

PROGRAM
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION
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Annual Meeting
May 3-5, 2013

Seattle University
Seattle, Washington

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 3

12:00-2:00 **Registration – Lobby of the Student Center**

12:00-5:00 **Book Exhibit – Student Center, Room 130**

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

Arts and Religion

Pigott 204

Presider: **Louise M. Paré, Center for Women in the Global Community**
(Imparé849@aol.com)

2:00-2:45 (1) 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 (2) 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 (3) 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 (4) Bobbi Dykema, Seattle University (dykemar@seattleu.edu)
“Afflict the Comfortable? Art as Transgressive Theology and Transformative Pedagogy”

Asian and Comparative Studies

Pigott 202

Teaching Asian Religions and Filipino Islam

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

2:00-2:45 (5) Aimee Hamilton, Pacific Lutheran University (hamilton.aimee@gmail.com)
“The Body in Indian Religions: Formulating Pedagogy in Bodily Representation”

- 2:45-3:30 (6) 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 (7) 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 (8) Mark Williams, Trinity Lutheran College (mark.williams@tlc.edu)
 “Your Brother Is a Crocodile: Anthropomorphic Spirit-Beings in Filipino Islam”

Hebrew Bible

Pigott 309

Presider: Antonios Finitis, Pacific Lutheran University (finitisak@plu.edu)

- 2:45-3:30 (9) Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
 (ehudbenzvi@ualberta.ca)
 “Israelitization of the Other, Otherization of Judah/Israel and Matters of Social Memory”
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:45 (10) 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”
- 4:45-5:30 (12) 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

Pigott 107

Session 1: Global Christian Theology in the Twentieth Century

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

- Presenters: (13) 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”
- (14) 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

Pigott 201

Presider: Philip Tite, University of Washington (philip.tite@mail.mcgill.ca)

- 2:00-2:45 (15) Peter Rodgers, Fuller Theological Seminary (peterrodg@gmail.com)

- 2:45-3:30 “The Outer Margin of Nestle/Aland 28”
 (16) 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 (17) Danielle Baillargeon, University of Calgary (dbaillar@ucalgary.ca)
 “The *Dextrarum Iunctio* Motif on Early Christian Sarcophagi”
- 4:45-5:30 (18) 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 and Society:

Joint Session with Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Hunthausen 110

Religion, Theology and Neuroscience

- Presider: Mari Kim, Pacific Lutheran University (kimma@plu.edu)**
- 2:00-2:30 (19) Russell Pierson, Lane Community College (russpierson@gmail.com)
 “Cultural Cognition, Neuroscience, Evangelicals and the Environment”
- 2:30-3:00 (21) Bruce Hiebert, University Canada West (bruce.hiebert@ucanwest.ca)
 “Followers & Religious Leadership: Some Implications of Neuropsychology”
- 3:00-3:30 (24) Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk, University of Washington
 (kjmeyerdirk@gmail.com)
 “Neurons and the *Numinous*: What Is at Stake in a Neuroscientific Examination of Human Religiosity?”
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30 (22) Ana De Freitas, Bethel Seminary (anaklelia@gmail.com)
 “Neuroethics, Spinoza and Levinas”
- 4:30-5:00 (23) Joshua Kulmac-Butler, Loyola Marymount University
 (jabutler07@gmail.com)
 “Can Science Disprove Christianity: Self-Contained Theories and Metaphysical Explanations”

Special Topics: Mormon Studies

Hunthausen 100

Mormonism in Conversation with Others

- Presider: Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College (smorrill@lclark.edu)**
- 2:00-2:30 (25) 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 (26) Hakan Olgun, Istanbul University (holgun@istanbul.edu.tr)
 “The Mormons in the Ottoman Archival Documents”

3:00-3:30 (27) 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 (28) 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 (29) 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 (30) Karen Turcotte, Central Washington University (turcottk@cwu.edu)
“Mormon Menace: America’s Relationship with the Latter Day Saints”

PRESIDENTIAL PLENARY FRIDAY EVENING

5:30-6:30 pm Happy Hour - Gallery and East Lobby, Engineering

6:30-7:30 pm - Wyckoff Auditorium, Engineering

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 *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 churching 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/>.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 4

8:00-10:00 Registration – Lobby of the Student Center

8:00-5:00 Book Exhibit – Student Center, Room 130

Second Session (8:30-10:30 a.m.)

Arts and Religion

Engineering 307

**Presiders: Susan G. Carter, Marylhurst University and The California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) (susangailcarter@yahoo.com)
Louise M. Paré, Center for Women in the Global Community (Imparé849@aol.com)**

8:30-9:10 (32) Brad Embry, Northwest University (brad.embry@northwestu.edu)
“Iconoclasts or Sages? Black Sabbath and the Apocalyptic Voice”

9:10-9:50 (33) Craig Ginn, Mount Royal University and University of Calgary (cginn@mtroyal.ca)
“Competing Canons: Hymnal and Bible in American Protestantism”

10:30-11:00 BREAK

Asian and Comparative Studies

Bannan 301

“Compassionate” Violence, Buddhism, and Scientology

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

9:00-9:45 (35) Nick Gier, University of Idaho (ngier@uidaho.edu)
“Tibetan Buddhism and ‘Compassionate’ Violence”

9:45-10:30 (36) 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 Bible

Pigott 309

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

8:30-9:10 (37) Timothy Hyun, Faith Evangelical College & Seminary, Tacoma, WA (thyun@faithseminary.edu)
“Look Who’s Talking? *Hassatan*’s Voice in Eliphaz’s Nocturnal Vision (Job 4:12-21)”

9:10-9:50 (38) 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 (39) 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

Bannan 201

Session 2: Anglo-American Christianity

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

8:30-9:05 (40) Alexander Grudem, Regent College, Canada (aagrudem@gmail.com)
“The Marriage of Jonathan and Sarah Edwards: Beauty, Sweetness, and Excellence”

9:05-9:40 (41) Jon Kershner, University of Birmingham, UK (jon.kershner@gmail.com)
“Quaker Antislaveries: 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 (42) Haein Park, Biola University (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 (43) 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

Engineering 312

(44) 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 Book Summary: Chantel Waltman, Columbia Bible College
(cpoehlke@hotmail.com)

8:40-9:00 Panelist: Stephen D. Black, Vancouver School of Theology (sdb44@icloud.com)

9:00-9:20 Panelist: Matthew Whitlock, Seattle University (whitlocm@seattleu.edu)

9:20-10:30 Response and Discussion

10:30-11:00 BREAK

Religion and Society

Pigott 109

Inclusion and Exclusion in Religion and Ethics

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

- 8:30-9:00 (45) 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 (46) 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 (47) Robert Bolger, Independent Scholar, Bothell (bolgerr@spu.edu)
"Loving One Another: The Ethics of Care and the Theology of Disability"
- 10:00-10:30 (48) 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

Bannan 202

Investigations into Mormon Theology

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

- 8:30-9:00 (49) 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 (50) Kimberly Berkey, Independent Scholar (kimmatheson@gmail.com)
"The Earth is Yours': Sabbath and Biblical Covenant Theology in D&C 59"
- 9:30-10:00 (51) David Smith, Central Washington University (davidsmith@cwu.edu)
"The Nature and Legitimacy of Mormon Hermeneutics"
- 10:00-10:30 (52) 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

Bannan 102

Muslim Minorities: Orthodoxy, Heterodoxy, and Dissent

Presider: Josie Hendrickson, University of Alberta (jnhendri@ualberta.ca)

- 8:30-8:50 (53) Youssef Chouhoud, University of Southern California (chouhoud@usc.edu)
"To Hell with Islamophobia: Framing Soteriological Discourse in Muslim-Minority Contexts"
- 8:50-9:10 (54) Summer Satushek, University of Washington (summer.satushek@gmail.com)
"Crossing/Reinforcing Borders of Religion and Culture in (U.S.) America"
- 9:10-9:30 (55) M. Amine Tais, Georgetown University (aminetais@gmail.com)

9:30-9:50 “Hayratu Muslima: A Muslim Feminist’s Voice in Post-Revolution Tunisia”
(56) 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

Engineering 311

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

9:00-9:30 (57) Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
(waschartz@hotmail.com)
“Nondualism & Religious Pluralism: Truth and Difference in Sankara’s Advaita Vedanta”

9:30-10:00 (58) Jonathan Napier, University of Calgary, AB (janapier@ucalgary.ca)
“Multiculturalism, Metaphors, and Mosaics”

10:30-11:00 BREAK

SATURDAY MORNING ASOR PLENARY

11:00 am-12:00 pm - Wyckoff Auditorium, Engineering

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
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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.

5:20-5:30 “Reclaiming an Indigenous European Consciousness of Deep Relation: Neolithic Art as Spiritual Tools of Entrainment”
Discussion of future directions

Asian and Comparative Studies

Bannan 301

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

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

2:00-2:40 (66) 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 (67) 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 (68) 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 (69) Carol Ferris, Marylhurst University (rficf@easystreet.net)
“Ritual Divination and the Mandate of Heaven in Early Dynastic China”

4:50-5:30 (70) 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 Bible

Pigott 309

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

2:00-2:45 (71) 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 (72) 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

4:00-4:45 (11) Arthur George, Independent Scholar, Chicago, IL (artlgeorge@gmail.com)
“Yahweh’s Divorce: The Hidden Goddess in the Garden of Eden”

4:45-5:30 Business meeting and/or discussion of future directions

History of Christianity and North American Religions

Bannan 201

Session 3: Ancient and Medieval Christianity

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

2:00-2:35 (73) 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 (74) 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 (75) 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 (76) 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

Engineering 312

Presider: **Kent Yinger, George Fox Evangelical Seminary (kyinger@georgefox.edu)**

2:00-2:40 (77) 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 (78) 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 (79) 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 and Society

Pigott 109

South Asian Muslim Politics in Practice

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

2:00-2:30 (80) 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 (81) Laura Randall, University of Washington (lauracr@uw.edu)
“Jama’at-i Islami Women: Finding Empowerment through Islamist Identity”

3:00-3:30 (82) 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 (83) Sarah Whyllly, Florida State University (sef04g@my.fsu.edu)
"Intellectual Atheism in the Modern Japanese Context"

4:30-5:00 (84) Rachel Morgain, Australian National University
(rachel.morgain@anu.edu.au)
"Living Water: Christian Theologies and Ethnic Tensions in Fiji"

5:00-5:30 Business meeting and/or discussion of future directions

Special Topics: Mormon Studies

Bannan 202

Women's Agency and Experience in Mormonism

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

2:00-2:30 (86) 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 (87) Laura Rutter Strickling, University of Maryland Baltimore County
(lastr1@umbc.edu)
"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 (88) 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 (89) Rachel Hunt Steenblik, Claremont Graduate University
(Rachel.hunt@cgu.edu)
"On the Philosophy of Hospitality and Sister Missionaries"

4:30-5:00 (90) 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

Bannan 102

(91) 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)
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Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Engineering 311

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

2:00-2:30 (92) Carl Levenson, Idaho State University (levicarl@isu.edu)
“‘God Is Love’ in Plato’s *Symposium*”

2:30-3:00 (93) Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College (ianacurran@gmail.com)
“‘In Your Light We See Light’: Gregory Palamas and the Light of Transfiguration”

3:00-3:30 (94) Eva Braunstein, Regent College, Vancouver, BC (evapbraunstein@gmail.com)
“The Ecstasy of Contemplation: Richard of St. Victor on the Special Knowledge of Love”

3:30-4:00 BREAK

4:00-4:30 (95) Richard Curtis, Seattle Central Community College (richardcurtis42@msn.com)

4:30-5:00 (96) Amy Vivano, Trinity Western University (rrolande500@yahoo.com)
“The Argument against Conceptual Analysis as Idolatry”

5:00-5:30 (97) Matthew Whitlock, Seattle University (whitlocm@seattleu.edu)
“The Quest for the Virtual Jesus”

5:30-5:45 Business meeting and/or discussion of future directions

Women and Religion

Engineering 304

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

- 2:00-2:30 (98) Sharon Murphy Mogen, University of Calgary (spmogen@shaw.ca)
“Cultural Memory and Women’s Performativity of Lament in Late Antiquity”
- 2:30-3:00 (99) 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 (100) 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 (101) 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 pm Banquet - Casey Commons

8:00 -9:00 pm – Banquet Speaker, Wyckoff Auditorium, Engineering

9:00-10:00 pm Reception - Gallery & East Lobby, Engineering

Writing from the Soul: A Reporter's Search for What Really Matters

Judith Valente



By many measures, reporter Judy Valente had a journalist's dream career: hired at the age of 21 as a staff writer by "The Washington Post," she went on to work for "The Wall Street Journal" in its Chicago and London bureaus, and was twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. But something was missing. Valente talks about giving up daily print journalism to return to her first love, the writing of poetry, and how that led to reporting "from the soul," as both the author of spirituality books and as a religion correspondent for PBS-TV and Chicago Public Radio.

Judith Valente is an award-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.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 5

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

7:00-8:00 Breakfast with the Region's Authors (Jimmy's at the Silver Cloud)

9:00-11:00 Book Exhibit – Student Center, Room 130

Asian and Comparative Studies

Pigott 202

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

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

8:30-9:15 (103) Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University (dippmanj@cwu.edu)
“Nishitani's 'Land' Ethic: A Vehicle for Environmentalism?”

9:15-10:00 (104) 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 (105) Eric Cunningham, Gonzaga University (cunningham@gonzaga.edu)
“The Redemption of Historical Process: Nishida, Dialectics, and Absolute Nothingness”

11:15-12:00 (106) Lucy Schultz, University of Oregon (lucyschutz@gmail.com)
“Nishida on the Expressivity of Historical Nature”

12:00-12:45 (107) Jason Wirth, Seattle University (wirthj@seattleu.edu)
“Tanabe and Nietzsche: An Unexpected Meeting”

Hebrew Bible

Pigott 309

Hebrew “Story Time” Workshop

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

9:00-10:00 (108) 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

Pigott 203

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

8:30-9:15 (109) 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 (110) 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 (111) Agnes Choi, Pacific Lutheran University (choiaa@plu.edu)
“Who’s Your Daddy? Paul, James, and Patronage”

11:15–12:00 (112) 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 and Society

Pigott 109

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

9:30-10:00 (20) 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”

10:00-10:30 BREAK

10:30-12:00 **(113) Panel: Religion and Society in Contexts: Canada**

10:30-11:00 (114) Jon Napier, University of Calgary (janapier@ucalgary.ca)
“Multiculturalism, Metaphors, and Mosaics”

11:00-11:30 (115) Jenna Ferry, University of Calgary (jennaferrey@hotmail.com)
“Religious Realities in Multicultural Canada: Exploring the Notion of Cultural Religious Hegemony”

11:30-12:00 (116) 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

Pigott 304

Masonry and Mormonism: Ritual and Mystical Elements

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

8:30-9:00 (117) Joe Swick, Independent Researcher (heredom@earthlink.net)
“Celestial Ascent in Mormonism and Freemasonry: A Reconsideration”

9:00-9:30 (118) 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 (119) Bryant Smith, Independent Scholar (bryantwsmith@gmail.com)
“The Unique Contributions of Brass Bands in Nineteenth-Century Mormon
Worship and Culture”
- 11:00-11:30 (120) Craig Ginn, Mount Royal University (cginn@mtroyal.ca)
“Emma’s vs. Brigham’s: A Tale of Two Hymnals”

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Pigott 201

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

- 9:30-10:00 (121) Matt Recla, University of California, Santa Barbara
(matthewjrecla@gmail.com)
“Making a Case for (Existential) Phenomenology”
- 10:00-10:30 (123) Robert Bolger, Independent Scholar (bolgerr@spu.edu)
“The Gospel according to David Foster Wallace: The Pragmatic Spirituality of
This Is Water”
- 10:30-11:00 (124) Kristin Daley Mosier, Fuller Theological Seminary, Seattle
(kristendaley@fuller.edu)
“What Are We Waiting For? Deconstructing *What* Is to Come, and Asking *Who*
Is to Come, as a Basis of Eschatological Anticipation”
- 11:00-11:30 (126) Darren Sumner, Fuller Seminary Northwest (Darren.sumner@gmail.com)
“Is Historical Theology ‘Theological’? John Webster and the Nature of Christian
Inquiry”