

PNW REGION AAR, SBL & ASOR
St. Mary's University, May 5-7, 2017

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

Asian and Comparative Studies:

Tibetan Buddhism, Internet Buddhism, and the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka

Room C103

- Presider: Nick Gier, University of Idaho ngier@uidaho.edu
- 2:00-2:45 James B. Apple, University of Calgary jbapple@ucalgary.ca
"Atiśa's Stages of the Path to Awakening: Analysis of a Manuscript in the History of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Path Literature"
- 2:45-3:30 Rutika Gandhi, University of Lethbridge rutika.gandhi@uleth.ca
"Spiritualizing the Internet: Online Buddhist Communities and the Sangha"
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:45 Anupama Ranawana, Newman Theological College,
a.m.ranawana@outlook.com
"Collective Consciences: The Catholic Church, Reconciliation and Post-Conflict Processes in Sri Lanka"

Hebrew Bible

Room C104

- Presider: Ian D. Wilson, University of Alberta, iwilson@ualberta.com
- 4:00-4:30 Michael W. Duggan, PhD, St. Mary's University, michaelwduggan@shaw.ca
"Challenges in Repatriating Refugees: Lessons from Ezra-Nehemiah"
- 4:30-5:00 Kyle R.L. Parsons, Charles University and Trinity Western University,
kyle.parsons@twu.ca
"Another Look at the Textual Editions of Exodus 35-40: Is There Still No Tenable Solution to this Textual Discrepancy?"
- 5:00-5:30 Joshua Joel Spoelstra, Southern Wesleyan University, spoelstra@swu.edu
"Noah, the Builder: The Flood Hero in the Line of Fabricators"

New Testament and the World of Early Christianity: Early Letters

Room C106

- Presider: Sharon Mogen, University of Calgary, smogen@ucalgary.ca
- 2:30-3:00 Michael J. Kok, The King's University, Mike_Kok@hotmail.com
"Jesus' Imperial Authority Over the Sea"
- 3:00-3:30 David Dalwood, Ambrose University, ddalwood@my.ambrose.edu

“The Semantics of Greek Nominal Hendiadys and Appositional Conjunction with Special Reference to the Rhetoric of Hebrews 2:2”

3:30-4:00 BREAK

Book Review Session *Godly Fear or Ungodly Failure? Hebrews 12 and the Sinai Theophanies*, by Michael Kibbe

4:00-4:30 Review, by Ron Clark, Portland Seminary, rclark@georgefox.edu

4:30-5:00 Review, by Scott Starbuck, Gonzaga University, srasassociates@gmail.com

5:00-5:30 Response by Michael Kibbe, Moody Bible Institute, mike.kibbe@moody.edu

Religion & Art in World Cultures

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Room C107

2:30-3:00 Karen Villanueva, Institute for Contemporary Buddhist Ministry, knvillanueva@buddhistministry.org

“The Tibetan Buddhist Goddess Tara and the Iconography to Allay Fear”

3:00-3:30 Gillian Glass, Ph.D., University of British Columbia gilliangulass@live.com

“Romanising Judaism, Judaising Romanism: The Zodiac Mosaics and the Roman and Byzantine Worlds”

3:30-4:00 Break

4:00-4:30 Aaron Reich, University of Wisconsin-Madison aaron.reich@wisc.edu

“Painting the Pantheon: Visual Art, Local Cults, and the Daoist Institution in Late Imperial China”

Religion & Society: The Integration of the Religious Stranger and Comparative Religious Contexts

Room L201

Presider: Joseph Paxton, Claremont School of Theology, Joseph.Paxton@cst.edu

2:00-2:30 Glenda Tibe Bonifacio, University of Lethbridge, “Social Integration of Bhutanese Refugees in Small Cities: The Case of Lethbridge, Alberta”

glenda.bonifacio@uleth.ca

2:30-3:00 Silas Krabbe, Independent Scholar, “(Str)angered with/in my own land: An Abyssal Understanding of Selves with/in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside”

silas.krabbe@gmail.com

3:00-3:30 Siva M. Mangalam, Independent Scholar, “A Three-Phase Approach to Religion and Science: A Rational Interpretation of the Teachings of Jesus”

siva.m.mangalam@gmail.com

3:30-4:00 BREAK

4:00-4:30 Emmanuel Obeng-Mireku, University of Lethbridge, “Christian-Muslim Relations in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Ghana and Nigeria”

obengmireku@uleth.ca

4:30-5:00 John Sheveland, Gonzaga University, “All in the Family?: Hindutva, ISI, and the Alt-Right” sheveland@gonzaga.edu

5:00-5:30 Michael MacLeod, St. Mary’s University, “‘We’re Here to Improve Their Sense of Responsibility’ – Faith-Based Activism and Global Capitalism”

Michael.macleod@stmu.ca

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Room C125

- Presider: Sarah Gallant, Everett Community College, sgallant@everettcc.edu
- 2:00-2:30 Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, University of Queensland, a.ellithorpe@uq.edu.au
"Is Friendship Integral to Being Human? A Practical Theological Exploration"
- 2:30-3:00 Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, kaykodh@gmail.com
"Physician-Assisted Death from the Perspectives of Lutheran and Process Theologies"
- 3:00-3:30 Glen Graham, Burman University, glengraham@burmanu.ca
"George Grant's Moral Theology"
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30 Carl Levenson, Idaho State University, levecarl@isu.edu
"Language and the Lie in Classical Athens"

Women and Religion

Room M100

- Presider: Valarie Ziegler, DePauw University vziegler@depauw.edu
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:45 Laura Jurgens, University of Calgary lkjurgens@ucalgary.ca
"Less Rational and More Emotional: Martin Luther's Theology of Women"
- 4:45-5:30 Glenda Tibe Bonifacio, University of Lethbridge Glenda.bonifacio@uleth.ca
"Religion and Gender Equality in Catholic Philippines: Discourses and Practices in the 21st Century"

FRIDAY EVENING

- 5:30-6:30 Appetizer Reception & Cash Bar – Heritage Centre**
- 6:15-7:00 AAR Presidential Address – Heritage Hall**

Anne Moore, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary
President, Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL/ASOR

"Biblical Films Redux: What Counts as Biblical History?"

Since the silent films of the 1920s, directors have employed the expertise of biblical, classical and historical scholars to ensure the fidelity and historical accuracy of biblical themed films. The advice provided by the academy though was often limited to providing a 'believable' image of the ancient world and/or used as part of the propaganda for advertising the film. In recent history, Mel Gibson's *The Passion of Christ* (2004) became the centre of a maelstrom about fidelity to the biblical text and historical accuracy as biblical, classical and historical scholars composed a multitude of essays, book chapters and journal articles severely criticizing the film. And while *The Passion of Christ* may be one of the most criticized biblical themed films; a multitude of others have also been charged with "doing bad history." So, what does count

as biblical history in terms of the film genre? Should our expectations in terms of history be equally applied to both texts and films? Why is *Monty Python's Life of Brian* seen as more historical accurate than *The Passion of the Christ*.

SATURDAY MORNING

6:30-8:00 **Complementary Buffet Breakfast for hotel guests – Wingate by Wyndham South**

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

Asian and Comparative Studies: Buddhist Forgiveness; Buddha and Jesus Compared

Room C104

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

8:30-9:15 Donna Brown, Maitripa College tsultrim.sangmo@gmail.com
"Buddhist Forgiveness: Origins and Development"

9:15-10:00 Siva Mangalam, Independent Scholar siva.m.mangalam@gmail.com
"Contrasting Approaches of the Buddha and Jesus: A Comparative Analysis of Their Teachings"

10:30-11:00 **BREAK**

Hebrew Bible

Room C103

Presider: Scott Starbuck, Gonzaga University, starbuck@gonzaga.edu

9:00-9:30 David M. Dalwood, Ambrose University, ddalwood@my.ambrose.edu
"Lady Wisdom and the Threshing Floor: Reading Between the Sheets in Ruth 3:1-6"

9:30-10:00 Carmen Imes, George Fox University, cimes@georgefox.edu
"Mapping Sinai: Corpus Linguistics and Biblical Law"

10:00-10:30 Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta, ebenzvi@ualberta.ca
"Social Aspects of Canonizing Literati in the Early Second Temple Period: Exploring the Contributions of Some Potential Intersections and Dialogues between Research Frames Informed by Social-Memory and 'Bourdieuian' Approaches/Concepts"

10:30-11:00 **BREAK**

History of Christianity and North American Religions: Growth, Conflict and Decline in the Church in Canada

Room C106

Presider: Jim Linville, University of Lethbridge, james.linville@uleth.ca

- 8:30-9:00 Rebecca Ralph, University of Calgary, Rebecca.ralph@ucalgary.ca
 "From Key Institution to Small Missionary Society: An Examination of the Historical Development and Decline of The Newfoundland School Society for the Poor"
- 9:00-9:30 Norman Knowles, St. Mary's University, norman.knowles@stmu.ca
 "A Different Kind of Bishop: The Episcopate of the Paul O'Byrne, the Diocese of Calgary and the Hopes and Fears of Vatican II Roman Catholicism"
- 9:30-10:00 Gayle Thrift, St. Mary's University, gayle.thrift@stmu.ca
 "Weathering the Chill: The Cold War Dilemma of the Anglican Church of Canada"
- 10:00-10:30 Peter Baltutis, St. Mary's University, peterbaltutis@stmu.ca
 "A Prophetic Voice in the Canadian Catholic Church: Romeo Maione's Model of Lay Leadership for Justice in the World"
- 10:30-11:00 BREAK**

New Testament and the World of Early Christianity: Luke/Acts

Room C107

- Presider: Ron Clark, Portland Seminary, rclark@georgefox.edu
- 8:30-9:00 Matthew Moravec, Fuller Theological Seminary NW, m.l.moravec@gmail.com
 "Jesus and the Prophetic Word in Luke"
- 9:00-9:30 Stanley Helton, Alberta Bible College, snhelton@abccampus.ca
 "Paul's Priestly Self-Identification in Romans 15:14-16"
- 9:30-10:00 David King, University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology, dking@iliff.edu
 "A New Accounting of Wealth and Poverty in Luke"
- 10:00-10:30 Tyler Vandergaag, Trinity Western University, tyler.vandergaag@protonmail.com
 "Selling Possessions at Pentecost: A Unique Event (Acts 2:45)"
- 10:30-11:00 BREAK**

Religion & Art in Death and War

Room C116

- 8:30-9:00 Rebecca Moore, Ph.D., Independent Scholar, remoore@mail.sdsu.edu
 "From Liminality to Community: Burying the Dead in *The Sorrow of War*"
- 9:00-9:30 Sarah Kerr, Ph.D., Independent Scholar
 "A Good Death Is a Ritual of Initiation for Everyone Involved"
- 9:30-10:00 Lisa Beyeler, Duke Divinity School, Duke University, lisa.beyeler@duke.edu
 "Unmaking the Earth: The Destruction of Place as Cultural and Spiritual Warfare"
- 10:00-10:30 Matt Kershaw, Brigham Young University, mkershaw84@gmail.com
 "The Salvation of the Grunt: Existential Alienation and Ecclesiology of the Trenches in Maximilian Uriarte's *The White Donkey*"
- 10:30-11:00 BREAK**

Religion and Society: LGBTQIAA Experience and Religious Impacts

Room C125

- Presider: Bruce Hiebert, Yorkville University, Brucehiebert@shaw.ca

- 8:30-9:00 Reginald W. Bibby, University of Lethbridge, "Religion and Sexual Orientation in Canada: National Attitudes Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" bibby@uleth.ca
- 9:00-9:30 Jennifer Newman, Vanderbilt Divinity School, "Gender Identity and Common Ground for Evangelical Communities" jennifer.e.newman@vanderbilt.edu
- 9:30-10:30 Discussion: Creating a context for long term work on sexuality & religion
- 10:30-11:00 BREAK**

Study of Islam Section

Location TBA

President: Josie Hendrickson, University of Alberta, jnhendri@ualberta.ca

- 9:00-9:30 Paul Powers, Lewis & Clark College, ppowers@lclark.edu, "Territory is Not Map: Deterritorialisation, Mere Religion, and the Islamic State"
- 9:30-10:00 Pedagogy Roundtable: Current Directions and Recent Research in Islamic Studies
- 10:00-10:30 Pedagogy Roundtable: Current Directions and Recent Research in Islamic Studies
- 10:30-11:00 BREAK**

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Room L201

President: Sarah Gallant, Everett Community College, sgallant@everettcc.edu

- 8:30-9:00 Jennifer M. Matheny, University of Kent, jmatheny@georgefox.edu
"Thresholds of *Becoming*: Rahab, Bilbo and Mikhail Bakhtin"
- 9:00-9:30 Chelle Stearns, The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology, cstearns@theseattleschool.edu
"Post-Traumatic Theology: Shelly Rambo and James Cone on Personal and Cultural Trauma."
- 9:30-10:00 Jill Hernandez, University of Texas at San Antonio, jill.hernandez@utsa.edu
"Atrocious Harms and Transmuted Goods: A New Reply to a New Problem of Evil"
- 10:00-10:30 Andy Rose, Fuller Theological Seminary, andyrose@fuller.edu
"What Does Kierkegaard Have to Say About Charles Taylor's Social Imaginaries as Pathways to Self-Understanding and Religious Belief?"
- 10:30-11:00 BREAK**

Women and Religion

Room M100

President: Valarie Ziegler, DePauw University vziegler@depauw.edu

- 8:30-9:10 Maribel Rodriguez-Valcasti Shamaim71@gmail.com
"The Witch and the Healer: A Look at Women's Spirituality as Healers through 'The Teachings of Dona Lupe'"
- 9:10-9:50 Heaven Walker, Chabot College Adjunct Faculty, California Institute of Integral Studies PhD student hwalker@chabotcollege.edu

9:50-10:30 "Isis and Asherah – Ancient Mothers of Civilization"
Josh Spoelstra, Southern Wesleyan University jspoelstra@swu.edu
"Wine, Women and the Witless King: An Imperial *Leitmotif*"

10:30-11:30 BREAK

11:00-12:00 Executive Committee Meeting – Executive Board Room
(Administration Building, 4th Floor)

SATURDAY NOON
(Lunch and Region Business Meeting)

11:30 Buffet Lunch – Heritage Center
Ticket must be purchased - check name tags for appropriate symbol

12:00-1:30 Pacific Northwest AAR and SBL Business Meeting – **Heritage Hall**

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

**Asian and Comparative Studies: Permissible Matricide, Phenomenological Yoga,
Hindu Philosophical Hermeneutics, and Chinese Syncretism**

Room C104

- Presider: Nick Gier, University of Idaho ngier@uidaho.edu
- 2:00-2:45 Raj Rajan, Independent Scholar Rindijan@aol.com
"Permissible Matricide: Two Episodes from the Sanskrit Epic *Mahabharata*"
- 2:45-3:30 Will Humphrey, Independent Scholar wthumphrey@gmail.com
"Phenomenological Yoga: An Husserlian Approach to *Samādhi* in Patañjali's *Yogasūtra*"
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30 Tinu Ruparell, University of Calgary ruparell@ucalgary.ca
"Toward a Hindu Philosophical Hermeneutics"
- 4:30-5:00 Shyling Glaze, University of Arizona glaze@email.arizona.edu
"Yongjue Yanxian's *Nonsense Uttered in Dreams* and Syncretism of the Three Teachings"
- 5:00-5:30 Business meeting and/or discussion of future directions

Hebrew Bible – Research Group on Clothing

C103

- Presider: Antonios Finitis, Pacific Lutheran University, finitisak@plu.edu
- 2:00-2:15 Carmen Imes, George Fox University, cimes@georgefox.edu
"Between Two Worlds: The Functional and Symbolic Significance of the High Priestly Regalia."
- 2:15-2:30 Joshua Joel Spoelstra, Southern Wesleyan University, spoelstra@swu.edu
"Apotropaic Accessories: Tassels and Phylacteries, Arm-bands and Veils."
- 2:30-2:45 Ian D. Wilson, University of Alberta iwilson@ualberta.ca
"The Emperor and His Clothing: David Robed and Unrobed before the Ark and Michal."
- 2:45-3:00 Sean E. Cook, Mount Royal University, secook36@gmail.com
"The Portrayal of Saul and His Clothes/Armor in 1 Samuel."
- 3:00-3:30 Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta, ebenzvi@ualberta.ca
"Were YHWH's Clothes Worth Remembering and Thinking About among the Literati of Late Persian/Early Hellenistic Judah/Yehud? Observations and Considerations."
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30 Jennifer M. Matheny, Doctoral Candidate at the University of Kent, Canterbury UK, jmatheny@georgefox.edu
"Mute and Mutilated: Understanding Judges 19-21 as a מַשָּׁל of *Dialogue*"

4:30-5:00 Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions

History of Christianity and North American Religions: Death, Mormons and Creationists: Changes in Religious Expression

Room C106

- Presider: Norman Knowles, St. Mary's University, norman.knowles@stmu.ca
- 2:30-3:00 John Kitchen, University of Alberta, john.kitchen@ualberta.ca
"Not Dead but Asleep': Bodily Resurrection, Aesthetics and Time in Early Medieval Accounts of Holy Corpses"
- 3:00-3:30 Jim Linville, University of Lethbridge, james.linville@uleth.ca
"King Kong is Not My Grandpa': Kentucky's Ark Encounter and The Denial of Human Creatureliness"
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30 Rechele Korbie, University of Lethbridge, korbie@uleth.ca
"Cute Animals and the Destruction of the Earth: An Analysis of Children's Biblical Literature"
- 4:30-5:00 Business Meeting

New Testament and the World of Early Christianity: Panel Discussion and the Early Christian World

Room C107

- Presider: Stanley Helton, Alberta Bible College, snhelton@abccampus.ca
Beyond Texts Panel Discussion
- 2:00-2:20 Rebecca Christian, University of Calgary, christir@ucalgary.ca
"Placing Early Christians: An Examination of Baptism at Dura Europos through the Use of Place Studies"
- 2:20-2:40 Anne Moore, University of Calgary, amoore@ucalgary.ca
"Glimpses of the Women at the Empty Tomb"
- 2:40-3:00 Sharon Murphy Mogen, University of Calgary, smogen@ucalgary.ca
"Women and Music-Making in Christian Late Antiquity"
- 3:00-3:30 Discussion
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- Book Review** *Who Were the First Christians: Dismantling the Urban Thesis*, by Tom Robinson
- 4:00-4:20 Review by Anne Moore, University of Calgary, amoore@ucalgary.edu
- 4:20-4:40 Review by Craig Ginn, University of Calgary, ginncw@uleth.ca
- 4:40-5:00 Response by Tom Robinson, University of Lethbridge, robinson@uleth.ca
- 5:00-5:30 Business meeting and/or discussion of future directions

Religion & the Arts

Room C116

- 2:30-3:00 Marion Dumont, Ph.D., Independent Scholar, mariondumont@gmail.com
"The Wounded Healer: Art, Healing, and Spirituality"
- 3:00-3:30 Octavio Carrasco, Union Theological Seminary

“The Grateful Dead, the Mark of the Beast, and the Religious Dimensions of Popular Music”

3:30-4:00

BREAK

4:00-4:30

Chelle Stearns, The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology,
cstearns@theseattleschool.edu

4:30-5:00

“(Con)Founding Theology: A Haptic Pneumatology for Contemporary Art”

Sara Fretheim, Ph.D. Independent Researcher

“Poets, Priests, and Prophets: The Unexpected Influence of African Poets on African Scholars of Religion”

5:00-5:30

Business Meeting

Religion and Society Social Engagement: Religion in Context

Location TBA

Presiders:

Jenna Ferrey, University of Calgary, jennaferrey@gmail.com

Bruce Hiebert, Yorkville University, brucehiebert@shaw.ca

2:00-2:30

Barry Morris, Independent Scholar, “Engaging the Reality of Evil: Bonhoeffer’s Resistance and Lessons for Today – From Generalities to Specifics via the Witness of Pastoral Ministry, Practical Theology, and Prophetic Faith”

bkmorris59@hotmail.com

2:30-3:00

Bruce Hiebert, Independent Scholar, “Vigorous Engagement: A wellness model for the whole person in social systems.” brucehiebert@shaw.ca

3:00-3:30

Joseph Paxton, Claremont School of Theology, “Problems in the Community: Social Psychological Foundations of Xenophobia and Xenoracism and a Practical Theological Response.” Joseph.paxton@cst.edu

3:30-4:00

BREAK

4:00-4:30

Jenna Ferrey, University of Calgary, “Making Room for the Religious Other: Leveraging and Nuancing Reasonable Accommodations in Canada”

jennaferrey@gmail.com

4:30-5:00

Business Meeting and Discussion of future directions, election of new chair(s)

Study of Islam

Room C125

Presider:

Paul Powers, Lewis & Clark College, powers@lclark.edu

2:00-2:30

Mushegh Asatryan, University of Calgary, mushegh.asatryan@ucalgary.ca, “The Discourse on Magic in 11th century Baghdad: Why was an Ash`ari Theologian So Opposed to Magicians?”

2:30-3:00

Matthew Melvin-Koushki, University of South Carolina, melvinko@mailbox.sc.edu, “Islamic Philosophy as Occult Practice: The Case of Safavid Iran”

3:00-3:30

Alice Eloyan, Yerevan State University, aliceloyan@gmail.com,

“The Meaning and Development of the Early Arab Science of Genealogy”

3:30-4:00

BREAK

- 4:00-4:30 Hussein Abdulsatar, The University of Notre Dame, husein.abdulsater@gmail.com, "The Interpretation of the Qur'anic Covenant in Classical Imami Theology" (In Absentia)
- 4:30-5:00 Salima Versi, University of Alberta, salima.versi@gmail.com, "Ismaili: A Brief Analysis of Ismailis Online"
- 5:00-5:30 Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions

Joint Session with History of Christianity and North American Religions and Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Room L201

- Presider: Sarah Gallant, Everett Community College, sgallant@everettcc.edu
- 2:00-2:30 Mark Burns, Fuller Theological Seminary, markburns@fulledavisr.edu
"Eucharistic Solidarity in Response to Refugee Crises: A Narrative Reading of Table Fellowship in Luke's Gospel"
- 2:30-3:00 Trent Davis, St. Mary's University, Trent.Davis@stmu.ca
"The Tears That a Civil Servant Cannot See: Emmanuel Levinas and the Conditions of Peace in the time of the Refugee"
- 3:00-3:30 Ron Clark, Portland Seminary, rclark@georgefox.edu
"Sweeping the Strangers and Outsiders in Your City: Luke's Rich Man, Lazarus, Boundaries, and Houseless Humans in Portland"
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30 Business Meeting

Women and Religion

Room M100

- Presider: Valarie Ziegler, DePauw University vziegler@depauw.edu
- 2:00-2:45 Valarie Ziegler, DePauw University vziegler@depauw.edu
"Think BIGGER: Phallogentrism and Biblical Invention at the Ark Encounter"
- 2:45-3:30 Angela N. Parker, The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology
aparker@theseattleschool.edu "The Simultaneity of Care and Conflict: Developing a Womanist Pedagogy for Teaching Bible in a PWI"
- 3:30-4:00 BREAK**
- 4:00-4:45 Chelsea Lamb, Ambrose University, Calgary, AB clamb@my.ambrose.edu
"Dead Text Resurrected? Christian Reception of Ezekiel 16 and Feminist Theological Reconstruction"
- 4:45-5:15 Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions

SATURDAY EVENING

6:00-6:55 **Banquet** (requires purchased banquet ticket) **McGivney Hall**

7:00-7:45 **SBL Plenary Address -- McGivney Hall**

Claudia V. Camp, John F. Weatherly Professor Emerita of Religion, Women and Gender Studies Faculty Affiliate, Texas Christian University.
General editor, Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies

“Wife, Sister, Daughters: Gender and Identity in the Book of Numbers”

The book of Numbers, though far from the most widely read biblical book, holds an important place in the compositional history of the Bible, representing the last word, as it were, of the priests who shaped the Torah as we know it. Numbers is also a fascinating example of the use of gender discourse to construct group identity, and masculine identity in particular. I argue, then, that feminist- and gender-critical analysis of this material is crucial, not just to understand the occasional episode in which a woman appears, but, more importantly, to appreciate a major structure of biblical thought.

8:00-8:30 **Dessert Reception – McGivney Hall**

9:00-9:45 Program Unit Chairs’ Night Cap Meeting – **Hideout Eats and Beats**
(across hotel parking lot at 380 Midway Park SE)

SUNDAY MORNING
Fourth Session (8:30 am-12:00 pm)

Hebrew Bible

Room C104

Presider: Carmen Imes, George Fox University, cimes@georgefox.edu

8:30-9:00 Shannon Parrott, Independent Scholar, shannonparrott@gmail.com
“Nakedness, Shame, and the Presence of God: An Exegetical Exploration of Genesis 2:25”

9:00-9:30 Ryan Schroeder, University of British Columbia (PhD student),
ryan.dan.schroeder@gmail.com
“Why *Not* Drink from the Nile? Historical and Cultural Perspectives on Jeremianic Egyptophobia”

9:30-10:00 Shawn W. Flynn, Saint Mark’s College, flynnsha.sf@gmail.com
“Laying Methodological Foundations for Retelling a Story of YHWH: Cultural Translation and Subversive Reception through Israelite History”

10:00-10:30 **BREAK**

10:30-11:00 Srinivas Bharadwaj, Independent Scholar, srini.bharadwaj@gmail.com
“When Amarnites and Qedarites Straddled the Red Sea: Understanding the Vedic Roots of Judaism”

11:00-11:30 Pamela H. Miles, D.Min. Independent Scholar, pmiles@trmiles.com
“Recovering the Symbolic Structure of Torah—A Tale of Two Paradigms”

Joint Session with History of Christianity and North American Religions and Religion and Society: Truth and Reconciliation: How Do We Reconcile?

Room C106

Presider: Bruce Hiebert, Independent Scholar, brucehiebert@shaw.ca

10:30-11:00 Michael Lickers, Senior Advisor of Indigenous Relations for Suncor Energy

11:00-11:30 Casey Eagle Speaker, Blackfoot Elder

New Testament and the World of Early Christianity: The Greco-Roman World

Room C103

Presider: Michael Kibbe, Moody Bible Institute, mike.kibbe@moody.edu

8:30-9:00 Robert Cousland, University of British Columbia, Robert.cousland@ubc.ca
"The Miseducation of Jesus in the Infancy Gospel of Thomas"

9:00-9:30 Giosue Ghisalberti, Humber College, Giosue.ghisalberti@humber.ca
"Early Christianity and the 2nd Century Epicurean Inscription of Diogenes of Oenoanda"

9:30-10:00 Glen J. Fairen, University of Alberta, glenfairen@gmail.com
"Sethianism: Gnosticism's Last Gasp"

10:30-11:00 BREAK

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Room C107

Presider: Sarah Gallant, Everett Community College, sgallant@everettcc.edu

9:00-9:30 Bruce Hiebert, Independent Scholar, brucehiebert@shaw.ca
"The Visible Christian Community: Suspended Between Memory and Hope"

9:30-10:00 Norm Metzler, Concordia University Portland, nmetzler@cu-portland.edu
"What Is 'On Earth as It Is in Heaven?'"

10:00-10:30 BREAK

10:30-11:00 Joseph Paxton, Claremont School of Theology, joseph.paxton@cst.edu
"Towards a Pastoral Theology of Trauma: Drawing from Lived and Practical Wisdom"

11:00-11:30 Lourdes Arciniega, St. Mary's University, Lourdes.Arciniega@stmu.ca
"From Handmaid to Creator: Challenging Women's Evolving Roles in Scripture and Theatre"