

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE
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**PNW REGION
AAR, SBL, and ASOR
University of Victoria
Victoria, BC
May 7 – 9, 2010**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON, May 7
First Session (2:00-5:30 p.m.)**

Asian and Comparative Studies

New Frontiers: Cognitive Science and Early Chinese Religion

Presider: Abraham de Jesus, University of British Columbia (abe.dejesus@gmail.com)

- 2:00-2:45** Clayton Ashton, University of British Columbia (clayton.ashton@gmail.com)
“From Confucius to Cognition: Two Views on Culture”
- 2:45-3:30** Abraham de Jesus, University of British Columbia (abe.dejesus@gmail.com)
“The Empirical Limits of Holism”
- 3:30-4:00** **BREAK**
- 4:00-4:45** Jennifer Lundin, University of British Columbia (jritchie@interchange.ubc.ca)
“Rebuilding the Yin-Yang Metaphor using Cognitive Science”
- 4:45-5:30** Respondent: Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia
(slinger@interchange.ubc.ca)

Hebrew Scriptures

Presider: Elizabeth R. Hayes, Wolfson College, Oxford (erussell.hayes@gmail.com)

- 2:00-2:30** Karolein Vermeulen, Ghent University (Karolien.Vermeulen@ua.ac.be)
“Behold Twins in Her Womb. On Gemini and Geminate Clusters”
- 2:30-3:00** Sydney Palmer, Independent Scholar (sydsbiz@gmail.com)
“The Name ‘Chavah’ in Gen 3:20: Expecting the Unexpected”
- 3:00-3:30** Gary Yamasaki, Columbia Bible College, Gary.Yamasaki@columbiabc.edu
“To Fleece or Not to Fleece? Perspective Criticism Provides an Answer”
- 3:30-4:00** **BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30** Pamela H. Miles, Marylhurst University (pmiles@trmiles.com)
“The Clean Animals of Leviticus 11 and the Three Domains of the Ancient House of Israel”
- 4:30-5:00** Niek Arentsen, Independent Scholar (n.arentsen@gmail.com)
“Impurity Versus Holiness”
- 5:00-5:30** Antonios Finitsis, Pacific Lutheran University (finitisak@plu.edu)

“The ‘other’ in Early Postexilic Period: The Argument According to Haggai and Zechariah 1-8”

History of Christianity/North American Religions

"Panel Discussion: *Religion and Healing in Native America: Pathways for Renewal*, edited by Suzanne Crawford O'Brien (Praeger, 2008)"

Presider: Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University (ihssenbl@plu.edu)

2:00-3:30 Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University (crawfosj@plu.edu)
Coll Thrush, University of British Columbia (cthrush@interchange.ubc.ca)
Elizabeth Stanhope Gordon, Graduate Theological Union (esgordon@comcast.net)

3:30-4:00 **BREAK**

4:00-5:30 Dennis Kelley, University of Missouri-Columbia (kellydf@missouri.edu)
Larissa Petrillo, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, (larissa.petrillo@kwantlen.ca)
Denise Nadeau, University of British Columbia, (dnadeau@look.ca)

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions Section

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

2:00-2:45 Peter Spitaler, Villanova University (peter.spitaler@villanova.edu)
“In Search of a Pauline Spirituality”

2:45-3:30 Justin M. Glessner, University of British Columbia (theglessners@hotmail.com)
“Ethnomedical Anthropology and Paul's ‘Thorn’ (2 Cor 12.7)”

3:30-4:00 **BREAK**

4:00-4:45 Ron Clark, Agape Church of Christ (rclark@agapecoc.com)
“Agape as a Topos for Spiritual Development (telos) in Paul's First Published Letter to the Community at Corinth”

4:45-5:30 Jon Wilhoft, Trinity Lutheran College (overtenpounds@hotmail.com)
“Junia: Outstanding among the Apostles or to the Apostles?”

Theology & Philosophy of Religion

Presider: Mari Kim, Emory University (mkim08@emory.edu)

2:00-2:30 Bruce Hiebert, University of the Fraser Valley (brucehiebert@shaw.ca)
“Post-Modern Meanings of Sacred Texts”

2:30-3:00 Richard Topping, St. Andrews University (rstopping@standrews.edu)
“John Calvin and Paul Ricoeur: Hermeneutics and Imagination”

- 3:00-3:30** Brian A. Butcher, Saint Paul University (brian.anastasi.butcher@gmail.com)
 “Liturgical Hermeneutics: A Ricoeurian Approach to Byzantine Liturgy”
- 3:30-4:00** David Manning, George Fox Evangelical Seminary
 (manningd06@georgefox.edu)
 “John Wyclif and the Logic of Reformation”
- 4:00-4:30** Craig Ginn, University of Calgary (ginncw@uleth.ca)
 “Anti-Semitism in African American Spirituals: Imitating Protestant Hymnody and Supersessionist Ecclesiology or Initiating Liberationist Theology and Black Power?”
- 4:30-5:00** Peter B. Reed, Yale University (peter.reed@yale.edu)
 “Scripture, Ritual, and Cult in the Conversions of Gregory the Great”
- 5:00-5:30** Beatrice Lawrence, Hebrew Union College (Blawrence@huc.edu)
 “Leviticus: A Theology of the Priestly World View”
- 5:30-6:00** Justin Soderquist, Trinity Western (justin_n_becky@yahoo.com)
 “A ‘Mormon’ Approach to Scriptural Interpretation: Background and Case Study”

Women and Religion

Confronting Oppression: Gender and Ecojustice

- Presider:** Val Ziegler, DePauw University (vziegler@depauw.edu)
- 2:00-2:45** Ron Clark, Agape Church of Christ (rclark@agapecoc.com)
 “Freeing the Oppressed: A Male Response to Confronting Oppression of Women”
- 2:45-3:30** Kathlyn A. Breazeale, Pacific Lutheran University (breazeale@plu.edu)
 “‘Witches,’ ‘Devil Worshipers’ and the Power of Colonized People: Disrupting the ‘Closer to Nature’ Ecofeminist Debate”
- 3:30-4:00** **BREAK**

FRIDAY EVENING

- 5:30-7:30** **Dinner at area restaurants of your choice!**
- 8:00-9:00** **Presidential Plenary Address: Linda Schearing, Gonzaga University,**
 “TBA”
- 9:00-10:00** **Reception**

SATURDAY MORNING

- 7:00-8:00** **Program Unit Chairs and Region Executive Committee Breakfast (Location TBA)**

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

Archaeology of the Ancient Near East

- Presider:** Gloria London, Independent Scholar, Seattle, WA.
(glondon@earthlink.net)
- 8:30-8:55** Roger Anderson, Independent Scholar, Mukilteo, WA.
(rwander48@comcast.net)
“The Economic Base of Early Bronze Age Tell el-Hesi”
- 8:55-9:25** Ian D. Wilson, University of Alberta (iwilson@ualberta.ca)
“Interpreting Judean Pillar Figurines: What More Can They Tell Us about Ancient Judah?”
- 9:25-9:55** Christine Johnston, University of British Columbia
(christiejohnston@yahoo.ca)
“Be Green and Come: Economic Memory, Historiography and the Palermo Stone”
- 9:55-10:25** Evanthia Bampoula, University of Victoria (ebaboula@uvic.ca)
“A preliminary synthesis Ottoman religious architecture in southern Greece”
- 10:25-10:55** Marcus Milwright, University of Victoria (mmilwig@uvic.ca)
“Out of Sight and out of Mind? Preliminary Thoughts on the Manufacture and Use of Ceramic Drainpipes in the Islamic Middle East”)

Asian and Comparative Studies

CHINESE COSMOLOGY, MEDIEVAL CHINESE RELIGION, AND KOREAN-CONFUCIAN CHRISTIANITY

- Presider:** Nicholas F. Gier, University of Idaho (ngier@uidaho.edu)
- 8:30-9:10** Justin Yee Ting Mok, University of Toronto (justinmok@gmail.com)
“Examining the Relationship between Humans, Environment, and the Cosmos and Rethinking the Idea of Social and Cultural Change in Chinese Culture: A Study of Tang Thinker Liu Zongyuan’s Thought”
- 9:10-9:50** David Tien, National University of Singapore (dwtien@gmail.com)
“Discursive Resources and Contested Claims in Medieval Chinese Religion”
- 9:50-10:30** Oh-Young Kwon, Alphacrucis College, Australia
(ohyoung.kwon@alphacrucis.edu.au)
“1 Cor. 10:23-11:1: The Corinthian Practice of Greco-Roman Domestic Cults and Paul’s Response to it and its Evaluation from a Korean-Confucian Christian Context”
- 10:30-11:00** **BREAK**

Hebrew Scriptures

Presider: Elizabeth Hayes, erussell.hayes@gmail.com

8:30-10:00 Panel Discussion on *Two Sides of a Coin: Juxtaposing Views on Interpreting the Book of the Twelve/the Twelve Prophetic Books*, by Ehud ben Zvi, James Nogalski with introduction by Thomas Romer

Ehud ben Zvi, University of Alberta (ehud.benzvi@ualberta.ca)

James Nogalski, Baylor, Baylor University (James_Nogalski@baylor.edu)

Respondents:

Francis Landy, University of Alberta, francis.landy@ualberta.ca

** (waiting for responses)

10:00-10:30 James Linville, University of Lethbridge (james.linville@uleth.ca)
“Mythiography, Memory, and the Prophetic Past”

10:30-11:00 BREAK

History of Christianity/North American Religions

Selected Topics: History of Christianity: From the Ancient World to the Pacific Northwest

Presider: Charles J. Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary (cscalise@fuller.edu)

8:30-9:10 James K. Wellman, Jr., University of Washington
(jwellman@u.washington.edu)

“Desire and Power in American Megachurches”

9:10-9:50 Bradley King, University of Washington (kingb3@u.washington.edu)

“Performed Theology in the Apocryphon of John”

9:50-10:30 Janet Hauck, Whitworth University (jhauck@whitworth.edu)

“‘A Need that has been Well Met’: The History of the Pacific Northwest Region of the AAR/SBL”

10:30-11:00 BREAK

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions Section

Book Panel: John R. Levison’s Filled with the Spirit (Eerdmans, 2009)

Presider: Amy M. Donaldson, University of Notre Dame
(amy.m.donaldson@gmail.com)

8:30-8:40 Introduction and Book Summary

8:40-9:00 Panelist: Blaine Charette, Northwest University
(blaine.charette@northwestu.edu)

9:00-9:20 Panelist: Larry Shelton, George Fox Evangelical Seminary
(lshelton@georgefox.edu)

9:20-9:40 Panelist: Alaine Buchanan, Regent University (alaibuc@regent.edu)

9:40-10:30 Interaction with John R. Levison, Seattle Pacific University
(jlevison@spu.edu) and panelists

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

Religion and Society

Presider: **Matt Westbrook, Drew University** (makaden@gmail.com)

8:30-8:45 Matt Westbrook, Drew University, (makaden@gmail.com) “Shaping the Field: Towards an Interdisciplinary Approach to the Study of Religion and Memory”

8:45-9:15 Bruce Hibert, University of the Fraser Valley (brucehiebert@shaw.ca)
“Memory, Meaning and Action for Religious Groups”

9:15-9:45 Paul Bramadat, Centre For Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria (bramadat@uvic.ca)

“Race and Religion in a Post-Colonial Community”

9:45-10:15 Mae Cannon, University of California – Davis (mae@hillsidecovenant.org)
“Christian Attitudes Toward the State of Israel”

10:15-10:30 Discussion

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

Theology & Philosophy of Religion

Presider: **Mari Kim, Emory University** (mkim08@emory.edu)

8:30-9:00 Geoffrey Dargan, Fuller Theological Seminary NW (gdargan@gmail.com)
“‘Crowd’ and ‘Community’: Authentic Christianity in Kierkegaard and Bonhoeffer”

9:00-9:30 Geoff Salomons, Independent Scholar (geoffsalmons@gmail.com)
“Political Theology After the Death of God”

9:30-10:00 Dennis Jowers, Faith Evangelical Seminary (djowers@faithseminary.edu)
“Evil as Evidence for the Existence of God”

10:00-10:30 Richard Curtis, Seattle Central Community College
(RichardCurtis42@msn.com)

“Theology and the Politics of Deception”

10:30-11:00 Carl Levenson, Idaho State University (levecarl@isu.edu)
“Platonic Recollection and the Career of Alcibiades”

Women and Religion

Gender and Cross Cultural Monastic Life

Presider: **Val Ziegler, DePauw University** (vziegler@depauw.edu)

9:00-9:45 Jackie Larm, University of Edinburgh (jlclarm@yahoo.com)

- “Bending the Rules a Little Bit’: The Women at Samye Ling”
9:45-10:30 Justine Semmens, University of Victoria (jesemmens@uvic.ca)
 “Silence is the Cult of Justice’: The Filles Marie Notre Dame and Strict Active Enclosure in the Age of Vincent de Paul”
10:30-11:00 **BREAK**

SPECIAL TOPIC SESSION
Arts and Religion I

Presider: **Louise M. Pare, Center for Women's Spirituality, Education and Empowerment** (lmpare849@aol.com)

- 8:30-9:00** Stephanie Hamilton, Independent Scholar (stephanie.laine@gmail.com)
 “Representations of Ritual Symbols on Roman Imperial Coinage: The Lituus”
9:00-9:30 Cristina Richie, Newbury College (cristinarichie@yahoo.com)
 “Symbolism in Asian Statues of the Buddha”
9:30-10:00 David Fekete, Church of the Holy City (feketedavid@yahoo.com)
 “Robert Frost's Critical Appropriation of Swedenborg's Correspondences”
10:10:30 Susan G. Carter, Marylhurst University (and California Institute of Integral Studies) (susangailcarter@yahoo.com)
 “Impermanence in the Enduring Arts of Japan”
10:30-11:00 **BREAK**

SPECIAL TOPIC SESSION
Study of Islam I

Institutions and Hierarchies

Presider: **Andrew Rippin, University of Victoria** (arippin@uvic.ca)

- 8:30-8:50** Nathan Hofer, Emory University (nhofer@emory.edu)
 “The ‘Shaykh al-Shuyukh’ and the Sufi Community of Ayyubid Egypt”
8:50-9:10 Frederick Colby, University of Oregon (fscolby@uoregon.edu)
 “Examining ‘Abd al-Rahman Bistami’s Work on Muhammad’s Ascension as a Prayer Manual”
9:10-9:30 Matthew Melvin-Koushki, Yale University (matt.warren@yale.edu)
 “Who Were the Neo-Ikhwan al-Safa? Sa’in al-Din Ibn Turka’s Intellectual Hierarchy and Shi’i Hurufism in Early 15th Century Iran and Anatolia”
9:30-9:50 Charles Fletcher, McGill University (charles.fletcher@mcgill.ca)
 “Dhimmi Allegiance or Subjugation? The Concept and Application of Jizya in Three Early Islamic Legal Works on Taxation: The *Kitab al-Kharaj* of Abu Yusuf (731-798), Yahya b. Adam (757-818), and Qudama b. Ja’far (864-c. 932)”
9:50-10:30 Discussion
10:30-11:00 **BREAK**

SATURDAY NOON
(Lunch and Region Business Meeting)

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

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

Asian and Comparative Studies

Gandhi, the Feminine, Tantricism, Ritual, and Hindu Love

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

2:00-2:40 Veena Howard, University of Oregon (veenahoward@msn.com)
“Gandhi’s Construction the Feminine: Negotiating the Traditional Values for Modern Goals”

2:40-3:20 Nicole Hembroff, University of Lethbridge (nicole.hembroff@uleth.ca)
“The Interpretation of Menstruation in Tantric and Orthodox Hinduism”

3:20-3:50 **BREAK**

3:50-4:30 Holly Grether, University of California, Santa Barbara
(grether@umail.ucsb.edu)
“Burning Demons and Sprinkling Mantras: Fire and Water in Three Ritual Universes”

4:30-5:10 Campbell Peat, University of Lethbridge (campbell.peat@gmail.com)
“The Many Forms of Love within the Hindu Tradition”

Hebrew Scriptures

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

2:00-2:25 Sonya Kostamo, University of Alberta (sonya.kostamo@mytwu.ca)
“Remembering Assyria: A Case Study on Isaiah 7-11”

2:25-3:00 Marvin Miller, University of Manchester (marvin.miller@mytwu.ca)
“We Made This Pledge Before the Priests”

3:00-3:20 Sara Koenig, Seattle Pacific University (skoenig@spu.edu)
“‘I want to argue with God’ – the appropriateness of Job’s litigiousness”

3:20-3:50 **BREAK**

3:50-4:15 Ms. Ellen Sabo, University of Alberta (saboellen@gmail.com)
“Remembering Death in the Book of Qohelet”

4:15-4:40 Mr. Peter Sabo, University of Alberta (psabo@ualberta.ca)

- 4:40-5:10 “The Speaking Voice(s) in the Book of Lamentations”
Kathryn Rickert, Seattle University (kathrynricket@gmail.com)
Jo-Ann Badley, Mars Hill Graduate School (jbadley@mhgs.edu)
“Reading for Lament”
- 5:10-5:30 **Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions**

History of Christianity/North American Religions:

Selected Topics in British and American Christianity

- Presider:** Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University (ihssenbl@plu.edu)
- 2:00-2:40 Keith Beebe, Whitworth University (kbeebe@whitworth.edu) “Wounded by the Arrow of Conviction: Experimental Religion and Calvinist Conversion in Eighteenth-Century Scotland”
- 2:40-3:20 John Kershner, University of Birmingham (U.K.) (jon.kershner@gmail.com)
“‘A Good Degree of Resignation’: ‘Natural Inclination,’ ‘the World’ and Spirituality in John Woolman’s (1720-1772) Ethics”
- 3:20-3:50 **BREAK**
- 3:50-4:30 Mark Wiebe, Southern Methodist University (mwiebe@smu.edu)
“Alexander Campbell on Rationality and the Problem of Evil: Letters to a Skeptic (1826 to 1856)”
- 4:30-5:10 Timothy Burdick, University of Birmingham (timburdick@comcast.net)
“No Peace among Friends”
- 5:10-5:30 **Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions**

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions

- Presider:** Gary Yamasaki, Columbia Bible College,
(Gary.Yamasaki@columbiabc.edu)
- 2:00-2:40 Adam Winn, Azusa Pacific University (adamwinn68@yahoo.com)
“Jesus and the Ideal Greco-Roman Benefactor: Reconsidering the Significance of Mark 10:42-45 in Light of a Roman Imperial Context”
- 2:40-3:20 Steve Black, Toronto School of Theology (sdblack@dccnet.com)
“The Power and Powerlessness of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark”
- 3:20-3:50 **BREAK**
- 3:50-4:30 Stanley Ng, University of Sydney (pastorstanleyng@gmail.com)
“The Better Righteousness of the Four Named Outsiders of the Matthean Genealogy”
- 4:30-5:10 Paul N. Anderson, George Fox University (panderso@georgefox.edu)
“The Fourth Gospel and Critical Theory”
- 5:10-5:30 **Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions**

Religion & Society:

- Presider:** Kevin J. O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University (obrien@plu.edu)
- 2:00-2:30** Reginald Bibby, University of Lethbridge (bibby@uleth.ca)
 "Life After God: An Exploration of the Correlates of the Abandonment of Religion in Canada"
- 2:30-3:00** Adriana Tulissi, Independent Scholar (atulissi@yahoo.ca)
 "Reasonable Accommodation and Interculturalism Outside of Quebec: Applications in Alberta and British Columbia"
- 3:00-3:30** Harold G. Coward, University of Victoria, hcoward@uvic.ca
 "Religious Understandings of a "Good Death" in Hospice Palliative Care,"
- 3:30-3:50** **BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30** David Eagle, Duke University (david.eagle2@gmail.com)
 "The impossibility of sociology in John Milbank,"
- 4:30-5:00** John Sandys-Wunsch, University of Victoria (jwunsch@islandnet.ca)
 "Two types of questions about a sacred cow, "
- 5:00-5:15** **Religion and Society Section Business Meeting and Discussion**

Theology and Philosophy of Religion

- Presider:** Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University (zbarasgm@plu.edu)
- 2:00-3:30** Religion Matters: Religion as Pedagogy Panelists:
 Beatrice Lawrence, Hebrew Union College (blawrence@huc.edu)
 Peter B. Reed, Yale University (peter.reed@yale.edu)
 Carl Levenson, Idaho State University (levecarl@isu.edu)
 James K. Wellman, Jr., University of Washington
 (jwellman@u.washington.edu)
- 3:30-4:00** **BREAK**
- 4:00-4:30** William Stevens, University Presbyterian Church (ceolstevens1@juno.com)
 "The Provocation of Grace: Gift and Icon"
- 4:30-5:00** Dustin Zielke, University of Victoria (dustinzielke@gmail.com)
 "Thinking Religious Experience: The Possibility of a Critical Phenomenology of Religion"
- 5:00-5:30** Douglas McGaughey, Willamette University (dougmg@willamette.edu)
 "Kant's Theological Context: A Sampling"
- 5:30-6:00** **Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions**

Women and Religion

Eve and Her Daughters: Women Initiate Biblical History

- Presider:** Ardy Bass, Gonzaga University (bassa@gonzaga.edu)
- 2:00-2:40** Val Ziegler, DePauw University (vziegler@depauw.edu)
 "Dinosaurs of Eden: Who Rules Over Whom in Creation Accounts for Young Readers?"

2:40-3:20 Lori Swick, St. Edward's University (ljswick@austin.rr.com)
"She Started It: How Women Initiated Biblical History"

3:20-3:50 **BREAK**

3:50-4:30 **Business Meeting and/or Discussion of future directions**
SPECIAL TOPIC SESSION
Arts and Religion II

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

2:00-2:40 Erica Cruikshank Dodd, University of Victoria (edodd@uvic.ca)
"The Image of the Word"

2:40-3:20 Jennifer Harris, School of Oriental and African Studies (jdhd@yahoofr)
"In God's Image? Re-negotiating identity in the art of second- and third-generation post-diasporic religious minority communities"

3:50-4:30 Louise M. Pare, Center for Women's Spirituality Education and Empowerment (lmpare849@aol.com)
"Women's Moving Stories: The Art of Intrinsic Movement as Integrative Spiritual Practice"

4:30-5:10 Mary Louise Stone, California Institute of Integral Studies
(titiqqa@hotmail.com)

"Women Weaving the World: Spirituality in the Andes"
5:10-5:30 Mary Beth Moser, California Institute of Integral Studies
(mbmoser@comcast.net)
"Submerged Spirituality and Mountain Mothers: A visual exploration of female divinity and women's spiritual roles in art and artifact in the Italian Alps from ancient to present times"

SPECIAL TOPIC SESSION
Study of Islam II

Roundtable on Teaching the Qur'an

Presider: Josie Hendrickson, Whitman College, hendrij@whitman.edu

Discussion Featuring:

Andrew Rippin, University of Victoria, arippin@uvic.ca
Gordon Nickel, University of British Columbia, gord.nickel@gmail.com
Rogers Miles, Whitman College, miles@whitman.edu
Josie Hendrickson, Whitman College, hendrij@whitman.edu
Paul Powers, Lewis & Clark, ppowers@lclark.edu
Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, ghaneabk@imap.reed.edu
Clinton Bennett, SUNY New Paltz, cb@clintonbennett.net
Brett Wilson, Macalester College, mwilson5@macalester.edu
F. Volker Greifenhagen, Luther College,
Franzvolker.Greifenhagen@uregina.ca

2:00-3:20 Initial Comments
3:20-3:50 **BREAK**
3:50-5:15 Open Discussion
5:15-5:30 Discussion of Future Directions

SATURDAY EVENING,

6:30-8:00 Banquet
8:00-9:00 Plenary Address: Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

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9:00-10:00 Reception

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

Asian and Comparative Studies

Buddhism in Thailand, Tibet, and Bhutan

Presider: Veena Howard, University of Oregon (veenahoward@msn.com)
8:30-9:15 Sean Ashley, Simon Fraser University (smashley@sfu.ca)
"Purity Within Syncretism: Lan Na Buddhism, the Khruba Monk Movement, and Palaung Ethnic Identity in Contemporary Northern Thailand"
9:15-10:00 Nicholas F. Gier, University of Idaho (ngier@uidaho.edu)
"Church-State Relations and Violence in Tibet and Bhutan"
10:00-10:30 **BREAK**
10:30-11:15 Martin T. Adam, University of Victoria (mtadam@uvic.ca)
"The Sekha: A Model for the Bodhisattva"
11:15-12:00 Kyle Bond, University of Washington (bondk@uw.edu)
"Zen and the Question of Nature"

Hebrew Scriptures

Presider: Antonios Finitis, Pacific Lutheran University (finitisak@plu.edu)
8:30-9:00 Prof. Beth Elness-Hanson, Trinity Lutheran College
(beth.ernesshanson@tlc.edu)
"Daniel 3:52-90's (LXX) echoes of Psalm 136 (MT): An indirect reference to liberation from oppression"
9:00-9:30 Amy Chase, Fuller Northwest (amychase@comcast.net)
"'Abraham' in Micah 7:20: A Signal of Pardon For All, Not Just One"
9:30-10:00 John Screnock, Trinity Western University (john.screnock@mytwu.ca)
"Word Order of Verbal Clauses in the War Scroll (1QM)"
10:00-10:30 **BREAK**

10:30-11:15 Prof. Steve Delamarter, George Fox University (sdelamarter@georgefox.edu)
“Scribal Practice Regarding Line Length in Ethiopic Psalters”

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions Section

Presider: David W. Suter, Saint Martin’s University (dsuter@stmartin.edu)

8:30-9:15 Adam Copenhaver, Highland Theological College
(akcopenhaver@gmail.com)

“To Colossae and Beyond? The Question of Audience in Colossians and Its Implications for the Reconstruction of the Opponents”

9:15-10:00 Gary Yamasaki, Columbia Bible College (Gary.Yamasaki@columbiabc.edu)
“On the Side of a Villain: Perspective Criticism and Saul’s Damascus Road Experience (Acts 9:1-9)”

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

10:30-11:15 Amy M. Donaldson, University of Notre Dame
(amy.m.donaldson@gmail.com)

“Variant Readings and Variant Meanings: What We Can Learn from Patristic Textual Criticism on the New Testament”

Religion and Society

Presider: Paul Bramadat, Centre For Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria (bramadat@uvic.ca)

8:30-9:00 Anna Duke (dukeag@plu.edu), Brenda Ihssen (ihssenbl@plu.edu), and Kevin J. O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University (obrien@plu.edu)
“Natural Disasters as Moral Lessons: Gregory of Nazianzus and New Orleans.”

9:00-9.30 T. L. Gray, Vanderbilt University (tlgrayonline@yahoo.com)
“Faith and the Environment: Advancing an Ecologically Pragmatic Theory of Religion”

9.30-10:00 Jackie Larm, University of Edinburgh (jlclarm@yahoo.ca)
“Re-sacralizing Scottish Lands: Kagyu Samye Ling and the Holy Isle project”

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

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8:30-9:00 Kyle Anderson, Fuller Theological Seminary NW (aelyk@hotmail.com)
“The Baptism of Jesus in Thomas F. Torrance’s Stratified Theory of Knowledge”

9:00-9:30 Joshua Hurd, Fuller Theological Seminary (joshua_hurd@fuller.edu)
“Concerning Dogmatics: Barth and Schleiermacher Revisited”

9:30-10:00 Travis Dumsday, University of Calgary (tjgdumsd@ucalgary.ca)

- “Counter-Cultural Religious Experiences”
- 10:00-10:30** Andrew Wender, University of Victoria (amwender@uvic.ca)
“Should They Be Separated? Can They Be Separated?": Politics, Religion,
and the Troubled Separation Thesis
- 10:30-11:00** Bruce Davidson, Hokusei Gakuen University (dajareking@gmail.com)
„The Four Faces of Self-love in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards”
- 11:00-11:30** Louis Silverstein, Columbia Chicago College (silverstein@colum.edu)
“Embodied and Experiential Religion and Spirituality”
- 11:30-12:00** William R. McAlpine, Ambrose University College
(bmcalpine@ambrose.edu)
“Religion Beyond the Church: The Impact of Cyberspace on Human
Spirituality”