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**Regional Meeting
Seattle University
Seattle, Washington
May 3-5, 2013**



The PNW Region AAR/SBL & ASOR Annual Meeting will be held on the campus of Seattle University in Seattle, Washington. We hope you are making plans to participate. Below is information that will help you navigate the meeting and enjoy your time with colleagues. Sessions will begin on Friday, May 3 at 2:00 pm and conclude by noon on Sunday, May 5.

The Information and Registration table will be in the lobby of the Student Center Building, 1000 East James Street. Free wireless internet is available on campus (password will be supplied when you arrive). Hotel information, as well as information about transportation and parking, is included in this newsletter. A preliminary draft of the program can be found at the end of this newsletter and on our website.

REGISTRATION

Registration is available on-line at this address:

<https://aareligionpnw.conference-services.net/registration.asp?conferenceID=3409&language=en-uk>

NEW REGISTRATION RATES TAKE EFFECT THIS YEAR:

Early Bird Registration: \$45.00 (through April 3)

Late Registration: \$65.00 (April 4-May 5)

If you are a student or in financial need, please register and select “registration fee waived”

HOUSING

Conference rates are available at the **Silver Cloud Hotel Broadway**, directly across the street from Seattle University (<http://www.silvercloud.com/seattlebroadway/>)

Silver Cloud Hotel Broadway

1100 Broadway
Seattle, WA 98122
(206) 204-1184
(206) 324-1995 Fax

RATES

Rates are: Standard Single King – Single or Double Occupancy: \$139.00 or Standard Double Queen – Single to Double Occupancy: \$149.00. These rates are net, non-commissionable, and subject to Hotel tax, currently at 15.6%, along with the current tourism tax.

There is a \$15.00 surcharge for each adult beyond double occupancy in a room with (2) queen beds (maximum of 4).

Inclusive and complimentary in your guest room rates are the following:

- Work-Out Facility, Indoor Heated Pool & Spa
- Free Laundry Facilities
- Onsite Business Center
- High Speed Wireless Internet Access throughout the Hotel & Guest Rooms
- Free Local Phone Calls & Toll Free #'s
- Courtesy Shuttle Service to Designated Downtown Seattle Locations

PARKING

Overnight parking is only \$19.00, plus tax, per night for registered guests

RESERVATIONS PROCEDURES

Individuals will make their reservations directly with our Reservations Department by calling 206-3251400 or 1-800-590-1801. Please instruct the guests to give the name of the group (PNW AAR, SBL, ASOR or group code: PNW AAR) and ask for the group rate. This will ensure that they are charged properly and your guestroom block credited.

CUT-OFF DATE

Room reservations must be received no later than **Wednesday, April 3, 2013**. After the cut-off date, the unused portion of the guestroom block will be released for general sale and the group rate will no longer be offered. We will be pleased to reserve rooms for the later registering attendees at the best available rate at the time that they book their reservation.

FORM OF GUARANTEE

The individual guest must call in by **Wednesday, April 3, 2013** and guarantee their room with a personal credit card.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT TIMES

Please be advised that our check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and our check-out time is 12:00 p.m. If your group arrives before 3:00 p.m., the Hotel will do its best effort to accommodate them if rooms become available; otherwise, we would be happy to secure their baggage for them until rooms become available.

NON-SMOKING HOTEL

The Silver Cloud Hotel is 100% NON-SMOKING. There will be a \$250.00 (plus tax) fee added to the

final bill should guests violate this policy.

BAGGAGE HANDLING

We understand that each individual attendee will be responsible for his/her own baggage handling.

24-HOUR CANCELLATION

If a guest needs to cancel a room reservation, please do so 24 hours prior to arrival or 3:00 p.m. the day before arrival date. If a guest fails to cancel their reservation, a charge of the first night's room and tax will be imposed and charged to the credit card given when the reservations were made. These charges are non-refundable.

BILLING

All guest rooms must be held with a credit card by the individual guest, in order to guarantee the reservation. Each guest must be able to present valid photo identification and a credit card upon check-in, in order to cover room and tax, and any other charges applied to the room.

PARKING

Overnight parking is only \$19.00, plus tax, per night for registered guests. Parking passes for registered vehicles will be distributed by the front desk during check-in. The Hotel's parking garage is monitored by a third party company. Any vehicles that do not display this permit will be subject to ticketing and/or towing at the owners expense. The parking garage is open from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and will require a room key for access outside the scheduled hours.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

TRAVEL TO AND FROM SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Go to this link for directions to Seattle University: <http://www.seattleu.edu/visit/directions/>

PARKING AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Go to this link for a colorful campus map: <http://www.seattleu.edu/maps/>

Parking is regulated at all times and availability is *extremely limited* during business hours, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. from Monday through Friday. During these times guests may be required to try to find parking in surrounding neighborhoods.

Permits must be purchased at the yellow pay boxes centrally located in the 12th Avenue and E. Marion Street Parking Lot (also called the "Pigott Parking Lot") or on the ground floor of the Murphy Parking Garage.

The pay boxes accept cash, Visa, and MasterCard. Visitor parking fees start at the following rates:

0-2 hours: \$8.00
2-4 hours: \$12.00
4-6 hours: \$14.00
6-24 hours: \$18.00

TRAVEL TO AND FROM MEETING HOTEL

There are multiple options from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SeaTac) to the Silver Cloud.

CENTRAL LINK LIGHT RAIL offers all-day service from SeaTac to downtown Seattle, with trains running every 7.5, 10 or 15 minutes depending on the time of day. Located at Fourth Avenue and Pine Street, Westlake Station in downtown Seattle is within walking distance of bus lines to Seattle University.

Fares are \$2.75 one-way. For more information and rail schedules, see <http://www.soundtransit.org/Rider-Guide/Link-light-rail>

DOWNTOWN AIRPORTER BY SHUTTLE EXPRESS is an easy and affordable transportation option between SeaTac Airport and downtown Seattle. Fares begin at \$19 per person. From 4:00AM – 8:30PM, shuttles leave SeaTac Airport approximately every 30 minutes; from 8:30PM – 4:00AM, service is on-demand. To reserve a ride, go to their website (<https://www.downtownairporter.com/reservations>) or call the reservation center at 855-566-3300. Advance reservations are strongly recommended, but walk-ups are welcome during scheduled times and will be accommodated if at all possible. The Downtown Airporter check-in is located at Island 2 on the 3rd floor of the parking garage. From baggage claim, cross the skybridge to the parking garage and then go down to the 3rd floor. Follow the signs to Island 2, located near the purple elevator banks.

Taxis are readily available at SeaTac on the third floor of the parking garage, reached from baggage claim by crossing the skybridge. One-way fares are approximately \$40-\$50.

Rental Cars are available from a number of national companies with locations at the consolidated rental car facility adjacent to SeaTac Airport. To reach the rental car facility, exit the sliding glass doors near carousel #1 or #15 in the baggage claim area and walk to one of the two designated shuttle bus pick-up areas. Shuttle buses depart frequently for the rental car facility. If you are returning a vehicle, take SR518 and follow signs for the rental car facility. For more information about car rental options, click [here](#). Driving directions can be obtained from the rental car facility or the hotels.

FUTURE MEETINGS

2014: University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

2015: *possibly* Marylhurst University, Portland, OR

2016: University of Idaho, Moscow, ID

If you and your institution would be willing to host a regional meeting, please contact Ardy Bass, Executive Secretary at bassa@gonzaga.edu

SNAIL MAIL AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

The region does not keep its own list of snail mail and email addresses. We obtain them from our respective national offices. If you or someone you know is a member of AAR, SBL, and/or ASOR but do/does not receive notices by snail mail or email from the region that is because your/her/his addresses are not up-to-date in the respective national office. Please, forward this email on to them and have them contact the organization to make the appropriate corrections.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

PRESIDENTIAL PLENARY FRIDAY EVENING, 6:30 pm**

***Rob Bell, Economies of Desire,
and a Megachurch as a Site of Resistance***

James Wellman

The Megachurch for most of us is a logical extension of the marketization of religion in a culture suffused by an economy of consumer desire. As they say, "We are all capitalists now." And so, Christianity must do its best to fit into that model and mode of desire, and it does--it gives us what we need: salvation; hope; heaven; ecstasy; peak performance; a marriage market; religious entertainment, and an outlet for charity. In the midst of our culture of consumption, we consume a religion that fills the needs of our desires. And megachurches are expert at that task. However, Bell's megachurch, I will argue, reversed that trend; he built in his short tenure at Mars Hill Bible Church, an economy of desire oriented toward community, a way of descent, solidarity with the poor and independence from state loyalties. The question is how did he do it? I would argue this experiment was a kind of sociological miracle. Capitalism absorbs most critics, and in the end, it seems to have absorbed Bell as well. Or, at least, that is one of the questions for this talk.



James Wellman
University of Washington

James Wellman (Ph.D., University of Chicago Divinity School) is Professor and Chair of the Comparative Religion at the Jackson School of International Studies. He teaches in the area of American religious culture, history and politics. He has published an award-winning book, *The Gold Church and the Ghetto: Christ and Culture in Mainline Protestantism* (Illinois 1999). He has published three edited volumes, *The Power of Religious Publics: Staking Claims in American Society* (Praegers 1999); *Belief and Bloodshed: Religion and Violence Across Time and Tradition* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2007), and in 2012, *Religion and Human Security: A Global Perspective* (Oxford University Press). His book is *Evangelical vs. Liberal: The Clash of Christian Cultures in the Pacific Northwest* received Honorable Mention for the 2009 SSSR Distinguished Book Award. This book comes from research on 34 vital evangelical and liberal Protestant congregations in the Pacific Northwest; it explains the rise and vitality of churched religion in a traditionally unchurched region. His newest book, *Rob Bell and the New American Christianity* (Abingdon Press, 2012), is a cultural biography of the popular and controversial evangelical megachurch pastor, Rob Bell. In the research and writing stage is a national study of twelve national megachurches and how they now monopolize American religion, *High on God: How the Megachurch Conquered America* (Oxford University Press, 2014). This book looks at how megachurches facilitate human desire and use that power to mold and shape their congregations. He has published widely in journals, including mostly recently (with S.R. Thompson), "From the Social Gospel to Neoconservatism: Religion and U.S. Foreign Policy." *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*. <http://www.religjournal.com/>.

****NOTE: The time of the Presidential Plenary has been changed to Friday evening at 6:30 pm. Happy Hour will take place immediately before the Presidential Plenary from 5:30-6:30 pm. Please plan on joining us for Happy Hour before the Presidential Plenary.**

SATURDAY MORNING ASOR PLENARY

The Early Bronze Age in the Southern Levant: A View from Tell Halif

Joe D. Seger

Phases II and III of excavations by the Lahav Research Project at Tell Halif between 1976 and 1993 documented significant evidence of Early Bronze I (Strata XVII-XVI) and Early Bronze III (Strata XV-XII) occupation at the site. Halif is located in southern Israel at the southwestern corner of the transition between the Judean Hills, the Northern Negev desert, and the Shephelah regions along a littoral shared with Arad to the east and Tell el-Hesi to the northwest. This paper will reflect of the nature of the settlement sequence at Halif and its relationship to the occupations at Arad and Hesi, along with other third millennium B.C. sites in the southern Levant, with attention also to evidence of Egyptian Old Kingdom influences.



Joe D. Seger
ASOR Board of Trustees &
Past President of ASOR

Joe Seger's career as a field archaeologist began with participation in the Joint Expedition to Tell Balatah, biblical Shechem, in 1962. He returned for the 1964 season and became Field Director in 1969. His dissertation work at Harvard involved study of the 17th-16th century B.C., Middle Bronze II C, ceramic corpus from the site. From 1964-69 he taught at the Hartford Seminary Foundation in Connecticut. He subsequently spent five years as Director of the Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School in Jerusalem (1969-1974).

During 1974 and 1975 he taught at Hebrew Union College and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and at California State University in Fullerton. From 1976 he served as Chairman of the Humanities Program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Seger came to Mississippi State University in 1982 and in 1988 was made Full Professor of Religion in the Department of Philosophy and Religion and was appointed Director of the Cobb Institute. He continues to serve in these posts.

Dr. Seger's research interests include Near Eastern archaeology and field methods, Old Testament history and literature, ancient Semitic languages, and ancient Near Eastern religions and cultures. He is an expert in ceramic analysis and excavation techniques. He served as a member of the Core Field Staff of Phase I Hebrew Union College excavations at Tell Gezer (1966-71) and was Director of Phase II work (1971-74). Since 1975 he has been the Project Director of the Lahav Research Project excavations at Tell Halif in Israel. He is currently engaged in work on final publications for these projects.

Seger has also been director or consultant for twelve major exhibits and public programs on Middle Eastern archaeology under grants by NEH and state based Arts and Humanities organizations. From 1988-94 he served as President of the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. Since 1986 he has been member of the Board of Trustees of the American Schools of Oriental Research which he served as President from 1996-2002.

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET SPEAKER

Judith Valente



Judith Valente is an awarding-winning print and broadcast journalist, poet and essayist (www.judithvalente.com).

She began her work in journalism as a staff reporter for The Washington Post. She later joined the staff of The Wall Street Journal, reporting from that paper's Chicago and London bureaus. She was twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

For the past eight years, Ms. Valente has been a regular contributor to the national PBS-TV news program "Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly." Her work has also appeared on PBS-TV's "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer." She is also a commentator for National Public Radio and Chicago Public Radio where she covers religion, interviews poets and authors, and is a guest essayist.

Ms. Valente has a new full length book of poems just out entitled "Discovering Moons." Ms. Valente is also co-editor with Charles Reynard of "Twenty Poems to Nourish Your Soul" (Loyola Press, 2005), an anthology of poems and essays on finding the sacred in the everyday, which won a 2008 Eric Hoffer Book Award as First Runner-Up in the Poetry category.

MEET OUR NEW AAR

REGIONAL STUDENT DIRECTOR (RSD)

Raj Balkaran



Raj Balkaran
University of Calgary

Beginning 2012, one graduate student in each region was elected to serve as Regional Student Director (RSD). Please join me in welcoming Raj Balkaran as the inaugural RSD for the Pacific Northwest Region! RSDs are voting members of their regional Board of Directors. They are responsible for representing the student members of their respective region, and facilitating student interface with the AAR. RSD's dually serve as members of the AAR Graduate Student Committee (GSC; see http://www.aarweb.org/About_AAR/Committees/Graduate_Student/default.asp).

As a member of the GSC, the RSD liaises with fellow RSDs from other regions to devise and implement student-oriented events for the AAR Annual Meeting, and to aid in the development of AAR student resources. The GSC meets bimonthly to address the needs and concerns of graduate students and to promote their professional development and participation in the AAR and in the academy as a whole. Raj additionally serves on the "Student Roundtables" subcommittee of the GSC, which was assembled to organize one-hour roundtable discussions on topics of interest to graduate students, such as teaching, dissertation writing, funding, publishing, and other aspects of professional development and graduate life.

If you have any suggestions for specific roundtable discussions, or any general inquiries/comments, do not hesitate to contact Raj directly at rbalkara@ucalgary.ca.

You may also visit our new Facebook page: "Student Members of the AAR Pacific Northwest Region". Raj is a Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate and a doctoral student in the Dept of Religious Studies at the University of Calgary. For further information about him and his work, see <http://rels.ucalgary.ca/profiles/raj-balkaran>.

EXHIBITION BRINGS ART OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



Head of Gudea, Iraq, possibly from Telloh, Second Dynasty of Lagash, reign of Gudea, ca. 2144-2124 BCE, diorite, 3 ¾ x 3 ½ x 3 ½" (9.5 x 9 x 9 cm).
University of Pennsylvania Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology, B16664
[photo courtesy of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology]

From Aug. 31 to Dec. 22, 2013, the Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, is pleased to present "Breath of Heaven, Breath of Earth: Ancient Near Eastern Art from American Collections." This major exhibition will feature 64 ancient artworks that date from approximately 6000 BCE to 500 BCE and encompass the geographic regions of Mesopotamia, Syria and the Levant, Anatolia and Iran.

The exhibition will explore several broad themes found in the art of the ancient Near East: gods and goddesses, men and women, and animals, both real and supernatural. These objects reveal a wealth of information about the people and cultures that produced them: their mythology, religious beliefs, concept of kingship, social structure and daily life.

A number of well-known textbook objects will be on display in the exhibition, including the head of Gudea (one of the earliest examples of royal portraiture) and a male figure from Khafaje (an iconic representation of a Sumerian priest/worshiper figure) from the University of Pennsylvania. The exhibition will also feature a number of other remarkable objects that are not well known and draws from some of the most distinguished collections in the United States. This exhibition has been co-organized by ancient Near Eastern art expert Trudy Kawami, Director of Research at the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation, and John Olbrantz, The Maribeth Collins Director of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art.

For more information visit: <http://goo.gl/m3wLx>

**2013 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION
THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
AAR/SBL AND ASOR**

Awards for Outstanding Student Papers in the Fields of Biblical Studies and Religious Studies:

- (2) \$100 awards for winning graduate papers
- (2) \$100 awards (1st Place) and (2) \$50 awards (2nd place) for winning undergraduate papers

Submissions must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- no more than 5,000 words (including footnotes) for undergraduate papers
- no more than 7,000 words (including footnotes) for graduate papers
- in 12-point font and double-spaced
- formatted according to either JAAR or JBL guidelines
- free of clerical or grammatical errors

Submissions should include:

- one paper copy
- one electronic version in standard word processing format, without author information. Submit author information in a separate file
- a brief letter of support from a Pacific Northwest Region AAR, SBL, or ASOR faculty member
- name, home mailing address, social security number/social insurance number, educational institution, graduate or undergraduate status

Submit by March 30, 2013 to:

Dr. Robert Hauck
Religious Studies Department, AD 57
Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA 99258-0057
E-mail: hauck@gonzaga.edu

Awards will be announced at the Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL and ASOR Regional Meeting, Seattle University, May 3-5, 2013. Students need not be present to win.

SBL REGIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

SBL members presenting a paper at the meeting may wish to be considered for the Regional Scholars Program.

To qualify as a candidate for this award, the applicant must be either ABD or no more than 4 years past receipt of the Ph.D.

Applicants should inform Ardy Bass, SBL Regional Coordinator, **at least two weeks** prior to the meeting that he or she intends to apply for the award.

The applicant must present a paper at the SBL regional meeting, and then submit the paper and a complete CV (both in electronic and hard copy) to the Regional Coordinator after the meeting.

If selected as a winner by the National Society's Regional Scholar Award Selection Committee, the winner receives \$1,000 in support of attendance at the Annual SBL Meeting, and will be honored at the Regional Scholars Dinner at the Annual Meeting. The winner is also strongly encouraged to submit a proposal to the Annual Meeting in the year following his or her selection.

For more information, contact Ardy Bass (bassa@gonzaga.edu).

Officers and Committees 2012-2013

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Jim Wellman, University of Washington (jwellman@u.washington.edu) (AAR)

Vice-President: Jack Levison, Seattle Pacific University (jlevison@spu.edu) (SBL)

Past President: Heidi Szpek (Central Washington University; szpekh@cwu.edu) (SBL) – 1-year term; serves on Nominating Committee

Executive Secretary/Regionally Elected Director: Ardy Bass (Gonzaga University; bassa@gonzaga.edu) (SBL) - 3-year term; one term renewal (first term)

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dennis W. Jowers (Faith Evangelical Seminary; djowers@faithseminary.edu) (Chair 2010–2013) – second term

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STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Robert Hauck (Gonzaga University; hauck@gonzaga.edu), Coordinator (2003-2006); (2006-2009); (2010-2013)

REGIONAL SCHOLARS COMMITTEE (SBL)

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CHANGE!**

If you are a presenter and you have questions,
please contact the appropriate Program Unit Chair(s).

**PROGRAM
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**Seattle University
Seattle, Washington**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, May 3

**12:00-2:00 p.m. Registration – Lobby of the Student Center
12:00-5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit – Student Center, Room 130**

First Session (2:00-5:30 p.m.)

Arts and Religion

**Presider: Louise M. Pare, Center for Women in the Global Community
(mpare849@aol.com)**

2:00-2:45 Susan G. Carter, Marylhurst University and California Institute of Integral
Studies (CIIS) (susangailcarter@yahoo.com)
"The Mirror: Spiritual Symbol and Icon in Literature and Art throughout the
Ages"

2:45-3:30 Lyn Bair, University of Colorado, Denver (cuarthistory@gmail.com) and
Shelby Williams, Bridges High School
"Adam or Noah: Will the Real Officiator Raise his Hand?"

3:30-4:00 BREAK

4:00-4:45 Theresa Henson, Seattle University, and Spirituality and the Arts Team,
Monastery of St. Gertrude (theresa.henson@gmail.com) and Mary Schmidt,
Spirituality and the Arts, Monastery of St. Gertrude
(marykriesschmidt@gmail.com)
"The Arts and Monastic Culture"

4:45-5:30 Bobbi Dykema, Seattle University (dykemar@seattleu.edu)
"Afflict the Comfortable? Art as Transgressive Theology and Transformative
Pedagogy"

Asian and Comparative Studies

Teaching Asian Religions and Philipino Islam

Presider: Nick Gier, University of Idaho (ngier@uidaho.edu)

- 2:00-2:45 Aimee Hamilton, Pacific Lutheran University
(hamilton.aimee@gmail.com)
“The Body in Indian Religions: Formulating Pedagogy in Bodily Representation”
- 2:45-3:30 Erik Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University (hammerej@plu.edu)
“Notes on an Undergraduate Course: The Myth of the Spiritual East”
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:45 Jonathan Stockton, University of Puget Sound (jstockdale@pugetsound.edu)
“It's all Good: Teaching Asian Religions in an Age of Moral Relativism”
- 4:45-5:30 Mark Williams, Trinity Lutheran College (mark.williams@tlc.edu)
“Your Brother is a Crocodile: Anthropomorphic Spirit-Beings in Filipino Islam”

Hebrew Scriptures

Presider: Antonios Finitsis, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma
(finitsak@plu.edu)

- 2:00-2:45 Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB (ehudbenzvi@ualberta.ca)
"Israelitization of the Other, Otherization of Judah/Israel and Matters of Social Memory"
- 2:45-3:30 Andrea Bailer, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB (bailer@ualberta.ca) “Social Memory and Social Stereotypes: Observations of Women as Evoked in the Yehudite Community of the late-Persian Period”
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:45 Arthur George, Independent Scholar, Chicago, IL
(artlgeorge@gmail.com)
“Yahweh's Divorce: The Hidden Goddess in the Garden of Eden”
- 4:45-5:30 Beth Elness-Hanson, Trinity Lutheran College, Everett, WA
(beth.elnesshanson@tlc.edu)
“A *Safari* (Journey) Toward a Fusion of Horizons: The Generational Curse of the Decalogue through a Maasai Conceptual Paradigm Lens”

History of Christianity and North American Religions

Session 1: Global Christian Theology in the Twentieth Century

Presider: Andrew Finstuen, Boise State University (andrewfinstuen@boisestate.edu)

Presenters: Lisa Woicik, Fuller Theological Seminary (lisa@woicik.com)
“Unwarranted Optimism for Christianity and Communism in 1949 China: A Historical Evaluation of Zhao Zichen's (T.C. Chao's) Ecclesiological Vision”

Amy Chilton Thompson, Fuller Theological Seminary
(chiltonthompson@hotmail.com)
“Cross-Contextuality: Praxis and Poverty in Jürgen Moltmann's and Jon Sobrino's Christologies”

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions

- Presider:** Philip Tite, University of Washington (philip.tite@mail.mcgill.ca)
- 2:00-2:45 Peter Rodgers, Fuller Theological Seminary (peterrodg@gmail.com)
“The Outer Margin of Nestle/Aland 28”
- 2:45-3:30 Peter Lorenz, Fuller Theological Seminary Northwest (petelorenz@gmail.com)
“Marcionite Dualism and the Names of Jesus in the Lukan Text of Codex Bezae”
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:45 Danielle Baillargeon, University of Calgary (dbaillar@ucalgary.ca)
“The *Dextrarum Iunctio* Motif on Early Christian Sarcophagi”
- 4:45-5:30 Andrew R. Davis, Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry
(davisan@seattleu.edu)
“Jewish Parallels for the Finding in the Temple (Luke 2:41–52)”

Religion & Society: Joint Section with Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Religion, Theology & Neuroscience

- Presider:** Mari Kim, Pacific Lutheran University (kimma@plu.edu)
- 2:00-2:30 Russell Pierson, Lane Community College (russpierson@gmail.com) “Cultural Cognition, Neuroscience, Evangelicals A and The Environment”
- 2:30-3:00 Jane Compson, University of Washington at Tacoma (jcompson@uw.edu)
“A Little Neuro-Education Goes A Long Way: the Trauma Resiliency Model (TRM) as a guide to avoiding meditation-induced trauma”
- 3:00-3:30 Bruce Hiebert, University Canada West (bruce.hiebert@ucanwest.ca)
“Followers & Religious Leadership: Some Implications of Neuropsychology”
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30 Ana De Freitas, Bethel Seminary (anaklelia@gmail.com)
“Neuroethics, Spinoza and Levinas”
- 4:30-5:00 Joshua Kulmac-Butler, Loyola Marymount University (jabutler07@gmail.com)
“Can Science Disprove Christianity: Self-Contained Theories and Metaphysical Explanations”
- 5:00-5:30 Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk, University of Washington (kjmeyerdirk@gmail.com)
“Neurons and the *numinous*: What is at stake in a neuroscientific examination of human religiosity?”

Special Topics: Mormon Studies

Mormonism in Conversation with Others

- Presider:** Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College (smorrill@lclark.edu)
- 2:00-2:30 Alexandria Griffin, Claremont Graduate University (alexandria.griffin@cgu.edu)
“The Son of Man Cometh Not in the Form of a Woman”: Ann Lee and Joseph Smith in Comparison”
- 2:30-3:00 Hakan Olgun, Istanbul University (holgun@istanbul.edu.tr)
“The Mormons in the Ottoman Archival Documents”

3:00-3:30 Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Luther College
(franzvolker.greifenhagen@uregina.ca)
“Mormons and the Qur'an: The Making of Some Theological, Literary and Historical Connections”

3:30-4:00 BREAK

Mormonism in Turmoil

Presider: Kirk Caudle, Independent Scholar (mixlom@msn.com)

4:00-4:30 Lincoln Hale, Claremont Graduate University (lincoln.hale@cgu.edu) “Omission of the Lectures on Faith: Mormonism’s Response to Political Turmoil in the Early Twentieth Century”

4:30-5:00 Tyler Bieker, Pacific Lutheran University (biekerta@plu.edu)
“Zion's Camp: The Political and Religious outcomes of Smith's March to Missouri”

5:00-5:30 Karen Turcotte, Central Washington University (turcottk@cwu.edu) “Mormon Menace: America's Relationship with the Latter Day Saints”

FRIDAY EVENING

5:30-6:30 Happy Hour Reception prior to Presidential Address

6:30-7:30 Presidential Address

SATURDAY MORNING

7:00-8:00 Program Unit Chairs and Region Executive Committee Breakfast Meeting –
Please, plan to attend!!

Second Session (8:30-10:30 am)

Arts and Religion

**Presiders: Susan G. Carter, Marylhurst University and The California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) (susangailcarter@yahoo.com);
Louise M. Pare, Center for Women in the Global Community
(Impare849@aol.com)**

8:30-9:10 Brad Embrey, Northwest University (brad.embry@northwestu.edu)
"Iconoclasts or Sages?: Black Sabbath and the Apocalyptic Voice"

9:10-9:50 Craig Ginn, Mount Royal University and University of Calgary
(cginn@mtroyal.ca)

"Competing Canons: Hymnal and Bible in American Protestantism"

9:50-10:30 Molly Robinson Kelly, Lewis and Clark College (mcrkelly@lclark.edu)
"The Role of Writing in Medieval Spiritual Practice"

10:30-11:00 BREAK

Asian and Comparative Studies

Compassionate” Violence, Buddhism, and Scientology

Presider: Vena Howard, University of Oregon (veenahoward@msn.com)

9:00-9:45 Nick Gier, University of Idaho (ngier@uidaho.edu)
“Tibetan Buddhism and ‘Compassionate’ Violence”

9:45-10:30 Donald Westbrook, Claremont Graduate University
(donaldwestbrook@gmail.com)
“Bridging East and West: Scientology, Buddhism, and the ‘Bridge to Total Freedom’”

10:30-11:00 BREAK

Hebrew Scriptures

Presider: Elizabeth R. Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary (erussell.hayes@gmail.com)

8:30-9:10 Timothy Hyun, Faith Evangelical College & Seminary, Tacoma, WA
(thyun@faithseminary.edu)
“*Look Who’s Talking?: hassatan’s* voice in Eliphaz’ nocturnal vision (*Job* 4:12-21)”

9:10-9:50 Scott Starbuck, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA (starbuck@gonzaga.edu)
“Scribed Virtual Reality: Cultic Hypostasis and Double Entendre in *Isaiah* 30:27-33”

9:50-10:30 Tyson Briggs, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA (tybriggs63@hotmail.com)
“Viewing the Garments of *Genesis* 3.21 as Proto-Priestly Clothing”

10:30-11:00 BREAK

History of Christianity and North American Religions

Session 2: Anglo-American Christianity

Co-Presiders: Charles J. Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary (cscalise@fuller.edu);
Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University
(ihssenbl@plu.edu)

8:30-9:05 Alexander Grudem, Regent College, Canada (aagrudem@gmail.com) “The Marriage of Jonathan and Sarah Edwards: Beauty, Sweetness, and Excellence”

9:05-9:40 Jon Kershner, University of Birmingham, UK (jon.kershner@gmail.com)
“Quaker Antislavery: The Philosophical and Theological Differences of John Woolman (1720-1772) and Anthony Benezet (1713-1784)”

9:40-9:50 A brief 10-minute break

9:50-10:25 Haein Park, Biola University, Canada (haein.park@biola.edu)
“The Apocalypse of Pain: Suffering”: Theodicy and Religious Identity in Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *The Minister’s Wooing* (1859) and Herman Melville’s *Moby Dick* (1851)”

10:25-11:00. Donald Westbrook, Claremont Graduate University
(donaldwestbrook@gmail.com)
“A New Entry Point Into American Religious History: Invitation to Future
Historical Research on Scientology”

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions

Book Review Panel: Gary Yamasaki,
Perspective Criticism: Point of View and Evaluative Guidance in Biblical Narrative
(Cascade Books, 2012)

Presider: Amy M. Donaldson, Independent Scholar (amy.m.donaldson@gmail.com)

8:30-8:40 Introduction
8:40-9:00 **Panelist: TBA**
9:00-9:20 Francis Landy, University of Alberta (flandy@ualberta.ca)
9:20-9:40 Matthew Whitlock, Seattle University (whitlocm@seattleu.edu)
9:40-10:30 Discussion
10:30-11:00 BREAK

Religion & Society

Inclusion & Exclusion in Religion & Ethics

Presider: Kevin J. O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University (obrien@plu.edu)

8:30-9:00 James McCarty III, Emory University (jwmccar@emory.edu)
“*Perichoresis, Ubuntu, and Imago Dei: A Relational Ground for Political, Economic, and Social Human Rights*”
9:00-9:30 Warren Harasz, Graduate Theological Union (wharasz@ses.gtu.edu)
“Secular Context and Sacred Space: A Call for Post-Modernism in the Museum Presentation of Religion”
9:30-10:00 Robert Bolger, Northshore School District, Bothell (bolgerr@spu.edu)
“Loving One Another: The Ethics of Care and the Theology of Disability”
10:00-10:30 Margaret Young, Darius Gray, Brigham Young University
(margaret_young@byu.edu)
“‘We Condemn Racism.’ Meaning WHAT?”
10:30-11:00 BREAK

Special Topics: Mormon Studies

Investigations into Mormon Theology

Presider: Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College (smorrill@lclark.edu)

8:30-9:00 Kirk Caudle, Independent Scholar (mixlom@msn.com)
“Salvation is Now: Joseph Smith and Salvation through the Recollection of Pre-existent Knowledge”
9:00-9:30 Kimberly Berkey, Independent Scholar (kimmatheson@gmail.com)

- 9:30-10:00 “The Earth is Yours’: Sabbath and Biblical Covenant Theology in D&C 59”
David Smith, Central Washington University (davidsmith@cwu.edu)
“The Nature and Legitimacy of Mormon Hermeneutics”
- 10:00-10:30 Blair Hodges, Georgetown University (blairhodges@gmail.com)
“An Overview of Intellectual Disabilities in Mormon Thought and History”
- 10:30-11:00 BREAK**

Study of Islam

Muslim Minorities: Orthodoxy, Heterodoxy, and Dissent

- Presider: Josie Hendrickson, University of Alberta (jnhendri@ualberta.ca)**
- 8:30-8:50 Youssef Chouhoud, University of Southern California (chouhoud@usc.edu)
“To Hell with Islamophobia: Framing Soteriological Discourse in Muslim-Minority Contexts”
- 8:50-9:10 Summer Satushek, University of Washington (summer.satushek@gmail.com)
“Crossing/Reinforcing Borders of Religion and Culture in (U.S.)America”
- 9:10-9:30 M. Amine Tais, Georgetown University (aminetais@gmail.com)
“Hayratu Muslima: A Muslim Feminist’s Voice in Post-Revolution Tunisia”
- 9:30-9:50 David Hollenberg, University of Oregon (dbh@uoregon.edu)
“Scholars Under Siege: Zaydi Scholasticism in Modern Yemen”
- 9:50-10:30 Discussion
- 10:30-11:00 BREAK**

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

- Presider: Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University (zbarasgm@plu.edu)**
- 9:00-9:30 Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
(waschartz@hotmail.com)
“Non-dualism & Religious Pluralism: Truth and Difference in Sankara’s Advaita Vendanta”
- 9:30-10:00 Jonathan Napier, University of Calgary, AB (janapier@ucalgary.ca)
“Multiculturalism, Metaphors, and Mosaics”
- 10:00-10:30 Beatrice Lawrence, Seattle University (lawrencb@seattleu.edu)
“Can Jews and Christians Talk? Hermeneutics and Engagement”
- 10:30-11:00 BREAK**

ASOR PLENARY SESSION

11:00-12:00 p.m.

Joe D. Seger, Director,
Cobb Institute of Archaeology,
Mississippi State University (jds1@ra.msstate.edu)

The Early Bronze Age in the Southern Levant: A View from Tell Halif

SATURDAY NOON
(Lunch and Region Business Meeting)

12:00 Boxed Lunch
12:30-1:45 Pacific Northwest AAR, SBL and ASOR Business Meeting

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
Third Session (2:00-5:30 pm)

ASOR

President: **Roger W. Anderson, Independent Scholar (rwander48@comcast.net)**

2:00-2:45 Thomas Schneider, Professor of Egyptology University of British Columbia
(thschnei@mail.ubc.ca)
"Egypt's Relations with the Levant in the Early Bronze Age (Archaic Period to Old Kingdom)"

2:45-3:10 Gloria London, Independent Scholar (glondon@earthlink.net)
Response to Seger and Schneider

3:10-3:30 Roger W. Anderson, Independent Scholar (rwander48@comcast.net)
Response to Seger and Schneider

3:30-4:00 BREAK

4:00-5:30 Discussion among presenters, respondents and audience

Arts and Religion

President: **Susan G. Carter, Marylhurst University and The California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) (susangailcarter@yahoo.com)**

2:00-2:45 Viviane Dzyak, The California Institute of Integral Studies
(vdzyak@hotmail.com)
"The Tree of Life in the Hand of the Goddess: Exploring the Art and Religion of the Nomadic Pazyryk Culture of the Eurasian Steppe"

2:45-3:30 Louise Pare, Center for Women in the Global Community
(Impare849@aol.com)
"Embroidered Memory: Ritual Cloths, Goddesses and Global Women's Spirituality"

3:30-4:00 BREAK

4:00-4:40 Mary Beth Moser, The California Institute of Integral Studies
(mbmoser@comcast.net)

"The Healer, the Sybil and the Wife of the Devil: Magic and Spirituality in the Italian Alps"

4:40-5:20 Elisabeth Sikie, The California Institute of Integral Studies (esikie@esikie.com)
"Reclaiming an Indigenous European Consciousness of Deep Relation: Neolithic Art as Spiritual Tools of Entrainment"

5:20-5:30 Discussion of future directions

Asian and Comparative Studies

Religious Dialogue, Sikhism, Hegel, Śaivism, and the Mandate of Heaven

Presider: Nick Gier, University of Idaho (ngier@uidaho.edu)

2:00-2:40 Veena Howard, University of Oregon (veenahoward@msn.com)
“A Quest for Answers in Dara's Questions: Exploring the Hermeneutic of Dialogue and the "Hindu Other”

2:40-3:25 Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University (mhawley@mtroyal.ca)
“Navigating Heteronormativity: The Case of the KY/3HO Community in Calgary”

3:25-3:30: BREAK

3:30-4:10 J. M. Fritzman, Sarah Ann Lowenstein, Meredith Margaret Nelson, Lewis & Clark College (fritzman@lclark.edu)
“Kaśmir to Prussia, Round Trip: A Comparison of Monistic Śaivism and Hegel”

4:10-4:50 Carol Ferris, Marylhurst University (rficf@easystreet.net)
“Ritual Divination and the Mandate of Heaven in Early Dynastic China”

4:50-5:30 Raj Balkaran, University of Calgary (raj.balkaran@gmail.com)
“Power, Periphery and the Greatness of The Goddess: Moving from Sacred to Secular in the *Devī Māhātmya*”

Hebrew Scriptures

Presider: Sara Koenig, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA (skoenig@spu.edu)

2:00-2:45 Brad Embry, Northwest University, Kirkland, WA (brad.embry@northwest.edu)
"Explaining Israel" in Hosea 2, 4 and 6: A Prophetic Interpretation of the Joshua Story”

2:45-3:30 Elizabeth R. Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary, WA
(erussell.hayes@gmail.com)
“Where in the (Text)-world is Sisera's Mother?: A Cognitive Stylistics Analysis of Judges 5:24-30”

3:30-4:00 BREAK

4:45-5:30 Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions

History of Christianity and North American Religions

Session 3: Ancient and Medieval Christianity

**Co-Presiders: Charles J. Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary (cscalise@fuller.edu);
Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University (ihssenbl@plu.edu)**

2:00-2:35 Robert Hauck, Gonzaga University (hauck@gonzaga.edu)
“Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit of God”: Ephesians 4:30 and Second-Century Christian Views of the Passions”

2:35-3:10 Matt Recla, Independent Scholar (matthewjrecla@gmail.com)
“Cyprian and the Confessors: Negotiating the Power of Death”

3:10-3:20 BREAK

3:20-3:55 Luke Arnold, George Fox University (arnoldlk@yahoo.com)

- “By Word or By Sword’: The Roots, Distinctives, and Implications of Lactantius' Changing Perspective on War and Violence”
 3:55-4:30 Tara Gale University of Alberta, Canada (taralgca@yahoo.com)
 “How to Rewrite an Angelic biography for Possible Political Gain in Anglo-Norman England.”
 4:30-5:00 Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions

- Presider:** **Kent Yinger, George Fox Evangelical Seminary (kyinger@georgefox.edu)**
- 2:00-2:40 Philip Tite, University of Washington (philip.tite@mail.mcgill.ca)
 “Body Parts Abound! The Soteriological Significance of Adam’s Traveling Head in the Coptic *Encomium of John the Baptist*”
 2:40-3:20 Ron Clark, George Fox Evangelical Seminary (rclark@agapecoc.com)
 “Touched by a Sinner: Was the Woman in Luke 7 a Prostitute or Just Friendly?”
3:20-3:50 BREAK
 3:50-5:10 Leon Seaman, Independent Scholar (leon.a.seaman@gmail.com)
 “A Hard Act to Follow! A Performance and Discussion of Mark’s Vision of God’s Rule ‘On the Way’ (Mark 7:1–10:52)”
 5:10-5:30 Business meeting and/or discussion of future directions

Religion & Society

South Asian Muslim Politics in Practice

- Presider:** **Bruce Hiebert, University Canada West (bruce.hiebert@ucanwest.ca)**
- 2:00-2:30 Mohammad Bilal Nasir, University of Washington (mnasir89@uw.edu)
 “The Dawn of Imran Khan: The Electoral Failure of Islamism and a Post-Islamist Turn in Contemporary Pakistan”
 2:30-3:00 Laura Randall, University of Washington (mnasir89@uw.edu)
 “Jama’at-i Islami Women: Finding Empowerment through Islamist Identity”
 3:00-3:30 Kathryn Zsykowski, University of Washington (mnasir89@uw.edu)
 “Uplifting India: Muslim social, educational, and activist rhetoric in 2012”
3:30-4:00 BREAK

Religion and Society in Contexts

- Presider:** **Kevin J. O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University (obrien@plu.edu)**
- 4:00-4:30 Sarah Whyllly, Florida State University (sef04g@my.fsu.edu)
 “Intellectual Atheism in the Modern Japanese Context”
 4:30-5:00 Rachel Morgain, Australian National University (rachel.morgain@anu.edu.au)
 “Living Water: Christian theologies and ethnic tensions in Fiji”
 5:00-5:30 Emily Stratton, University of Kansas (e238s940@ku.edu)
 “Covenant Prosperity Made Real: African Pentecostalism, Consumerism, and Emerging Cityscapes”

5:30-5:45 Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions

Special Topics: Mormon Studies

Women's Agency and Experience in Mormonism

Presider: Kirk Caudle, Independent Scholar (mixlom@msn.com)

2:00-2:30 Stuart Parker, Simon Fraser University (stuart@subversive.org)
"Nephite Turtle-People and Handsome Lake the Mormon Prophet: The Latter-day Saint Aboriginal Neo-Traditionalism of Princess Little Pigeon"

2:30-3:00 Laura Rutter Strickling, University of Maryland Baltimore County
(lastr1@umbc.edu)

3:00-3:30 "See How Many People I Done Raised?" African American Women of Inner City Baltimore Talk on Mothers and Mothering, and their conversion to the Latter-day Saint Faith"

3:00-3:30 Ka Ki Kwok, The University of Hong Kong (gracekwokhk@gmail.com)
"Mormon Women's Identity: The Experiences of Hong Kong Chinese Mormon Women"

3:30-4:00 BREAK

Feminist Theology in Mormonism

Presider: Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College (smorrill@lclark.edu)

4:00-4:30 Rachel Hunt Steenblik, Claremont Graduate University (Rachel.hunt@cgu.edu)
"On the Philosophy of Hospitality and Sister Missionaries"

4:30-5:00 Kufre Ekpenyong, Brigham Young University (kekpenyong@gmail.com) "Hard is the Good': Mormon Pedagogy and the Gym Cultures of Feminist Education"

5:00-5:30 Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions

Study of Islam

Film Screening: *Taqwacores: The Birth of Punk Islam*

Presider: Matthew Ingalls, University of Puget Sound (mingalls@pugetsound.edu)

2:00-3:30 Film Screening: *Taqwacore: The Birth of Punk Islam* (2010, 80 mins) directed by Omar Majeed

3:30-4:00 BREAK

Annual Pedagogy Roundtable: Teaching Islam through Film

4:00-5:30 Roundtable Comments and Discussion
Participants: Rick Colby, University of Oregon (rscolby@uoregon.edu)
F. Volker Greifenhagen, Luther College, University of Regina
(Franzvolker.Freifenhagen@uregina.ca)
Josie Hendrickson, University of Alberta (jnhendri@ualberta.ca)
Matthew Ingalls, University of Puget Sound (mingalls@pugetsound.edu)

M. Amine Tais, Georgetown University (aminetais@gmail.com)
Michael Vicente Perez, University of Washington (mvperez@uw.edu)

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Presider: Mari Kim, Pacific Lutheran University (kimma@plu.edu)

- 2:00-2:30 “God is Love” in Plato’s *Symposium*, Carl Levenson, Idaho State University (levicarl@isu.edu) Pocatello, ID
- 2:30-3:00 “In Your Light We See Light”: Gregory Palamas and the Light of Transfiguration”, Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College, (ianacurran@gmail.com) Atlanta, GA
- 3:00-3:30 “The Ecstasy of Contemplation: Richard of St. Victor on the Special Knowledge of Love” Eva Braunstein (evapbraunstein@gmail.com) Regent College, Vancouver, BC
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30 “What Is Spirituality? A Comparative Overview of Basic Concepts” Richard Curtis (richardcurtis42@msn.com) Seattle Central Community College, Seattle
- 4:30-5:00 “The Argument Against Conceptual Analysis as Idolatry”, Amy Vivano (rrolande500@yahoo.com) Trinity Western University, Vancouver, BC
- 5:00-5:30 “The Quest for the Virtual Jesus”, Matthew Whitlock (whitlocm@seattleu.edu) Seattle University, Seattle, WA
- 5:30-5:45 Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions

Women and Religion

Presider: Ardy Bass, Gonzaga University (bassa@gonzaga.edu)

- 2:00-2:30 Sharon Murphy Mogen, University of Calgary (spmogen@shaw.ca)
“Cultural Memory and Women’s Performativity of Lament in Late Antiquity”
- 2:30-3:00 Erica Martin, Seattle University (martine@seattleu.edu)
“A River Runs Through Her: The Samaritan Woman among Israelite and Ancient Near Eastern Fertility Images”
- 3:00-3:30 Lisa Christie, California Institute of Integral Studies (lisamchristie@yahoo.com)
“Towards a Feminist Process Philosophy of Religion Inclusive of Women’s Exceptional Spiritual (Psychic) Experiences”
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30 Linda Ceriello, Rice University (lcc2@rice.edu)
“Her Encoded Ambiguity: Symbolic Multivalence of the Transgressive Female Figure in Gnosticism and Tantra”
- 4:30-5:00 Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions

SATURDAY EVENING

- 6:30-8:00 Banquet
8:00-9:00 Plenary Address
9:00-10:00 Reception

SUNDAY MORNING

Fourth Session (8:30 a.m.-12:00 pm)

7:00-8:00 Breakfast with the Region's Authors

Asian and Comparative Studies

Nishitani, Nishida, and Tanabe: Land Ethics, Shinran, History, and Nietzsche

President: Nick Gier, University of Idaho (ngier@uidaho.edu)

- 8:30-9:15 Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University (dippmanj@cwu.edu)
"Nishitani's 'Land' Ethic: A Vehicle for Environmentalism?"
- 9:15-10:00 Elizabeth Grosz, University of Oregon (egrosz@uoregon.edu)
"Reading Nishida through Shinran: Absolute Nothingness, Other Power, and Religious Consciousness"
- 10:00-10:30 BREAK**
- 10:30-11:15: Eric Cunningham, Gonzaga University (cunningham@gonzaga.edu)
"The Redemption of Historical Process: Nishida, Dialectics, and Absolute Nothingness"
- 11:15-12:00 Lucy Schultz, University of Oregon (lucyschutz@gmail.com)
"Nishida on the Expressivity of Historical Nature"
- 12:00-12:45 Jason Wirth, Seattle University (wirthj@seattleu.edu)
"Tanabe and Nietzsche: An Unexpected Meeting"

Hebrew Scriptures

Hebrew 'Story Time' Workshop

President: Scott Starbuck, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA
(starbuck@gonzaga.edu)

- 9:00-10:00 Rahel Halabe, UBC Dept. of Classical, Near Eastern & Religious Studies, BC
(rahelhalabe@gmail.com)
"Itamar Walks on Walls: Activating Scholarly Competence in Biblical Hebrew"
- 10:00-10:30 BREAK**

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions

President: Ron Clark, George Fox Evangelical Seminary (rclark@agapecoc.com)

- 8:30-9:15 Amy Viviano, Trinity Western University (rrolande500@yahoo.com)
"Jesus as the *Logos* in John's Gospel: An Investigation into the Background of John's *Logos* Concept"
- 9:15-10:00 Robert Vanhoff, Torah Resource Institute (robvanhoff@gmail.com)
"*Halakah* in Galatians 5:3? How Lessons from Comparative Religion Undermine a Common Scholarly Assumption about Paul's Testimony"
- 10:00-10:30 BREAK**
- 10:30-11:15 Agnes Choi, Pacific Lutheran University (choiaa@plu.edu)
"Who's Your Daddy? Paul, James, and Patronage"

11:15–12:00 Jon Bentall, Fuller Theological Seminary Northwest (jonbentall@hotmail.com)
“The New Exodus and the Conquering Lamb: An Exegetical and Theological Study of Revelation 5:9–10”

Religion & Society

Religion and Society In Contexts: Canada

Presider: Bruce Hiebert, University Canada West (bruce.hiebert@ucanwest.ca)

Panel Abstract:

The role of religion in secular society is in constant flux and incongruity. How does religion negotiate the secular strata in a society that presents as accommodating but which inevitably resists particular demands? This panel will examine the Canadian territory of multi-culturalism and religious accommodation within secular systems.

10:30-11:00 Jon Napier, University of Calgary (janapier@ucalgary.ca)
“Multiculturalism, Metaphors, and Mosaics”

11:00-11:30 Jenna Ferry, University of Calgary (jennaferrey@hotmail.com)
“Religious Realities in Multicultural Canada: Exploring the Notion of Cultural Religious Hegemony”

11:30-12:00 Christie Mellan, University of Calgary (cjmellan@hotmail.com)
“Religious Accommodation in the Alberta Health Care System: The Interconnection between Hospitals and Spiritual Care Providers”

Special Topics: Mormon Studies

Masonry and Mormonism: Ritual and Mystical Elements

Presider: Kirk Caudle, Independent Scholar (mixlom@msn.com)

8:30-9:00 Joe Swick, Independent Researcher (heredom@earthlink.net)
“Celestial Ascent in Mormonism and Freemasonry: A Reconsideration”

9:00-9:30 Cheryl Bruno, Independent Researcher (clbruno@gmail.com)
“Enoch Traditions in Jewish Mysticism, Freemasonry, and Mormonism”

10:00-10:30 BREAK

Mormons and Music in the Nineteenth Century

Presider: Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College (smorrill@lclark.edu)

10:30-11:00 Bryant Smith, Independent Scholar (bryantwsmith@gmail.com)
“The Unique Contributions of Brass Bands in Nineteenth Century Mormon Worship and Culture”

11:00-11:30 Craig Ginn, Mount Royal University (cginn@mtroyal.ca)
“Emma’s vs. Brigham’s: A Tale of Two Hymnals”

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Presider: Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University (zbarasgm@plu.edu)

- 9:30-10:00 “Making a Case for Existential Phenomenology” Matt Recia (matthewjrecla@gmail.com) University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- 10:00-10:30 “Did Jesus Laugh? The Comic Fool as World Savior” Karen Turcotte (turcottk@cwu.edu) Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
- 10:30-11:00 “The Gospel According to David Foster Wallace: The Pragmatic Spirituality of This is Water”, Robert Bolger (bolgerr@spu.edu) Seattle Pacific University, Bothell, WA
- 11:00-11:30 “What Are We Waiting For? Deconstructing What is to Come, and Asking Who is to Come, as a Basis of Eschatological Anticipation” Kristin Daley Mosier (kristendaley@fuller.edu) Fuller Theological Seminary, Seattle, WA
- 11:30-12:00 “Discerning the Quality of Our Witness”: Resources for Ecclesiological Ethnography in Karl Barth’s Moral Theology, Michael Grigoni (mgrigoni@post.harvard.edu) Logos Bible Software, Bellingham, WA
- 12:00-12:30 “Is Historical Theology ‘Theological’? John Webster and the Nature of Christian Inquiry”, Darren Summer (Darren.summer@gmail.com) Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA