoon)

Aaron Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary, presiding

- Kristin Beise Kiblinger, Winthrop University—*Theology of Dementia After Caputo*
- Elizabeth Cable, University of Virginia—*Stigma and Stigmata: Christ's Broken Body, Overflowing in Hope*
- Preston Hill, Richmond Graduate University—*Calvin's Traumatized Christ: Reimagining Christ's Descent into Hell in the Theology of John Calvin and its Relevance for Posttraumatic Stress in the Year 2020*
- Jenn Carlier, Emory University—*Addiction, Sin and Atonement*

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

*Theme:* Ethics and COVID-19

Sally Holt, Belmont University, presiding

- Nathan Moats, Florida State University—*The US Government's Violation of Individual Human Rights? A Thomistic Communitarian Response to Covid-19*
- James L Rowell, Flagler College—*Crisis and Controversy: Balancing Ethical Factors which Unite us or Keep us Apart*
- Terje Ostebo, University of Florida—*Covid-19 and God's Wrath*
- Lisa Mackey-Ring, Florida State University—*Where Theory and Reality Collide: Public Health Ethics in the Middle of a Crisis*

#### **AAR: History of Christianity I**

*Theme:* Early Christianity

Anne Blue Wills, Davidson College, presiding

- Oliver Richards, UNC Asheville—*Are You My Mother? Representations of Motherhood in Early Christian Roman Iconography*
- Gregory Lamb, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—*The Reception History of Phil 3:2–3a in Dialogue with Mark D. Nanos*
- Dennis Lutero, Trinity School for Ministry—*Romans 9-11: Biblical Performance Criticism and Rethinking the Object of Paul's Defense*

## **AAR: Islam**

*Theme:* Health and Healing in the Islamic Tradition

Dr. Hadia Mubarak, Queens University of Charlotte, presiding

- Beena Butool, Florida State University—*Shields of Power: Amulets as Medical Intervention inside Islamic West Africa, Syeda*
- Dr. Hunter Bandy, Elon University—*The medicalization of religious and political talent in 16th-century Kārkiyā Gilan*
- Rose Deighton, Emory University—*Praying, Pressing, Pacing: Shaykha Fawzia al-Rawi's Sufi Bodywork*
- Dr. Juliane Hammer, UNC-Chapel Hill—*Trauma, Witness, and Healing: Muslim Women Artists against Domestic and Sexual Violence*

Discussant: Dr. Ariela Marcus-Sells, Elon University

Business Meeting

## **AAR: Judaism**

*Theme:* Open Session

Giancarlo P. Angulo, Florida State University, presiding

- J. David Stark, Kearley Graduate School—*Non-Sub Loco Errata in the Masora of Deuteronomy 30*
- Emily Tyler Olsen, Florida State University—*A Little Cheesy but Still Grate: Evaluating Ancient Jewish and Christian Accounts of Demonic Hunger*
- Nathan Porter, Duke Divinity School—*Philo Goes to Philippi: the Moses Christology of Philippians 2*
- Rony Kozman, Samford University—*A Reconsideration of 'Law' in Romans 5:20*
- Mark A. Klapowitz, Independent Scholar—*An Academic Center of One's Own: The contribution of academic safe spaces to moral development in Hermann Cohen and Ibram X. Kendi*

## **SBL: Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha I**

*Theme:* TBA

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, presiding

- Christy Cobb, Wingate University—*Unconventional Families in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles*
- Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University—*Matthew's Rich Young Man and the Thrones of the Disciples in the Palingenesia in light of 1 Enoch*
- Eric Vanden Eykel, Ferrum College—*The Apocryphal Afterlives of Matthew's Magi*
- Stephen L. Young, Appalachian State University—*"Undergird Him with Strength": The Masculine Eschatological Leader of the Psalms of Solomon*

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

*Theme:* Open Session

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary, presiding

- Stephen J. Smith, Belhaven University—*The Meaning of Psalm 73:24b: Revisiting an Old Crux from the Perspective of Verbal Valency*
- Bryan Carter Bogue, Brewton-Parker College—*The Body of God in Genesis 15:17*
- Benjamin J. Starr, University of Georgia—*The Indecisive Saul: A Study in Characterization*
- Jordan Barr, LHC Group, Inc.—*Remembering the Fallen: King Josiah through Social Memory and Cultural Trauma*
- Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University—*Power and Prophecy in 1 Kgs 22*

## **Undergraduate Papers Session I**

Julianne Burnett, Asbury University, presiding

- Caleb S. Cooke, Duke University—*The Gospel of Luke as a Case Study for the Reexamination of Bios*  
Sponsor: Dr. Mark Goodacre, Duke University
- Allison Barbee, Wingate University—*Forget the Baby, Don't Throw Out the Bathwater!*  
Sponsor: Dr. Christy Cobb, Wingate University
- Benjamin Porter, Asbury College—*Exodus 32-34 and Numbers 14 as Original and Authoritative Contexts for the 'Character Creed'*  
Sponsor: Dr. Julianne Burnett, Asbury College
- Kennedy Thedford, Agnes Scott College—*Forgotten in the Book of Acts: Lydia and the Christian Goddess Worshipper*  
Sponsor: Dr. Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College

## **SESSION 3**

**Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

### **SBL Invited Session II – Panel: Africana Christianities**

*Theme:* Healing and the Bible in Africana Christianities

Matthew Goff, Florida State University, presiding

- Dorothy Bea Akoto, Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana—*Healing and the Bible in Africana Christianities: An Examination of Healing in Selected Ghanaian Ewe Folk Proverbs*
- Florence Egbeyale, Florida State University—*The Interplay of Bible and Culture: Sexual Reproductive Health in African Indigenous Churches*
- Madipoane Masenya, University of South Africa, *Reading the Christian Bible in COVID-19 African (South African) Contexts*
- Annie Tinsley, Shaw University, “Dynamics of Displacement: Gentrification and Middle Passages”

## **AAR: Bible & Modern Culture**

*Theme:* Open Call

Prof. Brian Mooney FRMS, Johnson & Wales University, presiding

- Brendan Mooney, Miami University of Ohio—*Hitching Darwinism to the Troika of Atheism, Materialism, and Secularism: the Russia case*
- Fred Downing, Valdosta State University—*Writer as Poet-Prophet: Ernest Gaines & the Literary & Religious Imagination*
- Asia M. Lerner, Emory University—*Zvyaginstev's Leviathan and Job: What the Interplay of Church and State may Offer to a Modern Theodicy*

Business Meeting

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

*Theme:* Spiritual Practice, Healing and Ethics

Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College, presiding

- Janelle L. Moore, Emory University—*We Pause to Celebrate: Spiritual Practices of Belonging in a Local L'Arche Community*
- Gina Maria Noia & Alessandro Rovati, Emory University—*Growing in Solidarity While Masking and Physical Distancing: Christian Resources for the Pandemic*
- Leah Robinson Pfeiffer University—*From Healing Preachers to Tele-evangelists: Practical Theology in Crisis*
- Mike Stoltzfus, Georgia Gwinnett College—*Buddhism and Addiction Recovery Practice*

## **AAR: Philosophy of Religion I**

*Theme:* Metaphysicians: Philosophies of Healing

Hollis Phelps, Mercer University, presiding

- Dylan S. Bailey, Fordham University—*Communal Recognition and Human Flourishing: A Kierkegaardian Account*
- Carson S. Webb, Piedmont University—*The "Affective Turn" and the New Snake Oil Peddlers*

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

*Theme:* Mass Affect: Publics, Sensation, Disruption, and Healing

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University, presiding

- Andrew William Lee, Drew University—*Please Touch the Art: Interpreting Genesis Breyer P-Orridge's \*The Touching of Hands\* as Religious Artifact*
- Brittany Acors, University of Virginia—*Masks v. God and Country: The Conflict Between Public Health and Christian Nationalism*
- Nicholas Austin, Florida State University—*'A Hearty Sorrow': The Emotional Regime of Contrition in American Catholicism before and after Vatican II*
- Helen M. Orr, Elon University—*Dark Humor and Healing: Post-War Explorations in Trauma, Laughter, and Transgression*

Business Meeting



## **AAR: Teaching and Learning Religion II (Roundtable)**

*Theme:* From Paper to Program: Curriculum Design as Ongoing Process

Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia, presiding

- Leslie Ribovich, Transylvania University
- Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University
- Alexa Valerezo, student, Transylvania University
- Tomas Hernandez, student, Transylvania University

## **SBL: New Testament II**

*Theme:* Gospels and Acts

Moderator: Alex Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University

- J. Andrew Cowan, University of Göttingen—*Rewriting Israel's History: The Political Rhetoric of Steven's Speech and Josephus' Jewish Antiquities*
- Christopher Redmon, Duke University—*A Temple in Zarephath? Light from Kings on a Lukan Puzzle*
- Nelida Naveros Cordova, Spring Hill College—*Gospel of Luke: Understanding the Priority of the Kingdom of God over Earthly Matters*
- Kenneth Trax, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—*Happy, Expectant Obedience: The Reception of Jesus' "Hear and Keep the Word" Macarism in Early Christianity*

Business Meeting

## **SBL: Dead Sea Scrolls I**

Moderator: Giancarlo Angulo, Florida State University

- Joshua Matson, Florida State University—*Minor Fragments, Major Concerns: A Study of the Unprovenanced Dead Sea Scroll Fragments Attributed to the Shorter Prophetic Writings of the Hebrew Bible*
- Josh Spoelstra, Piedmont College—*Temple Gate Names and Ordering in the DSS: A Comparative Examination and An Ideological Solution*
- Julie M. Leyva, Duke University—*Can Anything Good Come From the Jerusalem Temple? Reexamining the Temple in the Qumran Scrolls*
- Matthew Goff, Florida State University—*"I Adjure You, O Spirit": Health, Demons, and Language in Ancient Judaism*

Business Meeting

## **Invited Undergraduate Papers Session II**

*Theme:* Human Rights in West Africa: Ethics, Politics & Leadership, from Guinea to Côte d'Ivoire

Presider: TBA

- Andrea Bautista, Florida State University—*A Failure of Amnesty: The Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Côte d'Ivoire, 2012 to 2014 and Beyond*  
Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
- Isabella Frazier, Florida State University—*The New Republic? Côte d'Ivoire's 2016 Constitution, the Dilution of Democracy, and Rise of Religion*  
Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
- Catherine Medina, Florida State University—*Guinea's Illiberal Legacy: Reversing Democracy under Alpha Condé*  
Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
- Emily Sarra, Florida State University—*President in the Dock: How the Trial of Laurent Gbagbo Haunts Contemporary Côte d'Ivoire*  
Sponsor: Dr. Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

## **Saturday Afternoon, March 13**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.      Lunch Break**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.      Diversity Luncheon**  
**Theme: Valuing our Intersectionality, Annie Tinsley, Shaw University, presiding**

## **SESSION 4**

**Saturday, 2:00 - 3:45 p.m.**

### **AAR Invited Session II – Panel: Africana Religions**

*Theme:* Engendering Well-Being in Africana Religions: Performance, Embodiment & Transformation

Presider: TBA

- Darrell Jones, Dance, Columbia College & Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography, Florida State University—*Vogue Aesthetics: (E)feminized Ritual Performance, Boundary Crossing, and Strategies of Survival from the Ballroom Community*
- Christina Carter, Florida State University—*Maria Lionza: Redefining the Body Social*
- ChrisMarie Conzone, Florida State University—*Embodied Decoloniality: Healing as Resistance in Women-Centered Networks in Afro-Brazilian Candomblé*
- Jesse Miller, Florida State University—*Nested Wombs: The Mossi Cosmos Reimagined*
- Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University—*Hunting Is a Drag: Inversions of Gender and Space across Islam, Death, and Dozo Ritual in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa*

### **AAR: Constructive Theologies III**

Theme: *Theo-Political Reflections on Truth, Meaning, and Emergency*

Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College, presiding

- Royce Anderson, Independent Scholar—The Death and Resurrection of Truth
- Marla Morris, Georgia Southern University—Andrei Tarkovksy's *The Sacrifice*: Cinema, Deleuze and Theological Implications
- Jason Smith, Tougaloo College—Eucharist and Emergency: On Liturgical Theology and States of Exception

Business Meeting

### **AAR: History of Christianity II**

Theme: *Modern Catholicism*

Douglas H. Brown Clark, Louisville Seminary, presiding

- Joseph Bellissimo, Saint Leo University—*Without community, it is indeed difficult to be human, but it is absolutely impossible to be divine*
- Joseph H. Mullin, Saint Leo University—*John Henry Newman: Conscience as an Ongoing Activity*

Business Meeting

### **AAR: Intersectionality II:**

Theme: *BLM and a Global Pandemic*

Mitzi Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary, presiding

- Sha'mira Covington & Chera Jo Watts, University of Georgia—Communal Care: BLM Book Club in the Time of COVID"
- Carolyn M. Jones Medine, University of Georgia —BLM and Local History: The Work of Michael L. Thurmond
- Estee Nena Dillard, University of Georgia—Queer Black Women's Spirituality as Healing Activism in the time of COVID
- Sydney Gabrielle Patton, University of Georgia—Breathe: The Process of Making Art Amidst a Global Disaster

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

Theme: *Critical Inquiries*

Keeley McMurray, Florida State University, presiding

- Jacob Barrett, University of Alabama—*Critical Theory in World Religions: An experiment in course (re)design*
  - Respondent: Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University, UK.
- Rebekah Gordon, Florida State University—*Comparing Comparative Religious Ethics: A Double Grounding*
  - Respondent: Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University

### **AAR: Religions in America**

Theme: *Religions in the Americas*

Haley Iliff, Florida State University, presiding

- Jeff Schmoll, Wake Forest University—*The UMC and LGBTQIA+: How the UMC Leadership Failed LGBTQIA+ Methodists*
- Nathan Keele Springer, Georgia State University—*Perennialism and Psychedelics: Mystical Experience and the Spiritualization of Mental Healthcare in the United States*
- James Waters, Florida State University—*Sacred Stories, Pandemics, and Ecology: Precedents in Navajo History for Coping with Pandemics and Ecological Disharmony*

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

Theme: In the Context of the ANE

Clinton J. Moyer, Wake Forest University, presiding

- Jonathan Homrighausen, Duke University—*A World Under Esther's Control: Viewing Esther in the Achaemenid Palace*
- Drew S Holland, Martin Methodist College—*The Religious Imagination of Genesis 1:1-2:4a as Shaped by the Memphite Theology*
- Julianne Burnett, Asbury University—*Was Joseph one of the Hartummim?*
- David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary—*Rethinking 1 Kgs 20:27*

### **SBL: New Testament III**

Theme: Pauline and General Epistles

Moderator: Jonathan Groce, Emory University

- Daniel B. Glover, Baylor University—*Moses's Body in Jude 9, 22–23; the Assumption of Moses; and Mediterranean Antiquity*
- J. David Stark, Faulkner University—*An Exclusively Gentile Audience in Romans? A Partial Review and Response to Recent Proposals*
- Johnathan F. Harris, Wheaton College—*Habakkuk 2:4 in Galatians 3:11 and the Origin of Eschatological Christ-faith (πίστις Χριστοῦ) in Paul's Thought*

### **Undergraduate Paper Session II**

Brian Pennington, Elon University, presiding

- Annabelle Baker, Elon University—*The Role of Bollywood in Cultivating Cultural Connection with Indian Diaspora*  
Sponsor: Dr. Brian Pennington, Elon University
- Lucas Fiet, University of Tennessee, Knoxville—*Legitimacy and Hierarchy: The Thai Bhikkhuni Revival Movement*  
Sponsor: Dr. Rachelle Scott, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Madison Gray, Elon University—*Cambodian American Religion in Contemporary American Diaspora*  
Sponsor: Dr. Brian Pennington, Elon University
- Kaitlin Theall, Elon University—*Promoting Sufism as a Counter-Extremism Strategy in the Moroccan Press*  
Sponsor: Dr. Ariela Marcus-Sells, Elon University

**4:15 - 6:15 p.m.**

**Plenary Roundtable 2**

**Theme: A Pedagogy for Existence: Religion, Oppression, and Well-Being in the Work of William R. Jones (1933 – 2012; author, *Is God a White Racist?*)**

Jamil Drake, Religion, Florida State University, presiding

- Darrell Jones, Dance, Columbia College & Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography, Florida State University
- Monifa Love Asante, English & Modern Languages, Bowie State University
- Billy Close, Criminology, Florida State University
- Lewis Gordon, Philosophy, University of Connecticut
- Anthony Pinn, Religion, Rice University

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Section Chairs' Workshop & Dinner**

**8:15- 10:00 p.m.**

**MOVIE NIGHT !**

**Film: *Totally Under Control* -- Alex Gibney, 2020**

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## **DAY THREE – SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

### **Sunday Morning, March 14**

#### **SESSION 5**

**Sunday, 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.**

#### **SBL Invited Session III – Double Panel: Hebrew Bible**

*Theme:* Recent Scholarship in the Southeast on the Hebrew Bible, Part One

Tommy Woodward, Florida State University, presiding

- Dexter Callender, University of Miami—*The Ambiguous Messenger of Yhwh/God and the Promise of Progeny*
- Ingrid Lily, Wofford College—*From Bitterness to Distress: Reincarnating the Felt Past of Oppression in Nehemiah 9*
- Jason Tatlock, Georgia Southern University—*The Name, Plague, and Presence in the Hebrew Bible*
- Dan Pioske, Georgia Southern University—*The Hebrew Bible and the Ruins of a Bronze Age Past: A Study in the Theory of Anachronism*

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

*Theme:* Open Session

Presiding: Michael Brandon McCormack, University of Louisville

- LaRyssa D. Herrington, The University of Notre Dame—*"My Soul Doth Magnify The Lord": Embodied Rituals as a Source for Black Liberation*
- Melvin Douglas Jr., Georgia State University—*The Yakub Myth: Fard and Elijah Muhammad's Prescription for Healing the Souls of Black Folk*
- Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University—*Revolutionary Religion: Churches and the Black Panther Party's Programs for Survival*
- Jessica Couch, The University of Georgia—*Hip Hop in Athens, Georgia, a Liberatory Practice*
- Kendra G. Hotz, Faculty, Rhodes College—*Social Determinants and Social Distance: Black Pastors and Biomedical Providers*

#### **AAR: History of Christianity III**

*Theme:* The Construction of Karl Barth's Theology in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Kip Elolia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan, presiding

- Kip Elolia – *Karl Barth's Intuition and Human Suffering*
- Charlie Walters, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan—*The Nothingness of the COVID Pandemic*
- Michael Powell, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan—*Christ's Divine Nature and Human Suffering*
- Stephen Goodwin, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan—*A Comparative Approach to Christian Myth and Healing*

## **AAR: Philosophy of Religion II**

*Theme:* Philosophy, Religion, and Practices of Well-Being

Nathaniel Holmes, Florida Memorial University, presiding

- Matthew A Elmore, Duke University Divinity School—*The Hospital: Icon of the Invisible*
- Mary R Huie-Jolly, Independent Scholar—*CBCT: Secular Healing Practice Evoking Religious Sensibilities*
- Alan Bernard McGill, Georgia Gwinnett College *Demons in 2020: The Anti-Sacramental*

## **AAR: Religions of Asia II**

*Theme:* Current Research in Religions of Asia

Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia, presiding

- Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida: Aesthetic Experience in 15<sup>th</sup> Century Hindu Literature
- Akshay Gupta, University of Cambridge: Constructing a Hindu Black Theology
- Roland Mullins, Florida State University: Bali and Homa rituals in the Sanskrit text Śāktapramodaḥ—The Joy of Goddess Worshipers

Business Meeting

## **SBL: Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha II**

Moderator: Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University

- Jason Staples, North Carolina State University—*Tobit the Naphtalite: The Non-Jewish Protagonists of the Book of Tobit*
- Business Meeting

## **Undergraduate Paper Session III**

Steven A. Benko, Meredith College, presiding

- R. Scout Burch, Meredith College—*What Does \_The Office\_ Think a Man Is?*  
Sponsor: Dr. Steven A. Benko, Meredith College
- Raynor K. Dail, Meredith College—*Abortion in the Crosshairs of Feminism and Christianity*  
Sponsor: Dr. Steven A. Benko, Meredith College
- Maggie Groenewold, Rhodes College—*Addressing the Patriarchal Rhetoric: Women's Bodies in the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church*  
Sponsor: Dr. Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College
- Sydney Huss, Clemson University—*A Reformation Voice That Needs to Be Heard: The Literary Corpus of Katharina Schutz Zell*  
Sponsor: Dr. Benjamin White, Clemson University

## **Session 6**

**Sunday, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 a.m.**

### **AAR Invited Session III – Roundtable: William R. Jones Archive**

Theme: Jogging and Jamming through the Archive of William R. Jones: Content, Context, Access

Presider: TBA

- Darrell Jones, Dance, Columbia College & Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography, Florida State University
- Kathleen McCormick, Associate Dean for Special Collections and Archives, Florida State University
- Rory Grennen, Strozier Library, Florida State University
- Dr. Nashid Madyun, Director, Carrie Meek-James M. Eaton Sr. Southeastern Regional Black Archives and Research Center, Florida A&M University
- Antje Burdick, Managing Director, Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography, Florida State University

### **SBL Invited Session IV – Double Panel: Hebrew Bible**

Theme: Recent Scholarship in the Southeast on the Hebrew Bible, Part Two

LaToya Leary, Florida State University, presiding

- Matthew Goff, Florida State University—*What Should we Do with the Judah-Tamar Story?: Genesis 38, Jewish Exegesis and Robert Alter's Critique of Biblical Studies*
- Robert Kawashima, University of Florida—*Domesticating Samson*
- David Lambert, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill—*What is Scripture? An Introduction to Biblical Assemblages*
- Kathryn Lopez, Campbell University, TBA

### **AAR: Constructive Theologies IV**

Theme: Constructive Theologies in an Age of Pandemic

Aaron Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary, presiding

- Mark Ellingsen, Interdenominational Theological Center—*The Doctrine of Providence in Light of Quantum Mechanics and Ancient African Theology*
- Aminah Al-Attas Bradford, Duke University—*Symbiotic Grace: Holobiont Theology in the Age of Pandemic*
- Wesley Scott Bidby and Coral A. Norwood, Classical Cottage School—*'It Tolls for Thee': Reading John Donne's Theology of Human Relationality in a Time of Plague*
- Dongho Han, Emory University—*A Pastoral Response to Radical Suffering in the COVID-19: The Practice of Lament for the Resolution of 'Han'*



### **AAR: Intersectionality III**

*Theme:* Womanist Interpretations of Biblical Texts

LaToya Leary, Florida State University, presiding

- Carie Whitiker, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University—Taking Power: A Feminist Re-interpretation of the Bleeding Woman in Mark 5
- Tierney Jordan, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University—Aschah’s Request: A Womanist Reading of Judges 1: 11-15
- Onica Stewart, Columbia Theological Seminary—Suffering Sister, Delivered Daughter: African American Women, Infertility, and Reading Luke 8:43-48 through a Womanist Empathetic Lens
- Richard Wehrle, Bethany Theological Seminary—Examining Social Death in the Gospel of Luke

### **AAR: Secularism, Religious Freedom, and Global Politics I**

*Theme:* Secularity and the Value of Religion

Beena Butool, Florida State University, presiding

- Charles McCrary, Arizona State University—Bad Religion, Good Religion, and the U.S. Eugenics Movement
- John Cole, Florida State University—Christoph Wonneberger and the Leipzig Protests: A Narrative Religious Inquiry
- Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University—The Values of Judge Roy Moore
- Respondent: Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University

### **AAR: Teaching and Learning Religion III:**

*Theme:* Panel discussion, “A Partnership in Religion and Health: Georgia State and the WellStar Fellowship”

Jodie L. Lyon, University of Georgia, presiding

- Molly Bassett, Chair, Georgia State University Religious Studies
- Jason Lesandrini, Assistant Vice President of Spiritual Health, WellStar
- Avery Glover, Tufts MD/MBA student
- Brooklyn Aaron, Georgia State University MA/MPH student

### **SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament IV**

*Theme:* On the Cultic System

David B. Schreiner, Wesley Biblical Seminary

- Aaron R. Woods, Asbury Theological Seminary—The Morality of the Sacrificial System: Israel Knohl and Jacob Milgrom's Conception of the Israelite Cult
- Chelcent Fuad, Asbury Theological Seminary—Priestly Disability and Centralization of the Cult in the Holiness Code
- Robb Coleman, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—Leviticus 25:39 - 55 as a Prohibition Against Abuse
- Rosy Kandathil, Emory University—‘If her father had but spit in her face’: Divine Punishment, Disease, and Prophetic Authority in Numbers 12

### **Undergraduate Paper Session IV**

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, presiding

- Lydia Cash, Agnes Scott College—*Born Again Gay: The Ex-Ex Gay Experience of Redemption*  
Sponsor: Dr. Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College
- Sarah Jane McDonald, Elon University—*'The Church is a Piece of Home': Religious Experiences of East and Central African Refugees*  
Sponsor: Dr. Sarah Jane McDonald, Elon University
- Kylee Smith, Elon University—*Practices, Beliefs, and Identities: Muslim Immigrants Acculturation to the United States*  
Sponsor: Dr. Sandy Marshall, Elon University
- Srija Dutta, Elon University—*South Asian College-Aged Women and the Influence of Religion and Cultural Factors on Sexual Decision Making*  
Sponsor: Dr. Amanda Tapler, Elon University

### **Sunday Afternoon, March 14**

**2:45 - 3:45 p.m.      Women's Caucus Gathering**  
**Theme: The Future of Our Role in the Region**

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