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Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, March 14
Undergraduate Symposium

8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Breakfast

Location: Conference I

Registration
9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

ALL SESSIONS WILL OCCUR IN SALON AB.

9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Session 1
Panel: Various Papers
Moderator: Gerald S. Vigna, Alvernia University, jerry.vigna@alvernia.edu

Sex Education in Public Schools: Comprehensive and Considerate
Rae Marina Ens Wilkins, rmewilkins@gmail.com

Moving Past Binary Teacher Dress Codes
Corey Smith, smithc54@mail.montclair.edu

Slavery in Philippians: The Defense of Paul’s Honor
Darrien Gish, Eastern University, and Stephen Stratton, Eastern University

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Session 2

Panel: Religion and Race in America
Moderator: Brad Stoddard, McDaniel University, bstoddard@mcdaniel.edu

“The Appeal of Race and Religion within the Peoples Temple”
Angel Petty, McDaniel University, alp008@McDaniel.edu.

“Religious Influence on the Convict Lease System in Louisiana”
Sijui Kama Bartrum, sb027@mcdaniel.edu

“The Appeal of the Nation of Yahweh”
Jacob Bickley, jwb002@mcdaniel.edu

Respondent: Brad Stoddard

12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Lunch
Location: Conference I
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Undergraduate Plenary Address
Gerald S. Vigna, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Alvernia University
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Finding Our Purpose beyond Classroom and Workplace: The Anticipatory Undergraduate in the Wider World
Salon AB

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Undergraduate Plenary Reception and Dinner
TBA

Thursday, March 15
MAR-AAR-SBL Annual Conference

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Breakfast
Location: Conference I
Conference Overlook

MAR-AAR Sessions (SBL Sessions follow below)
10:15 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.
Session 1
Conference JK
Section: Christian History and Theology
Session: Theologies of Anticipation: Faith, Freedom and Continuity
Moderator: Michael T. Dempsey, St. John’s University, New York, dempseym@stjohns.edu

Tertullian’s Rule of Faith: A Tool for Modern Discourse?
C. Ashby Neterer, Princeton Theological Seminary, charles.neterer@ptsem.edu

Number and Continuum according to Iamblichus
Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary, st2399@columbia.edu
Divine Freedom and the Assurance of Providence: Critical Reflections on Schleiermacher
Michael T. Dempsey, St. John’s University, New York, dempseym@stjohns.edu

Conference F
Section: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality
Session: Theoretical Perspectives on Masculinity and Queerness
Moderator: Minjung Noh, Temple University, minjung.noh@temple.edu

After Empathy: Transforming Masculinity Through Affective Attunement
Gabriel Crooks, Drew University, gcrooks@drew.edu

Reconciling Roman Catholic Natural Law Theory and Gender Identity
Corey Harris, Alvernia University, corey.harris@alvernia.edu

Conference E
Section: Psychology and Religion
Session: Religious Responses to Community Problems
Moderator: Brigid Burke, Montclair State University, burkeb@montclair.edu.

Culture Wars and Spiritual Harm
Melissa Lemons, University of Maryland, University College, melissalemsons@gmail.com

Psychology, Religion and Community-Based Healing
Charles Butler, Howard University School of Divinity, charles.butler.333@gmail.com

Drugs, Autonomy and Grace: a study of U.S. Legislation’s Paternalistic Approach to Drug Use
Aida Haddad, Princeton Theological Seminary, aida.s.haddad@gmail.com

Conference D
Section: Contemporary Theology
Session: Contemporary Theology and Ecological Interfaces
Moderator: Lucas Briola, Catholic University of America, 66briola@cua.edu

Toward a Liturgical Environmentalism
Rebecca Spellacy, University of Trinity College, rebecca.spellacy@gmail.com

Public Theology, Science, and the Environment
E. Harold Breitenberg, Jr., Randolph-Macon College, ebreiten@rmc.edu

Cities as Learning Ecosystems: Lonergan's Emergent Probability in Urban Spaces.
Edward Dunar, Fordham University, edunar@fordham.edu
Ecological Economics as Care for Creation
Chris Durante, St. Peter’s University, cdurante@saintpeters.edu

Salon A
Section: Postcolonial and Religious Studies
Session: Modernism(s), Islam, and the Nation-State
Moderator: Robert Ames, Harvard University, rames@mail.harvard.edu

The Emergence of the Qurʾān Only Movement
Emad Hamdeh, Montclair State University, abuzayna@gmail.com

Norms, Gnosis, and Nationalism: Ethics and Mysticism in Iran’s First Revolution
Robert Ames, Harvard University, rames@mail.harvard.edu

Islam, Secularism and Security in Post-Soviet Central Asia
Edward James Lemon, Columbia University, ejl2174@columbia.edu

Salon B
Section: Scriptural Reasoning
Session: Scriptural Reasoning as (Inter) Religious Education

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Respondents: Matthew Goldstone, Jewish Theological Seminary, magoldstone@jtsa.edu
Mark James, Hunter College, mcjames@caspia.edu

Salon C
Section: Religion and Education
Session: Innovative Pedagogies in Christian Education
Moderator and Respondent: Janice McLean-Farrell, City Seminary of New York, psjanicemclean@gmail.com

Anticipating Scholarship: How School Sisters of Notre Dame Transform the World
Joyce Ann Konigsburg, Ph.D., Notre Dame of Maryland University, jkonigsburg@ndm.edu

On the Need for Pedagogically Minded Liturgical Reform: Lessons for Mainline Liturgy from Piaget’s Constructivism
Jacob Gonzalez, Union Theological Seminary, New York, jg3913@utsnyc.edu

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
MAR-SBL-AAR Lunch
Location: Conference I and Conference Overlook
Women’s Caucus Roundtable Lunch
FORGiNG VOICE
Film Screening and Discussion
*Conversations with Pioneering Feminist & Womanist Theologians*
A short film by PhD Candidates Kate Common (common@bu.edu) & Ashley Theuring from Boston University

Location: Conference I

1:15 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.
Session 2

Conference JK
Section: Christian History and Theology
Session: Theologies of Anticipation: Faith, Scripture and Transformation
Moderator: Conrad Fischer, Touro College, conradfischermd@gmail.com

_The Word in the World: Sketching an Immanent Dialectical Imagination_
Benjamin Van Dyne, Union Theological Seminary, benjaminvandyne@gmail.com

Curriculum of Friendship: A Relational Space for Transformation
Julia Ji, Teachers College, Columbia University, yj2277@tc.columbia.edu

_Scriptures in Charles Chauncy’s Universalism,_
Michael Baysa, Princeton University, mbaysa@princeton.edu

Conference F
Section: Undergraduate Section
Session: Religious Literacy in Public School American Education

_A Move Towards Religious Literacy in Undergraduate Education_
Paul Fricovsky, Middlesex County College, paulf9822@my.middlesexcc.edu

_Academic or Devotional? Religions in American Public Schools_
Ben Gould, Montclair State University, gouldb1@montclair.edu

_Contemplative Education: Social Justice in the Elementary Classroom_
Megan Drew, Montclair State University, drewm2@montclair.edu

Respondent: Kate Soules, Boston College, kate.soules@bc.edu
Conference E  
Section: Psychology of Religion  
Session: Collective Psychology’s Role in Community and Global Issues

**Unearthing the Voice of Creation in the Human Collective Psycho-Spiritual Journey: A Path towards Global Ecological Consciousness and Healing**  
Amy Wollam Echeverria, Oblate School of Theology, aecheverria@ost.edu

**Passing from Death to Life: Facing the Fundamentalists Within**  
Bonnie Lin, Princeton Theological Seminary, bonlin@gmail.com

Jesus, the Jewish *Son of Man*: A Narrative Analysis of Daniel 7:13 and Matthew 26:64  
Elizabeth Siegelman, Drew Theological Seminary, esiegelman@drew.edu

Conference D  
Section: Religion and Ethics  
Session: Political and Racial Concerns  
Moderator: Michael J. Stell, Catholic University of America, 71stell@cua.edu

**Thomism in These Troubled Times: The Political Implications of the Debate Regarding the Infused and Acquired Virtues**  
Isaac Kim, Princeton Theological Seminary, isaac.kim@ptsem.edu

**Asian American Christian Ethics and Interracial Solidarity**  
Lisa Asedillo Pratt, Drew Theological Seminary, lcunningham@drew.edu

**Discipline and Parish: Abolitionist Ecclesiology in the Age of Mass Incarceration**  
Nathaniel Grimes, Villanova University, ngrim01@villanova.edu

Salon A  
Section: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality  
Session: Sexual Ethics, Gender, and Body Politics  
Moderator: Corey Harris, Alvernia University, Corey.Harris@alvernia.edu

**Interreligious Feminist Communities as Sites of Grounding, Healing, and Growth**  
Abigail Rampone, Union Theological Seminary, ar3787@utsnyc.edu

**Glorifying Fat Sex: Exploring Contributions of Fat Theology to Christian Sexual Ethics**  
Sarah Klockowski, Union Theological Seminary, sk4202@utsnyc.edu

**Transnationality and Evangelical womanhood: cases of woman missionaries in Haiti**  
Minjung Noh, Temple University, minjung.noh@temple.edu

Salon B
Section: Theology, Aesthetics, and the Arts
Session: Examining Art and Artist: Theological Reflections in Discerning Acts of Creation
Moderator: Michele Stanback, Union Theological Seminary, M.lisa.stanback@gmail.com

Panelists
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Amy E. Gray, Wesley Seminary, agray@wesleyseminary.edu
Patrick Haley, Princeton Theological Seminary, patrick.haley@ptsem.edu
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Salon C
Section: Black Theology
Session: Black Theology and Baldwin
Moderator: Xavier Pickett (Co-Chair), Princeton Theological Seminary, Xavier.pickett@ptsem.edu
Stanley Talbert (Co-Chair), Union Theological Seminary, Stt2117@utsnyc.edu

Reawakening after Midnight and Before the Fire: A Potential Revival of the Prophetic Zeal in the Twenty-First Century African American Church and Its Community
Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University, mdroyster@pvamu.edu

Love Is Where You Find It”: James Baldwin, the Goldstein Interview, and Black Theology
William Stell, Independent Scholar, wmstell@gmail.com

3:00 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.
Session 3

Conference JK
Section: Christian History and Theology
Session: Theologies of Anticipation: Response to the Challenges of Religious Unrest
Moderator: Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary, st2399@columbia.edu

Re-assessing the Suffering of Perpetua: Hope in the Face of Martyrdom
V.K. McCarty, General Theological Seminary, VKMcCpax@gmail.com

A Rose By Any Other Name? Or, Secular Violence and its Religious/Humanitarian Justifications.
Hasan Azad, Union Theological Seminary, ha2248@columbia.edu
No One is Innocent: The Theological Justification ISIS uses to kill non-combatants
Conrad Fischer, Touro College, conradfischermd@gmail.com

Conference F
Section: Contemporary Theology
Session: Understanding and Overcoming Structural Evils
Moderator: Dave de la Fuente, Fordham University, davedelafuente@gmail.com

Gregory Baum’s ‘Anticipatory’ Ecclesiology
Marc DelMonico, Marymount University, marc@churchmd.com

Going to University with Herman Bavinck and Wolfhart Pannenberg.
Eundeuk Kim, Calvin Theological Seminary, edkim5@calvinseminary.edu

Moral Wounding and the Imago Dei
Millie Feske, St. John’s University, mjeske@sju.edu

At the Crossroads – Anticipating New Conversations
Jane Huber, Union Theological Seminary, jhuber@utsnyc.edu
Seth Wax, Williams College, sethwax@gmail.com

Conference E
Section: Religion and Education
Session: Religion and K-12 Schooling
Moderator and Respondent: Benjamin Marcus, Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute, bmarcus@newseum.org

School Vouchers and Legal Concerns
Laube H. Steenhuisen, Georgetown University, steenhul@georgetown.edu

Learning to Teach about Religion: Religious Literacy Professional Learning and Development for K-12 Educators
Kate Soules, Boston College, kate.soules@bc.edu

Conference D
Section: Asian Religions
Session: Asian Religion and Society
Moderator: Song-Chong Lee, the University of Findlay, lee@findlay.edu

A Revisit to the Growth of the Korean Protestant Church in the 20th Century: from a Psycho-historical Perspective
KwangYu Lee, Drew University, klee2@drew.edu

Redefining Religiosity in Buddhist Studies: A Nonlocality-Nonduality-Wholeness Model
Dr. B. Hyun Choo, SUNY Stony Brook, bhyun.choo@stonybrook.edu

*Eco-ethics, Eco-feminism, and Won Buddhism*
Chung Nam Ha, Won Buddhist Graduate Studies, chungnam.ha@woninstitute.edu

*Ham Seok-Heon’s Ssial as Derridean Singularity, for Cosmopolitanism*
Song-Chong Lee, the University of Findlay, lee@findlay.edu

**Salon A**
Section: Undergraduate Section
Moderator: Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, kimpaffenroth@msn.com

*A Critique of Deconstructivism within the Context of ‘Hindu’ Studies*
Naimi Patel, Rutgers University, npatel2014@gmail.com

*Bread and Wine: Understanding Universal Symbols in a Divisive World*
Courtney Steininger, University of Maryland, College Park; cmstein@umd.edu

*Replacing ‘Religion’: When Religious Violence Isn’t Religious*
Kyle Novis, Montclair State University, Novisk1@montclair.edu

*Gender Equality for Ghanaian Women: The Consequences of Religious Interpretation*
Theresa Watts, Manhattan College, twatts01@manhattan.edu

**Salon B**
Section: Religions of the Latino/a Latin Americas
Session: Latinx Religions: Toward New Decolonizing Strategies
Moderator: Harold Morales, Morgan State University, MD, harold.morales@morgan.edu

*Sexual Citizenship in the Caribbean: Re-articulating Body Politics for Afro-Puerto Rican Women*
Alexandra Rosado-Román, Drew Theological School, arosadoroman@drew.edu

*Towards a TransLatinx Theology: Gutierrez, Isasi-Díaz and TransLatina Activists in Conversation*
David E. Patiño Mejia, Union Theological Seminary, Dp2842@utsnyc.edu

*On the Need for a Latinx Catholic Church*
Jacob Gonzalez, Union Theological Seminary, jg3913@utsnyc.edu

Respondent: Jorge Juan Rodríguez V, Union Theological Seminary, jr3445@utsnyc.edu

**Salon C**
Section: Comparative Religion and Ecology
Session: Religious Work for Environmental Justice
Moderator: Laurel Kearns, Drew University, lkearns@drew.edu

Panel Participants

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5:00 p.m to 5:45 p.m. MAR-AAR Section Chairs Meeting
Open to all current Chairs and those interested in Chairing
Salon A

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. MAR-AAR Plenary Address
Laurel Kearns, Drew University
Salon A

5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. MAR-SBL Plenary Address
How Jael Became a Cyborg Assassin and other Interesting Tales about Judges 4-5
Colleen Conway, Seton Hall University
Conference JK

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. MAR-AAR-SBL Plenary Reception
TBA

Friday, March 16
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Breakfast
Location: Conference I and Conference Outlook

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. MAR-AAR Presidential Address
Christopher Fici
Salon A

10:15 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.
Session 1

Conference JK
Section: Christian History and Theology
Session: Theologies of Anticipation: Christian Practices from the Patristics to the Present Day (Session 1)
Moderator: Kara Slade, Episcopal Church at Princeton University and Trinity Church
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Living in Community in Uncertain Times: Lessons from Julian of Norwich, Jeremy Taylor, and C.S. Lewis
Molly James, Episcopal Church in Connecticut, mollyfjames@gmail.com

The Blessing of Conflict in Ecumenical Work and Scholarship: A Patristic Consideration
Mary Julia Jett, Saint Francis College and St. John’s in the Village Episcopal Church,
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Baptismal Solidarity after Colonialism and White Supremacy
JK Melton, Fordham University, jmelton2@fordham.edu

Conference F
Section: Religion and Ethics
Moderator: Ryan Longton, Catholic University of America, 28longton@cua.edu

The Body Politic: Operation Christmas Child and the Aesthetic and Dramatic Processes in Moral Formation
'Pop that, pop that, jiggle that f(ph)at': A Hip Hop, Ethical Framework for Black F(ph)at Teenage Girls  
Victoria Gillon, Union Theological Seminary; vg2398@utsnyc.edu

Distilling a Dignity - The Emergence and Importance of a Lexical Definition  
Christopher Suehr, Catholic University of America; 07suehr@cua.edu

Conference E  
Section: Contemporary Theology  
Session: Creation and Created Human Nature  
Moderator: Rory Misiewicz, Princeton Theological Seminary, rory.misiewicz@ptsem.edu

Today's Spiritual Memoirs: Conversion Narratives for the Spiritual but Not Religious  
Rebecca Irwin-Diehl, Villanova University,rirwindi@villanova.edu

Non-Competitive Divine Causation and the Problem of Occasionalism  
Charles Guth III, Princeton Theological Seminary, charles.guthiii@ptsem.edu

God, Freedom and Necessity: Karl Barth and the Current Discussion  
Paul Molnar, St. John’s University, MOLNARP@stjohns.edu

Conference D  
Section: Scriptural Reasoning  
Session: Reading Texts Together: Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Qur'an  
Moderator: Matthew Goldstone, Jewish Theological Seminary, magoldstone@jtsa.edu

Salon A  
Section: Global Religions and Pluralism  
Session: Global Interfaith Relations

Theodicy and Islamic Theology With the Intersection on Black Lives Matter  
TA Bashir, New York Theological Seminary, tabcib@aol.com

Pagan Prison Ministry  
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The First Muslim Refugees in the Christian Kingdom of Abyssinia: Implications for Christian-Muslim Relations Today  
Zeyneb Sayilgan, Virginia Theological Seminary, zsayilgan@vts.edu

Salon B
Section: Women’s Caucus
Session: Moving Forward: Prophetic Conversations Among Deans and Chairpersons

Presiders/Moderators:
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Salon C
Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies
Session: Interreligious Dialogue Focus (Session 1)
Moderator: Heon C. Kim, East Stroudsburg University, heonkim@esu.edu

Anticipating the Pedagogical Necessity for Interreligious Literacy in a Religiously Diverse World
Joyce Ann Konigsburg, Notre Dame of Maryland University, konigsburgj@duq.edu

A Trinitarian Anabaptist Defense of Interfaith Engagement
Mark Hoover, Princeton Theological Seminary, mark.hoover@ptsem.edu

Queer Paradigms As Prophetic Interreligious and Interfaith Engagement
Dutch Hoffman, Union Theological Seminary, bw2496@utsnyc.edu

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
MAR-SBL-AAR Lunch
Location: Conference Overlook

Women’s Caucus Roundtable Lunch
Leadership Team Round Table Discussion
Location: Salon B

1:15 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.
Session 2

Conference JK
Section: Christian History and Theology
Session: Theologies of Anticipation: Christian Practices from the Patristics to the Present Day (Session 2)

*Moral Threat: Punishment, Immigration, and the Christian Imagination in Drug War Rhetoric*
Sonia Waters, Princeton Theological Seminary, sonia.waters@ptsem.edu

*Kings and Merchants, Beware: Revelation’s Theology of Anticipation*
Joel C. Daniels, Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York, Center for Mind and Culture, joelcdaniels@gmail.com

**Respondent:** Luke Zerra, Princeton Theological Seminary, luke.zerra@ptsem.edu

Conference F
Section: Philosophy of Religion and Continental Philosophy

*Asimov’s Soul-Making Theodicy: The End of Eternity and the Need for Human Suffering*
Michael Stell, Catholic University, 71stell@cua.edu

*Social Justice: Whose Justice?*
Sean D’alessio, Independent Scholar, sdpgh@protonmail.com

*Kierkegaard’s Pedagogy: Deficient Forms of Anxiety*
Sean Skedzielewski, Rowan University, skedzielewski@rowan.edu

Conference E
Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies
Session: Interreligious Dialogue Focus (Session 2)
**Moderator:** Joyce Ann Konigsburg, Notre Dame of Maryland University, konigsburgj@duq.edu

*Atheism and Religion: What Atheists Can Learn from Genealogies of Religion*
Mimi Mendes De Leon, Union Theological Seminary, mm4510@utsnyc.edu

The Zhuangzi: an Interreligious Reading from an Islamic Perspective
Heon C. Kim, East Stroudsburg University, heonkim@esu.edu

Conference D
Section: Psychology and Religion
Session: Psychological Approaches to Religion and Culture

*Religion, Depth Psychology, and Social Crisis*
Jerry Piven, Rutgers University, jpiven@earthlink.net
Using CSR to better understand how New Religious Movements become institutionalized and progress from “cult” to accepted “religion
Michael Rodriguez, California State University, Northridge, mwillrodriguez@gmail.com

Freud’s Writings on Religion: Re-Reading Iconoclastically or Faithfully?
Benny Beit-Hallahmi, University of Haifa and Trinity College, benny@psy.haifa.ac.il

Salon A
Section: Religion and Leadership
Session: Anticipating Leadership in the 21st Century
Moderator: Deborah Evans, Alvernia University, deborah.evans@alvernia.edu

Practical and Pastoral Implications in the Theology of Karl Barth
Reed Bernick, John Leland Center for Theological Studies, reed@fbcalexandria.org

Appreciative Leadership and the Church
Britni Johnson, John Leland Center for Theological Studies, johnson_b10@yahoo.com

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness: Prophetic Witness in the 21st Century or How the Church Sold Its Soul
Stephen Ohnsman, Alvernia University, ohnsman@comcast.net

Salon B
Section: Religion, Conflict, and Peace

Was the 2016 Coup Attempt in Turkey Gulenist?
Lauve Steenhuisen, Lauve.Steenhuisen@georgetown.edu

Aligning Means and Ends in the Pursuit of Peace: Exploring the Baha’i Community’s engagement with the United Nations
Julia Berger, juliamberger@gmail.com

Okinawa and the US Base: The Role of Religion in Healing Okinawa
Shino Yokotsuka, Shino.Yokotsuka001@umb.edu

Moral Wounding and the Imago Dei
Millicent Feske, mfeske@sju.edu

Salon C
Section: Comparative Religion and Ecology
Session: Gods, Healing, and Earth-Honoring
Moderator: Sarah O’Brien, Drew University, sobrien2@drew.edu
Christians-Muslims’ Contribution to Earth-Honoring under Name of God
Sayed Hassah Akhlaq, Boston University, s.h.akhlaq@gmail.com

Pluralistic Polytheism, Secular Romance, and the Religion-Environmentalism Divide
James S. Freeman, St. Francis College, jfreeman@sfc.edu

Can Science and Religion be Dialog Partners
David A. Larrabee, East Stroudsburg University, dalarrabee@gmail.com

John of the Cross: A Contemporary Interpretation of Dark Night of the Soul-Towards Union with the Cosmic Christ
Amy Woolam Echeverria, Oblate School of Theology, aecheverria@ost.edu

3:10 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. MAR-AAR Business Meeting
Salon A
SBL Sessions
Thursday, March 15
10:00-11:45 am
Session 1

Salon D
Section: Hebrew Bible: Pentateuch
Moderator: David Z. Moster, The Institute of Biblical Culture/Brooklyn College

In the Shadows of Genesis: Exploring the Mysterious Heart of the First Book of the Bible
Neal Aponte, Independent Scholar

Pre-Sinai and Post-Sinai Wilderness Wandering Traditions
John Ahn, Howard University

Commanded Love: Is It 'Love'? Is It Possible?
Ilona Rashkow, SUNY at Stony Brook

Revenge Fantasy and Cycles of Violence in the Exodus Story
Benjamin Bixler, Drew Theological School

Conference C
Section: Reception History
Moderator: Katherine Low, Mary Baldwin University

Saul and the Witch at Endor
Derek Cooper, Biblical Theological Seminary

From Cain's Conception to Jacob's Oath: Celibacy and Sexual Desire in Abraham Ibn Ezra's Commentaries to Genesis
Ezra Frazer, Yeshiva University

Rabbinic Reading and the Cyclical Destabilization of the Sabbath of the Land: The reception of Exodus 23:10–12 in Mekhilta de-Rabbi Ishmael, Kaspa 3
Alex Weisberg, New York University

Unclean: The Woman with Blood Issue and The New Law
Linda Sue Galate, Drew University
Salon D
Section: New Testament
Session: Intertextual Readings
Moderator: Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu

The Triumphal Entry of Psalm 24 (23 LXX) into Matthew 21:1–17
Brian Carrier, Catholic University of America

Creation Groaning or Creation Growing: Romans 8:18–25 in Light of Roman Art and Panegyric between 40 BC and 60 AD
Robert Lewis, Manhattan College

"The Wind Blows Where it Wills" (John 3:8): Identifying New Creation
Brent Kruger, King's College

Mark S. Giacobbe, Westminster Theological Seminary

Revelation and the Question of Gender
Lindsey M. Guy, Drew University

Conference C
Section: Hebrew Bible
Session: Theology and Archaeology
Moderator: Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education

Disposal of Shame in Judges 19
Jonathan Aurelius Mellison, Princeton Theological Seminary

Anti-Cult Polemics in the Book of Amos
Sara Labaton, Shalom Hartman Institute of North America – SAR Academy

God(s)’ Council: Who, Why, What, When, and Where?
Ilona Rashkow, Stony Brook University

Diglossia Ex Nihilo? Evaluating the Case for Diglossia in Preexilic Israel
Christopher H. Johnson, Catholic University of America

Bearer of Immanuel: Isaiah’s Wife in the Almah-Parthenos Debate
Katherine Low, Mary Baldwin University
3:30-5:30
Session 3

Salon D
Section: Hebrew Bible
Session: Book Review Panel, Peter Feinman, *Jerusalem Throne Games: The Battle of Bible Stories After the Death of David*
Moderator: Jennifer L. Koosed, Albright College

Reviewers:
Alexandra Frisch, Ursinus College
David Z. Moster, The Institute of Biblical Culture/Brooklyn College
Gary A. Rendsburg, Rutgers University
Respondent: Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education

Conference C
Hebrew Bible
Section: Prophets

*A Sign for Rahab and A Sign for Cain: A Postcolonial Reading of Joshua 2:8–21 through Genesis 4:8–16*
Mark Almquist-Murray, Princeton Theological Seminary

*The Relationship Between Fear and Governance in the Hebrew Bible*
Stephen Wilson, Georgetown University

*A “Dialogic” Hero: David from the Perspective of “Internally Persuasive Word”*
Sujung Shin, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

*Micah 5:9–14 (10–15) and Isaiah 2:6–22: Two Distinct Notions of Idolatry*
Yisca Zimran, Bar Ilan University

*Die Empörten Weiber: Gender, Authority and Protestant Liberalism in Jeremiah 28*
Melvin Sensenig, Albright College
Friday, March 16

10:00-11:00 am. MAR-SBL Presidential Address
Reading Judith in the Age of #MeToo
Jennifer L. Koosed, Albright College
Salon D

11:00-12:00 pm MAR-SBL Business Meeting
Salon D

1:00-3:30 pm
Session 2

Salon D
Section: SBL
Session: Hebrew Bible-Writings
Moderator: Jennifer L. Koosed, Albright College
Expanding the Ethics of the Psalms: The Thanksgiving Psalms and the (Overlooked) Role of Cultic Practices and Ancient Spirituality in Biblical Ethics
Joshua James, John Leland Center for Theological Studies

Poetic Logic, Sacred Metaethics: Reading Acrostic Psalms through Expressive-Assertivism
Grant Holbrook, Union Theological Seminary

Creation and Chaos—A Reading of the Prologue of the Book of Job
Tyng-Guang Chu, Duke Divinity School

Job vs. Yahweh—Making the Case for Connective Justice
Vanessa Wilson, Drew Theological School

Conference C
Section: SBL
Session: New Testament
Moderator: Lindsey M. Guy, Drew University

"Can You Hear Me (Them) Now?" The Subaltern Women in the Gospel of Mark
Eun Han, Drew University

The Son of God and (The) Children of Men: Luke's Infancy of Jesus as Appropriation
Grant Gieskeke, Drew University

Muteness in the Gospel of Luke
Cassidy Mahoney and Kim Paffenroth, Iona College

Pilgrimage and Narrative Plot in the Lucan Writings
Frank Connolly-Weinert, St. John's University

Ephesians 6:5–9: "You Are Family!" How Paul Undermined Slavery in the Roman Empire
Peter Ndaita, Coalition for Christian Outreach, University of Pennsylvania