

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

Although the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature provide space for Additional Meetings, the content of these sessions is not reviewed by either the AAR or SBL's Program Units or their Program Committees.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

M19-100

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting — Main Editors

Thursday, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Hyatt-Kennesaw (Atlanta Conference Level)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

M20-3

Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education

Theme: **Secondary School Teachers of Religion**

Friday, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM

Hyatt-Edgewood (Atlanta Conference Level)

M20-100

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Jain Contemplative Praxis: Meditation, Mantra, & Mindfulness**

Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley,
University of Melbourne, Presiding

Friday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Tillo Detige, Ghent University

Calling upon the (Un)responsive? Ritual Veneration as Contemplative Praxis in Digambara Jainism

Ellen Gough, Emory University

Integrating Meditation on Mandalas with the Jain Path to Liberation in the 10th–12th Centuries

Chris Miller, University of California, Davis

Contemplating Jivas: The Ecological Implications of Jainism's Elemental Meditations

Sherry Fohr, Converse College

Jain Narratives and Contemplative Praxis

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

Yasovijaya's Thought on Jain Meditation, in Dialogue with Contemporary Preksha Meditation as Established (re-established?) by Acharya Tulsi

Responding:

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

M20-101

Forum for Theological Exploration Alumni Consultation

Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Marriott-Atrium A (Atrium Level)

M20-109

Believers Church Bible Commentary Editorial Council Meeting

Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Sheraton-Savannah 2 (Level 2)

M20-102

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting — Main and Area Editors

Friday, 9:00 AM–3:30 PM

Sheraton-Atlanta 4 (Level 1)

M20-103

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting — Main and Area Editors

Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Sheraton-Augusta (Level 2)

M20-104

Scriptural Reasoning Academic Network Annual Conference 2015

Friday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM

Hyatt-Greenbriar (Atlanta Conference Level)

M20-111

Odyssey Networks The Bible: Digital Media Panel

Friday, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hyatt-Hanover F (Exhibit Level)

ON Scripture — The Bible: Bringing scripture alive and making it relevant to the front page issues of the day. A Digital Media Panel on exploring the power of video and digital communities in faith based storytelling that creates a link between the word and the world that speaks to today's audience.

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M20-105

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Sadhana: Hindu Contemplative Practice Across Traditions**

Friday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

James Madaio, University of Oxford

The Saṃnyāsī's Path to Liberation: Sādhana in Medieval Advaita Vedānta

Gopal Gupta, University of North Carolina

Kṛṣṇa-smaraṇa: Canon, Charisma and Contemplative Spiritual Practice in the Gaudiya Vaisnava Tradition

Kusumita P. Pedersen, Saint Francis College

Sri Chinmoy's Teachings on the Methods of Goals of Spiritual Practice

Neelima Shukal-Bhatt, Wellesley College

Musical Maps to Samādhi: Sādhana Steps in the Songs of Mahāpanth Satis of Gujarat

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

Contemplative Studies and Hindu Sādhana

M20-106

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Member Council (private)

Friday, 11:00 AM–5:00 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

M20-107

Forum on Religion and Ecology, Yale University Annual Luncheon

Friday, 11:45 AM–1:45 PM

Hilton-208-209 (Level 2)

M20-108

Drew University Pedagogy Workshop: Teaching Sexuality and Religion to a Changing Student Body

Friday, 12:00 PM–4:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover F (Exhibit Level)

Sexuality magnifies the embodied nature of teaching and learning as well as conspicuously silences open dialogue given its taboo status in many religious and theological contexts. This workshop engages participants in a discussion of contextual, affective, and trans/formational aspects of classroom pedagogy, offering constructive pedagogical strategies for teaching about sexuality and embodiment across a variety of institutional contexts (undergraduate, graduate, and seminary) and religious traditions (Christian, Jewish, Muslim). A wide range of faculty will present specific classroom teaching strategies developed during a year-long collaboration.

Participants will be encouraged to articulate their own desired student learning outcomes appropriate to their educational context and be equipped with a range of tested and refined pedagogical strategies. This workshop is sponsored by Drew University and funded by a grant from the Wabash Center. Registration is limited and required. Please register at <https://www.drew.edu/alumni/events/theological-school-alumni/pedagogy-workshop-teaching-sexuality-and-religion-to-a-changing-student-body>.

M20-200

Review and Expositor Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon C (Level 2)

M20-201

Theology and Ethics Colloquy Meeting

Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hilton-401 (Level 4)

M20-206

Believers Church Bible Commentary Editorial Council Meeting

Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Sheraton-Savannah 2 (Level 2)

M20-203

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group

Theme: **Womanist In-Gathering**

Friday, 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

Hyatt-Baker (Atlanta Conference Level)

M20-204

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Icons, Imagery, Imagination**

Friday, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Neelima Shukla-Bhatt, Wellesley College, Presiding

Nalini Rao, Soka Gakkai University

Krishna's Vrindavana: Transformation of Imagery in Vaisnava Literature and Art

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

Imagining Enlightenment: Icons and Ideology in Tibetan Buddhist Practice

Kamini Gogri, University of Mumbai

Samvasaran, The Congregation of the Tirthamkaras

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i

Icons: Limiting, Representing, or Presenting the Divine?

Responding:

Dana Waide Sawyer, Maine College of Art

M20-300**Oxford University Press New Oxford Annotated Bible Editorial Meeting**

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Hyatt-Chicago C (Exhibit Level)

M20-309**Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network**

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 1 (Level 1)

Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Presiding

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding

The Network will discuss the arts in conjunction with feminist liberation theologies. Discussion and strategizing will follow their short presentations. All are welcome, so please RSVP to help us plan. Contact Mary at 301-589-2509 and mbunt@ber.com or Elisabeth at eschussler@hds.harvard.edu.

Katie G. Cannon, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Antecedents of Womanist Artistic Expressions

Cynthia Kittredge, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest
A Lot of the Way Trees Were Walking

Monica Maher, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Ecuador

Feminist Liberation Theologies within the Museums of Quito, Ecuador

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College
Making Things Rite: The Importance of Ritual in Feminist Liberation Theologies

M20-304**Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions Annual Meeting**

Friday, 4:30 PM–6:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover G (Exhibit Level)

The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in teaching Native American Religious Traditions. The format is an open discussion.

M20-305**Stone-Campbell Journal**

Theme: **A Conversation about Ancient Inscriptions and Manuscripts with a Reception**

Friday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

SCJ invites friends and colleagues from all streams of life who identify with the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement tradition for fellowship, light refreshments, and interesting conversation. For additional information contact William Baker at scjeditor@aol.com.

Chris Rollston, George Washington University
Writing and Literacy in the World of Ancient Israel: Epigraphic Evidence from the Iron Age (Archaeology and Biblical Studies Series. Brill Press and the Society of Biblical Literature, 2010)

Curt Niccum, Abilene Christian University
The Bible in Ethiopia: The Book of Acts (Ethiopic Manuscripts, Texts, and Studies 14; Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2014)

M20-306**General Board of Higher Education and Ministry**

Theme: **United Methodist Women of Color Scholars Reception**

Friday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Sheraton-Valdosta (Level 2)

M20-310**Association of Asian/North American Theological Educators (AANATE) Reception**

Friday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Hyatt-Spring (Atlanta Conference Level)

M20-307**Feminist Studies in Religion Boards Preconference Meeting**

Friday, 6:00 PM–8:30 PM

Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

M20-308**Mennonite Scholars and Friends**

Theme: **Human Being and/as Creation: Biblical, Theological, and Historical Perspectives**

Friday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott-A701 (Atrium Level)

Melanie Howard, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

David Rensberger, Decatur, GA

Being Human in Creation: Three Views from the Psalms

Justin Heinzekehr, Hesston College

Shattering Hubmaier's Human: Rethinking Anabaptist Freedom for an Ecological Context

Ry Siggelkow, Princeton Theological Seminary

The Earth is a Battlefield and No One Can Remain Neutral: Theological Anthropology as Apocalyptic Cosmology

Laura Schmidt Roberts, Fresno Pacific University

'In the Beginning is Relation': Re-Forming Understanding of Human Creatureliness

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M20-400

New Religious Movements Group Mentoring Workshop

Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Are you a graduate student or junior scholar whose work relates to the study of new or alternative religions? If so, this mentoring workshop may be for you. Mentees will be paired with more advanced scholars to discuss issues relevant to their particular work and/or academic situation. The workshop is free, but advance registration is required. To register, send an email of inquiry to Marie Dallam no later than Oct. 15, 2015 at mwdallam@ou.edu.

M20-401

Grawemeyer Award in Religion

Theme: **Celebrating Willie James Jennings' *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race***

Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott-L404 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Lewis Brogdon, Clafin University

Jennifer Ho, University of North Carolina

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

Responding:

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

M20-405

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion *Perspectives in Religious Studies* Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott-International B (International Level)

M20-406

Quaker Theological Discussion Group

Theme: **Review of Wess Daniels' *A Convergent Model of Renewal: Remixing the Quaker Tradition in a Participatory Culture***

Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott-L402 (Lobby Level)

M20-407

Word Made Fresh

Theme: **Full Acceptance of LGBTIQ Christians in the Church: Should Evangelicals Change Their Minds?**

Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

The Word Made Fresh lectures seek to stimulate creative dialogue among evangelical Christian scholars from diverse backgrounds about pressing issues in contemporary theology. Sponsored by Azusa Pacific University and Point Loma Nazarene University.

Panelist:

David P. Gushee, Mercer University

Responding:

Ronald J. Sider, Eastern University

M20-408

Religious Studies Review (RSR) Annual Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott-International 9 (International Level)

M20-403

Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception

Friday, 8:30 PM–10:00 PM

Marriott-A704 (Atrium Level)

M20-404

Feminist Studies in Religion Reception

Friday, 8:30 PM–10:30 PM

Hyatt-Techwood (Atlanta Conference Level)

M20-409

Friends of Animals and Religion Reception

Friday, 9:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton-Savannah 1 (Level 2)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

M21-1

Feminist Studies in Religion *JFSR* Editorial Board Meeting

Saturday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

Marriott-International C (International Level)

M21-3

Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology Board Meeting

Saturday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon C (Level 2)

M21-6

Spiritus Journal Annual Board Meeting

Saturday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Sheraton-Atlanta 2 (Level 1)

M21-9

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Buddhism and Mindfulness: Meditation, Integrative Medicine, and Contemplative Studies**

Saturday, 8:00 AM–9:30 AM

Marriott-A704 (Atrium Level)

Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
 Ramakrishnan Parameshwaran, Harvard University
Towards Reconciliation of Hindu and Buddhist Doctrines of Atman and Anātman Using Intertextual Studies, Neuro-Psychological Principles of Mindfulness and its Trans-Personal Application

Rajinder Gandhi, Columbia University
Mindfulness: MBSR and Integrative Medicine

Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University
Creating Contemplative Studies in the Southwest: Theory and Practice

Christopher D. Zeftering, Harvard University
Practice for a Holistic Life: How Mindfulness Can Affect the Brain, Body, and Sensory Experiences

Responding:

Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College

M21-4

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Mentoring Gathering (Private)

Saturday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Sheraton-Georgia 12 (Level 1)

M21-109

SAGE Publications *The Bible Translator* Editorial Board Meeting

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sheraton-Atlanta 4 (Level 1)

M21-101

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion November Meeting

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hyatt-Greenbriar (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelist:

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

M21-104

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Theme: **Theology for the PC (USA)**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton-310 (Level 3)

“Theology for the PC (USA)” provides a space for PC (USA) Presbyterians (and interested friends) to reflect on theological matters that are playing out in the life of congregations, councils of the church, and across the denomination as we seek faithfully to follow Jesus Christ, together. Reflections on a common theme are offered by a Presbyterians teaching in the theological disciplines, by one serving in one of the councils of the denomination (presbytery, synod, or General Assembly), and by one serving as a pastor. Time is provided for questions and answers, and for general discussion.

M21-108

Global Network for Public Theology

Theme: **Public Theology in a Global Context: Reports From the Field**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton-Augusta (Level 2)

M21-102

Booth University College Salvation Army Scholars and Friends Annual Meeting

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Andrew Eason, Booth University College, Presiding

Bruce Power, Booth University College
Revisiting the Sociology of Salvationism: Mature (?) Musings of a Participant Observer

Nathan T. Miller, Asbury University
Beneath Two Flags: Music as a Lens for Understanding Salvationist Identity in America during the Age of Nationalism

Rebecca Carter-Chand, University of Toronto
The Politics of Being Apolitical: The Salvation Army in Nazi Germany

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

M21-103

Society for the Study of Anglicanism

Theme: **A Scots Irish Anabaptist at the Court of St Augustine: Reflections on Communion, Conflict and Culture**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:30 PM

Hilton-211 (Level 2)

The Center for Anglican Communion Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary and Ripon College Cuddesdon partner each year to host the annual Society for the Study of Anglicanism meeting. The Society is a research-led body that is committed to excellence in promoting the study of Anglicanism. The scholarly presentations inform dynamic discussion on varied topics. Martyn Percy serves as President with Robert Heaney and Mark Chapman serving as co-Conveners of the Society. This year's presenter is Canon David Porter, Archbishop of Canterbury's Director for Reconciliation.

A committed anabaptist originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he was involved in peace building for twenty-five years. His background informs a distinctive approach to addressing the challenges and opportunities within Anglicanism today. His role at Lambeth is to enable the Church to contribute to transforming the often violent conflicts which overshadow the lives of many Anglicans worldwide, while working to support creative ways for renewing conversations and relationships around deeply held differences within the Church of England and wider Anglican Communion.

M21-100

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Book Review: *The Nay Science: A History of German Indology* by Vishwa Adluri and Joydeep Bagchee**

Saturday, 9:30 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott-A704 (Atrium Level)

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Panelists:

Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

Robert M. Seltzer, Hunter College and the Graduate School of CUNY

David Cereguas, Hunter College

Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno

Douglas T. McGetchin, Florida Atlantic University

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

James Madaio, University of Oxford

Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley, University of Melbourne

Responding:

Joydeep Bagchee, Freie Universität Berlin

Vishwa Adluri, Hunter College, CUNY

M21-110

Wesley Works Board of Directors Luncheon

Saturday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Marriott-L503 (Lobby Level)

M21-105

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Methods in Indian Discourse: Comparative Perspectives on Reason, Theology and Tradition**

Saturday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Marriott-A704 (Atrium Level)

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University, Presiding

Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida

Unfolding Experience: Texts in Psychological Contexts

Gerald J. Larson, Indiana University

The Pātañjala Yoga-System: An Interesting Chapter in the History of Indian Theism

Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

God without Otherness: 'Non-dual Theology' in Gītā 14.27

Anand Venkatkrishnan, Columbia University

Love in the Time of Scholarship: Theists, Non-Theists, and Intellectual Historians

Nalini Bhushan, Smith College

Līlā vs Māyā: Theth Century India

Responding:

Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley, University of Melbourne

M21-106



Stanford University Press

Theme: **New Directions in Protestant Social Ethics**

Saturday, 12:00 PM–1:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

This roundtable discussion will explore new directions in Protestant Social Ethics, broadly construed. Protestant Social Ethics is a diverse tradition comprising a multiplicity of voices, institutions, and practices. Seeking to discern the continuing viability of this tradition, and in order to identify topics for future collaborative inquiry, panelists will respond to the question posed by Ernst Troeltsch's *The Social Teaching of the Christian Churches*: what resources, if any, does Protestantism have for contending with the problems facing our social moment? Afterward, a business meeting will be held to ascertain interest in an ongoing AAR Protestant Social Ethics Group.

M21-200**Theology Without Walls Group**Theme: **Sources and Resources for Transreligious Theology**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 10 (Level 1)

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo, Presiding

Transreligious theology offers the possibility of a more adequate understanding of, and response to, reality. It also addresses the needs of the rising number of those who are “spiritual but not religious.”

For a long time, theology has meant “confessional” theology, and its materials and methods have been confessional. Panelists will explore resources that are available to help us think purposefully outside confessional boundaries.

Panelists:

Kurt Anders Richardson, University of Toronto

Kenneth Cracknell, Brite Divinity School

S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

Responding:

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado

M21-201**Nazarene Theological College, Manchester**Theme: **The Promise of Robert Jenson’s Theology: Constructive Engagements**

Saturday, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 11 (Level 1)

Stephen Holmes, University of St. Andrews

Radicalising the Communicatio: Jenson’s Theology in Confessional Lutheran Perspective

Peter J. Leithart, Theopolis Institute

The Biblical God

Kristin Graff-Kallevåg, MF - Norwegian School of Theology

*One God—One Story? Engaging the Concept of Metanarrative in Jenson’s Theology of Baptism***M21-202****Colloquy on the Future of Theological Education**Theme: **Theological Education in an Age of Miseducation: The Raveling and Unravelling of our Seminaries?**

Saturday, 2:30 PM–5:30 PM

Marriott-L503 (Lobby Level)

M21-300**Yale University Press**Theme: **Reception to Celebrate the Publication of Miroslav Volf’s New Book, *Flourishing***

Saturday, 5:30 PM–7:30 PM

Westin-Chastain G (Level 6)

By Invitation Only

M21-203**Festschrift Presentation to Susan Niditch Meeting**

Saturday, 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Westin-Chastain A (Level 6)

M21-204**Forum for Theological Exploration Reception Honoring Fellows and Alumni**

Saturday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Sheraton-Capitol Center-South (Level 1)

M21-205**John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Reception**

Saturday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Westin-Chastain E (Level 6)

M21-301**Religion Dispatches Reception**

Saturday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Westin-Peachtree 2 (Level 8)

M21-419**Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends**Theme: **Discussion and Reception — Liberal Religious Perspectives on Class and Economic Inequality**

Saturday, 6:30 PM–9:30 PM

Sheraton-Atlanta 1 (Level 1)

For more than a century, religious liberals have supported popular movements for economic justice, yet Unitarian Universalist congregations continue to be characterized by high levels of educational and economic privilege. In an effort to come to terms with this paradox, the Unitarian Universalist Association has selected “Escalating Inequality” as its Congregational Study Action Issue and the UU Commission on Appraisal has launched a three-year study of class dynamics within Unitarian Universalism. This year’s discussion seeks to make a scholarly contribution to these two conversations, exploring the ways liberal religion is both complicit in structures of economic injustice and an important participant in efforts to build beloved community. Jonathan Rogers, Acting Associate Minister at the UU Congregation of Atlanta, will open the event with a chalice lighting. The discussion will begin at 6:30 PM; a reception will follow at 8:00 PM. Co-sponsored by Harvard Divinity School, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Starr King School for the Ministry, Beacon Press, and the Unitarian Universalist Panel on Theological Education.

Panelists:

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry

Rosemary Bray McNatt, Starr King School for the Ministry

Myriam Renaud, University of Chicago

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

M21-400

2015 Templeton Prize Plenary Lecture

Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Marriott-Atrium B (Atrium Level)



Jean Vanier

Jean Vanier, the 2015 Templeton Prize Laureate, is the founder of L'Arche, an international network of communities where people with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together as peers. L'Arche encourages people toward mutually transformative relationships, where those who help are transformed by those they encounter. Vanier has extended his advocacy of belonging and social justice, with years of leadership efforts across the globe to nurture dialogue and unity among Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims and other faiths.

Following video highlights from the Templeton Prize ceremony, and a video filmed at the original L'Arche community in Trosly-Breuil, France, Prof. Michael Spezio will present results from research that seeks to understand the love shown by the people in the L'Arche community and what makes possible the daily commitments over years of dedication to care for and take joy in one another. The study's methods range from careful listening and understanding of long-form narrative interviews with people in L'Arche, to novel tasks in the laboratory designed to present possibilities for the care of others in need, to cutting edge measures of electrical activity from the brain.

The program also includes L'Arche leaders and caregivers, who live the journey of L'Arche every day.

Panelists:

- Michael Spezio, Scripps College
- Tina Bovermann, L'Arche USA
- Tim Moore, L'Arche Atlanta

M21-421



American Bible Society

Theme: *Hope Rising: Stories of Trauma and Healing*

Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:15 PM

Hyatt-Edgewood (Atlanta Conference Level)

Hope Rising: Stories of Trauma and Healing reveals the heart-breaking realities of war-torn Congo where “boy soldiers” were kidnapped and recruited to kill, and young women were raped in unprecedented numbers. Those who survived did so with little more than their lives intact. The trauma of violence left a nation of women, men and children largely unable to function, incapable of rebuilding their lives or their devastated communities. In this one-hour documentary, we meet:

- Emmanuel, John and Alice: Children forced to be soldiers
- Melania and Maria: Raped mothers, whose children suffer from the memory of violence
- Riziki: The sole survivor when her church burned to the ground with her family inside
- Pastor Kahiwa: He comforts his shattered congregation while suffering the effects of trauma himself

Developed by psychologists, counselors, missiologists, and Bible translators, the trauma healing program model is founded on biblical texts. The urgent question is: Can principles of healing rooted in faith help those who have been deeply traumatized? Using story-telling techniques and drama, Dr. Harriet Hill of American Bible Society works with the traumatized to help them to discover real hope found in Scripture allowing them to rebuild their lives and to function once again.

M21-401



Brigham Young University Reception

Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Westin-Piedmont 2 (Level 12)

M21-402



United Church of Christ Scholars Reception

Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 13 (Level 1)

Meet, greet, and a time of brief updates on research, work, and teaching on themes of anti-racism in theology. What is emerging in our work around releasing an investment in whiteness in our common lives and for the common and civic good? What innovations and transformations are afoot? Where is theory meeting practice, contemporary and ancient...congregationally, in worship, in extravagant welcome, in networking and witness for multiethnic life in worship, poetry and the arts, and civic advocacy?

M21-403



William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. Reception

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin-Augusta 1-3 (Level 7)

M21-404

Zen Reading Group Second Annual Meeting

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott-International 9 (International Level)

Steven Heine, Florida International University
Introduction to Zen Readings

Mario Pocesi, University of Florida
Mazu's Texts

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona
Seventeenth-Century Chinese Chan

Gereon Kopf, Luther College
New Approaches to Dōgen

Responding:

Jin Y. Park, American University

M21-405



Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni and Friends Reception

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin-Augusta H (Level 7)

M21-420**College Theology Society**Theme: **Whither the Family? The Year in Review**

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Sheraton-Atlanta 5 (Level 1)

The year 2015 presented many crises and opportunities for Catholic thinking on marriage and family: the Supreme Court ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the Synod on the Family in Rome, the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, etc. Join our special guests in an open conversation about these developments and their possible consequences in U.S. Catholic life and thought.

M21-422**Interfaith Youth Core, the Center for Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary, CIRCLE, ICJS, KAICIID Dialogue Centre, and The Pluralism Project Studies Group Reception**

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin-Savannah C (Level 10)

All are welcome at the reception for the Interreligious and Interfaith Studies group. The reception is hosted as a partnership between Interfaith Youth Core, the Center for Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary, the Center for Inter-Religious and Communal Leadership Education (CIRCLE), ICJS, KAICIID Dialogue Centre, and the Pluralism Project.

M21-423**Critical Research on Religion Reception**

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Offsite-Meehan's Public House, 200 Peachtree Street

You are invited to a reception sponsored by *Critical Research on Religion* (<http://crr.sagepub.com>) in conjunction with the following AAR groups: Sociology of Religion, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion, Cultural History and the Study of Religion, Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence, Critical Approaches to Hip Hop and Religion, and the Religion and the Social Sciences Section.

M21-407**Theology and Science Reception**

Saturday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton-Athens (Level 2)

Sponsored by the Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion (IBCSR), Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS), Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), and Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS)

Please join us for refreshments and conversation at this year's Science and Religion Hospitality Event, sponsored by:

The Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion (IBCSR) sponsors research in the scientific study of religion, supports Boston University's Religion and Science PhD, publishes the journal *Religion, Brain and Behavior* and the monthly IBCSR Research Review. (www.ibcsr.org)

The Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), offers seminary courses, public lectures, and student symposia and shares offices with *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. (www.zygoncenter.org)

The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) supports research, provides MDiv and doctoral courses through the Ian G. Barbour Chair at the Graduate Theological Union, and publishes the peer-reviewed journal *Theology and Science*. (www.ctns.org)

The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) is an open membership organization that holds annual summer conferences and co-publishes the peer-reviewed journal, *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. (www.iras.org)

M21-408**Graduate Theological Union Reception**

Saturday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin-Savannah A (Level 10)

M21-409**Fordham University Theology Department Reception**

Saturday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Westin-Chastain F (Level 6)

Alumni/ae, friends, colleagues, prospective graduate students, and all comers are invited to join Fordham University's Department of Theology for a festive reception hosted by our faculty and graduate students.

M21-410**Dallas Theological Seminary Alumni Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM

Sheraton-Macon (Level 2)

M21-424**Enoch Seminar Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin-Chastain I (Level 6)

M21-412**Society for Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society Joint Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM

Westin-Chastain D (Level 6)

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

M21-413

Macquarie University and Australian College of Theology Reception

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin-Chastain J (Level 6)

Macquarie University is Australia's premier center for the study of Ancient History, with a long record of integrating early Christianity and the New Testament in its Jewish and Greco-Roman setting. The Australian College of Theology (ACT) is Australia's largest provider of theological education. The ACT enrolls almost 3000 students each year. It is a major center of biblical research, with collaborative research links with Macquarie University. Friends and colleagues of both institutions are very welcome to attend the reception.

M21-414

Baker Academic and Brazos Press Reception

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin-Chastain 1-2 (Level 6)

M21-415

De Gruyter Reception

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin-Augusta A (Level 7)

M21-416

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Reception

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 8-10 (Level 1)

M21-417

New Religious Movements Group and *Nova Religio* Reception

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin-Piedmont 4 (Level 12)

M21-411

Templeton Prize Reception

Saturday, 8:15 PM–10:15 PM

Marriott-Atrium A (Atrium Level)

M21-418

Universities of Zurich, Basel, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne, and Lucerne Swiss Reception

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Peachtree 1-2 (Level 8)

The Departments of Theology and Religious Studies of the Swiss Universities (Basel, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne, Lucerne, Zurich) warmly welcome friends, colleagues, alumni/ae, and prospective graduate and doctoral students to a festive, evening gathering.

M21-425

Asbury Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University Reception

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Chastain G (Level 6)

M21-426

Journal of Religion and Violence Reception

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Imperial Suite (69th Floor)

Academic Publishing, The AAR Groups on Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence, Culture History in the Study of Religion, and Critical Theories and Discourses on Religion are proud to sponsor a reception for the *Journal of Religion and Violence*. Please come to meet the new editors and to celebrate the journal's launch.

M22-1

Church of Christ Professors Meeting

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Marriott-A602 (Atrium Level)

M22-2

Higher Education and Leadership Ministries Disciples of Christ Student and Faculty Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Sheraton-Georgia 7 (Level 1)

M22-5

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Alumni Connect Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Sheraton-Georgia 10 (Level 1)

We welcome Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary alumni to our Annual Breakfast. This will be an occasion for alumni to connect with one another and interact with Gordon-Conwell faculty who will be attending the Annual Meetings.

The event is free and open to alumni and spouses. Registration is required online at: <http://my.gordonconwell.edu/sbl2015> or by calling 978-646-4272. We hope you will join us!

M22-6



New York Theological Seminary and the *Journal of World Christianity* Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:45 AM
Sheraton-Georgia 11 (Level 1)

M22-7



Temple University Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:45 AM
Sheraton-Georgia 12 (Level 1)

M22-8

Green Seminary Initiative

Theme: **Seminary Environmental Certification Program**

Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:30 AM
Sheraton-Georgia 2 (Level 1)

The Green Seminary Initiative, a program of Drew Theological School and GreenFaith, is preparing to launch an environmental certification program for seminaries, divinity schools, and schools of theology. This program will provide a range of resources and forms of support to empower these schools to integrate caring for God's creation into all areas of institutional life, including coursework and research. Join us to learn more about this program, how it is structured, and how your school can become involved.

M22-3



Center of Theological Inquiry Breakfast Reception

Sunday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM
Marriott-A703 (Atrium Level)

M22-4

Feminist Studies in Religion Web Board Meeting

Sunday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM
Hyatt-Auburn (Atlanta Conference Level)

M22-100



Heart Chakra Society

Theme: **Dharma and Religious Pluralism**

Sunday, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hyatt-Harris (Atlanta Conference Level)

This inaugural meeting of the Heart Chakra Society will address the issue of preserving the distinctiveness of Sanatana Dharma, commonly known as Hinduism, in the face of incursions by Abrahamic traditions, appropriations by commercial interests, and threats of an ecological nature.

Globalization presents an opportunity for the dharmic family of religions in that it spreads these belief systems around the world, and yet the paradox of the diaspora is that going global also re-molds tradition, sometimes to the point of being unrecognizable. The session will explore opportunities for engaged pedagogy, performance, and scholarship to combat the erosion of dharmic belief systems in the twenty-first century. A brief business meeting will follow the program.

Panelist:

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

Responding:

Sabrina MisirHiralall, Montclair State University

David Dillard-Wright, University of South Carolina, Aiken

M22-101



HUC-JIR School of Graduate Studies Alumni Association Annual Alumni Luncheon 2015

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
Hyatt-Hanover F (Exhibit Level)

M22-104



International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)

Theme: **Reflections on Political Islam: Concepts and Contexts**

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM
Westin-Savannah AB (Level 10)

Panelist:

John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

M22-102

Struggling in Good Faith

Theme: **LGBTQI Inclusion from 13 American Religious Perspectives**

Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Marriott-L504-505 (Lobby Level)

This meeting will be an opportunity to learn about and discuss the new book *Struggling in Good Faith: LGBTQI Inclusion from 13 American Religious Perspectives*. This is a comparative religion sourcebook that highlights how engagement, wrestling, and transformation is occurring across the landscape of American faith traditions. *Struggling in Good Faith* explores how religious communities strive to stay true to their own doctrines while acknowledging the wide range of human sexual and gender identities. LGBTQI and allied experts-scholars, clergy and activists-from a broad range of religious traditions discuss how their traditions' texts and authoritative voices have contributed to the visibility or disenfranchisement of LGBTQI people. Writing from an inside perspective about their communities, they address the ways in which inclusion for LGBTQI community members is being consciously constructed or denied, what textual or authoritative changes have taken place, and how transformation has resulted from creative engagement with the tradition by LGBTQI people and their allies. A light lunch will be offered during this session.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

M22-200

North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies

Theme: **What is Ghar-Vapasi?**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

For more information contact Arvind.Sharma@mcgill.ca.

Panelists:

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i

Balaji Murli, Hindu American Foundation

Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley,
University of Melbourne

Responding:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

M22-201

Liverpool Hope University and University of Manchester

Theme: **"With Their Own Voice": The Current State and Future Direction of Methodist-Evangelical Primary Text Scholarship**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)

David Hart, Methodist Church of Great Britain, Presiding

Panelists:

David Ceri Jones, Aberystwyth University

Andrew Cheatle, Liverpool Hope University

Randy L. Maddox, Duke University

Kenneth Minkema, Yale University

Gareth Lloyd, University of Manchester

M22-204

Interfaith Youth Core Faculty Programs

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:00 PM

Hilton-406 (Level 4)

Join Interfaith Youth Core for an informal Q&A session to learn about our programs and offerings for faculty, including faculty development seminars, upcoming conferences, online teaching resources, and opportunities for curriculum-development funding. For more information, visit www.ifyc.org or email Cassie Meyer, cassie@ifyc.org.

M22-202

Analytic Theology Lecture Series Fifth Annual Analytic Theology Lecture

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton-Atlanta 1-2 (Level 1)

Philosophers, in general, have focused on two ways of coming to know God: by having an experience of some sort of God, and by reading or being told narratives about God's actions.

In this talk I develop the idea that one can also come to know God by participating in liturgical enactments. Sponsored by the Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame. A reception will follow this lecture at 4:30 PM. Food and drinks will be served.

Nicholas Wolterstorff, Yale University

The Liturgical Knowledge of God

M22-203

AAR Mid-Atlantic Region

Theme: **Race Relationships in Baltimore and NYC through the Lens of Religious and Theological Scholarship**

Sunday, 3:30 PM–4:30 PM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Sabrina MisirHiralall, Montclair State University, Presiding

The MAR-AAR will host a short panel discussion and then facilitate small group discussions about the racially significant events that have occurred in the Mid-Atlantic this year. There will be a fifteen minute presentation by Dr. Douglas, describing the landscape of these events and reflecting on the responses among religious communities to them. Then the respondents will offer remarks, one from an ethics perspective, and one from an activist perspective. Next, the moderator will open it up for 20 minutes of small group discussion among the attendees. At least one question on the table will be how to introduce topics, such as race relations in a fair and helpful way to students.

Panelist:

Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College

Responding:

Carl Garrison, Community of Hope Ministries, New York City

Foster Pinkney, University of Chicago

M22-300

Tutku Tours

Theme: **The Smyrna Excavations**

Sunday, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

Marriott-M105 (Marquis Level)

Mark Wilson, Regent University, Presiding

M22-302

Analytic Theology Lecture Series Fifth Annual Analytic Theology Reception

Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Sheraton-Atlanta 3-4 (Level 1)

Sponsored by the Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame. This reception follows the Fifth Annual Analytic Theology Lecture, given by Nicholas Wolterstorff, session M22-202. Food and drinks will be served.

M22-303

Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting

Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 2 (Level 1)

M22-304**HarperOne**Theme: *The Study Quran: A New Translation and Commentary*

Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Westin-Peachtree D (Level 8)

This session will introduce *The Study Quran: A New Translation and Commentary* (HarperOne). At the center of *The Study Quran* is a new translation of the Quran prepared by the editors. Explaining the translation is an extensive 900,000-word verse-by-verse commentary by the editors of the entire Quran, which incorporates and explains a range of views from Islam's vast exegetical tradition. The volume also contains fifteen companion essays about the Quran by leading scholars; specialized maps of Arabia, Makkah and Madinah, and key events of the Prophet's life; and an extensive appendix of the sourcing for all the *hadith* mentioned in the commentary. This session will begin an opening statement by the project's editor-in-chief, Seyyed Hossein Nasr, followed by a moderated panel discussion with leading scholars in the field of religion, and will conclude with an open Q&A with the editors.

Panelists:

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, George Washington University

Caner Dagli, College of the Holy Cross

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University

Joseph Lumbard, American University of Sharjah

Mohammed Rustom, Carleton University

Jack Miles, University of California, Irvine

M22-309**Religion and American Law Discussion Group**Theme: **Contemporary Issues in Religion and American Law**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–8:00 PM

Hilton-406 (Level 4)

This is the second annual meeting of the Religion and American Law Discussion Group. Panelists have been invited to present papers on issues of contemporary importance at the intersection of religion and American law, with a focus on religious liberty litigation and state and federal legislation and regulation. Meeting is open to all students, faculty, advocates, and those generally interested in the topic.

M22-306**Paulist Press Celebrating 150 Years: Reception in Honor of Bernard McGinn, Outgoing Editor-in-Chief of the Classics of Western Spirituality Series**

Sunday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Hyatt-International North (International Tower Level LL1)

M22-308**Loyola University, Maryland**Theme: **Decreation: A Discussion with Paul Griffiths**

Sunday, 6:00 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Daniel Wade McClain, Loyola University, Maryland, Presiding

Panelists:

William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University

Jame Schaefer, Marquette University

Frederick C. Bauerschmidt, Loyola University, Maryland

Paul Griffiths, Duke University

M22-400**Denver University/Iliiff School of Theology Joint PhD Program in the Study of Religion Reception**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Westin-Piedmont 4 (Level 12)

M22-401**University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Department of Religious Studies Reception**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton-Macon (Level 2)

M22-420**China Academic Consortium Networking**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Westin-Piedmont 3 (Level 12)

At this reception, CAC would like to gather Christian scholars and seminarians who are committed to academic work in China. Our passion is to partner with the church and seminaries. During this reception there will be opportunity to hear about current developments in China and share personal experiences.

M22-422**University of Oxford and University of Cambridge Joint Reception**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton-Capitol Center (Level 1)

The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge are delighted to invite colleagues, friends, alumni and prospective graduate students to a reception at the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings in Atlanta. Come hear an update on developments in Oxford's Faculty of Theology and Religion and Cambridge's Faculty of Divinity, and meet current faculty members. Prospective students are warmly welcome to come and learn about the benefits of studying in Oxford or Cambridge. Further information is available at www.theology.ox.ac.uk and www.divinity.cam.ac.uk.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

M22-423

Yale University Divinity School Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
Hilton-Grand Salon A (Level 2)

M22-307

Louisville Institute Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Hilton-Grand Ballroom D (Level 2)

M22-402

Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section Panel and Reception Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Nag Hammadi

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Sheraton-Capitol North (Level 1)

Join us for a panel discussion on the production of English, French, and German editions of the Nag Hammadi Codices. We'll have a reception with snacks afterwards.

Panelists:

John D. Turner, University of Nebraska
Paul-Hubert Poirier, Université Laval
Gesine Schenke-Robinson, Claremont School of Theology

M22-403

Princeton University Department of Religion Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Westin-Savannah C (Level 10)

M22-404

University of Helsinki Nordic Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Marriott-Marquis C (Marquis Level)

M22-405

University of Iowa Alumni and Friends Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Westin-Piedmont 2 (Level 12)

M22-421

Bahá'í Studies Colloquy 2015 Meeting

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM

Westin-Piedmont 6 (Level 12)

Susan Maneck, Jackson State University, Presiding

Christopher Glen White, Vassar College
Theories of Cognition, Attention and Embodiment and Bahá'í Obligatory Prayers

Loni Bramson, American Public University System
American Bahá'í Race Relations Work in the 1920s and 1930s: A Means to Develop the Bahá'í Administrative Order in the United States

Anthony A. Lee, West Los Angeles College
Tahiri: A Theology in Poetry

Mikhail Sergeev, University of the Arts
Life After Death in the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Mike McMullen, University of Houston, Clear Lake
A Snapshot of Bahá'í Programs for Youth and Young Adults: Data From the FACT 2015 Survey

For additional information about the Bahá'í Studies Colloquy, contact Robert Stockman at rstockman@usbnc.org or 847-337-7750 (cell).

M22-419

Liturgical Press

Theme: **Introducing the Wisdom Commentary Series**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM

Sheraton-Capitol South (Level 1)

The reception will be 7:00 PM–9:30 PM. Remarks by editors and authors at 7:30 PM.

M22-424

Princeton Theological Seminary Reception with President Craig Barnes

Sunday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hilton-Grand Ballroom B (Level 2)

M22-406

Jewish Theological Seminary Reception

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM
Sheraton-Augusta (Level 2)

The Jewish Theological Seminary and the Gershon Kekst Graduate School invite JTS alumni, faculty, colleagues, and friends to a light kosher reception.

M22-429

NEH California Pluralism Project California State University Systemwide Reception

Sunday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM
Westin-Piedmont 5 (Level 12)

M22-407**Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni and Friends Dessert Reception**

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin-Chastain G (Level 6)

M22-425**Alpha Christianity Project**Theme: **Two Reconstructions of the Gospel of Mark**

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Marriott-International C (International Level)

An open discussion of the contrasting Mark reconstructions of Christopher I. Beckwith and E. Bruce Brooks, both of whom will be present. For the texts, and other details, see <http://www.umass.edu/wsp/alpha/forum/sbl2015/index.html>. The session will conclude with a brief business meeting to plan for the following year, and for the next volume of the journal *Alpha*.

M22-426**Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Reception**

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton-Athens (Level 2)

M22-427**Concordia Seminary, Concordia Theological Seminary, and Concordia Publishing House Reception**

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin-Piedmont 1 (Level 12)

M22-428**Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary PhD Annual Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Sheraton-Atlanta 3-4 (Level 1)

M22-408**Brite Divinity School Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–10:30 PM

Westin-Peachtree 1-2 (Level 8)

M22-409**Brown University Department of Religious Studies and the Program in Judaic Studies Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Savannah A (Level 10)

M22-410**Columbia University Religion Department Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Savannah B (Level 10)

M22-411**Emory University Graduate Division of Religion Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Chastain 1-2 (Level 6)

M22-412**Florida State University Department of Religion Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 8-9 (Level 1)

M22-413**Johns Hopkins University Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Chastain E (Level 6)

M22-414**Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology Alumni/ae and Friends Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Chastain F (Level 6)

M22-415**Scottish Universities Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Augusta 1-3 (Level 7)

M22-416**Union Theological Seminary Alumni/ae Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 3-4 (Level 1)

M22-417**University of California, Santa Barbara Religious Studies Reception**

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Sheraton-Savannah 1-3 (Level 2)

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

M22-418

University of Chicago Divinity School Reception for Alumni and Friends

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Westin-Peachtree C (Level 8)

M22-430

Boston University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Sheraton-Georgia 13 (Level 1)

M22-431

Duke University Graduate Program in Religion Alumni Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Offsite-Commerce Club of Atlanta, 191 Peachtree Street NE, 49th Floor

M22-432

Syracuse University Department of Religion Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Sheraton-Georgia 6 (Level 1)

M23-1

Restoration Quarterly Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
Sheraton-Georgia 7 (Level 1)

M23-5

Oxford University Press Journals' Editors Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
Marriott-L503 (Lobby Level)

M23-6

Friends of Regent College Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

M23-2

Fuller Theological Seminary Alumni Breakfast hosted by Dean Joel Green, School of Theology

Monday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM
Sheraton-Capitol North (Level 1)

M23-3

Union Presbyterian Seminary Alumni/ae Breakfast

Monday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM
Sheraton-Valdosta (Level 2)

Come enjoy a scrumptious breakfast with your Union Presbyterian Seminary friends and colleagues. Adjunct Professor of Church History Bill Sweetser (M.Div.'89; Th.M.'90; Ph.D.'00) will share reflections on the seminary's history based on his new book. The cost for this breakfast is \$20. Please register by Monday, November 16 here: www.regonline.com/UnionAlumBreakfast2015. For questions please contact the alumni/ae office: alum@upsem.edu.

Bill Sweetser, Union Presbyterian Seminary
A Copious Fountain: Union Presbyterian Seminary, 1812–2012

M23-4

University of Chicago Divinity School Coffee with the Dean for Prospective Students

Monday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM
Westin-Peachtree A (Level 8)

M23-100

Council on Foreign Relations Religion and Foreign Policy Initiative Luncheon Discussion

Monday, 11:45 AM–1:00 PM

Hyatt-International South (International Tower Level LL1)

Join CFR's Religion and Foreign Policy Initiative for a buffet lunch followed by a panel discussion. CFR's Religion and Foreign Policy Initiative connects religion scholars and congregational leaders with timely, expert resources on U.S. foreign policy and provides a forum for this community to discuss a broad range of international issues. Visit us in the Exhibit Hall at Booth 313.

M23-200

Theology Without Walls Group

Theme: **Theology From the Ground Up**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Marriott-M103 (Marquis Level)

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Presiding

Theology, as we live it, is the intellectual articulation of insights and epiphanies gathered in the course of our spiritual lives. In transreligious thinking particularly, we theologize from the ground up, finding insights across traditions and in life experiences, and then working toward theological integration. How is this possible? Panelists whose thinking has been shaped by multiple influences will explain how they have done it.

Panelists:

Christopher Denny, Saint John's University, New York
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College
Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary
Hyo-Dong Lee, Drew University
Jonathan Weidenbaum, Berkeley College

M23-202**Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology**Theme: **Terryl Givens and Mormon Theology**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Hyatt-Kennesaw (Atlanta Conference Level)

A discussion of Terryl Givens' contributions to Mormon Theology.

Panelists:

Benjamin Huff, Randolph-Macon College

Adam S. Miller, Collin College

Rosalynde Welch, Ladue, MO

James M. McLachlan, Western Carolina University

Responding:

Terryl Givens, University of Richmond

M23-203**KAICIID — International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue**Theme: **KAICIID Peace Mapping Workshop: Introducing a Tool to Research Interreligious Dialogue Activities Worldwide**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton-309 (Level 3)

KAICIID Peace Mapping Workshop Introducing a tool to research interreligious dialogue activities worldwide On the International Peace Day (September 21, 2015), the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) has been launching the first phase of its Peace Mapping Programme (PMP) that aims to contribute evidence-based research about interreligious dialogue activities worldwide. Although not aiming at being exhaustive about the interreligious dialogue movement as a whole, in this phase, the programme focuses on mapping the organizations that are involved in interreligious dialogue (IRD) activities with an international scope. At the heart of this first phase is a rich directory of around 400 such organizations. It is too early yet to measure their collective impact. Nevertheless, mapping these organizations together and making available publicly a multiple keyword search tool of the carefully selected portions of their websites linked to dialogue also contributes to enhancing understanding of the breath of interreligious dialogue today. In addition, this Peace Mapping website will certainly increase networking and concrete collaborations. This workshop wants to introduce the functionalities of the first phase of the Peace Mapping Program. In doing so, it will focus upon four aspects: (1) It will show, how the PMP helps to put what is frequently described as the 'Interreligious Dialogue Movement' into its socio-cultural context. (2) It will underline the PMP's potential to map the current landscape of the organizations that are involved in interreligious dialogue activities around the world by showing its meaning, focus and types of action. (3) It will discuss the contributions of interreligious dialogue activities to conflict transformation and their role in international peacebuilding efforts. (4) It will ask the question to what an extent interreligious dialogue makes a difference as compared to other types of actions contributing to peacebuilding.

Panelists:

Patrice Brodeur, University of Montreal

Jana Vobecka, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Karsten Lehmann, KAICIID Dialogue Centre

M23-201**Theology Without Walls Group Planning Meeting**

Monday, 3:00 PM–4:00 PM

Marriott-L504-505 (Lobby Level)

Everyone interested in the Theology Without Walls project is welcome to help plan next year's program and the future of the project.

M23-402**Auburn Theological Seminary Reception**

Monday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Offsite-National Center for Civil and Human Rights, 100 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd NW

Everyone is welcome. Come and learn about Auburn's work troubling the waters and healing the world. We seek to curate a space in support of scholar/activists. We will celebrate the awarding of the inaugural Walter Wink Scholar-Activist Award. The award will be given at 7:00 PM. with a brief talk to follow. Come and enjoy the hospitality of the beautiful Center for Civil and Human Rights, and network with scholar-activist friends old and new.

M23-400**King's College London**Theme: **Reception**

Monday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Westin-Peachtree 1-2 (Level 8)

Once again we are delighted to invite King's alumni, prospective students, friends and guests to a reception at the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings, this time in Atlanta. As well as updating on general news from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, the reception will note recent publications by members of King's. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us. For further information about the Department, see www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/trs.

M23-401**Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Graduate University Reception**

Monday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Chastain 2 (Level 6)

M23-403**Sheffield Phoenix Press and Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies (SIIBS) Reception**

Monday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin-Overlook (Level 6)

By invitation only.