The Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion (MAR-AAR) and The Mid-Atlantic Region of Society of Biblical Literature (MAR-SBL)

2020 MAR-AAR SBL Annual Conference

God, Flourishing and Brokenness

March 9-10, 2020 Monday-Tuesday

Location: Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
64 Mercer St, Princeton, NJ 08542-0803

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Registration:
Monday 7:00am-9:45am and 12:00 nn-2:15 pm Outside the Main Auditorium
Tuesday 7:00am-9:45am and 12:00 nn-2:15 pm Outside the Main Auditorium

Program Schedule
MAR-AAR-SBL Annual Conference
Monday March 9, 2020
7:30 am-9:30 am Welcoming Breakfast Meeting
Welcoming Remarks: SBL and AAR President
Words for 2020 Wild Card Session Chairs
Reimagining Mentoring by Women’s Caucus
Location: Main Auditorium

7:30 am-9:30 am Graduate Breakfast Meeting
Location: Main Lounge

Morning Breakout Sessions
9:30 am-11:45 am

Library: Theron room

Section: Contemporary Theology
Session I: Brokenness and God: Reflections on the Trinity, Salvation, and Evil.
Moderator: Rory Misiewicz, Eastern University, rory.misiewicz@eastern.edu

Paul D. Molnar, St. John’s University, molnarp@stjohns.edu
*What Difference Does One’s View of God Make in Understanding Sin and Salvation?*

Timothy Couper, Drew University, tcouper@drew.edu
*Three Queer Formulations of God: Can the Trinity Support Flourishing instead of Exclusionary Brokenness?*

Christy Randazzo, Montclair State University, danchristy.randazzo@gmail.com
*Liberal Quaker Pneumatology: Divine Interdependence and Human Flourishing*

Wesley Biddy, Richmont Graduate University, wesleybiddy@gmail.com
*‘Scapegoat? Substitute? Sacrifice? Reflections on the Death of Christ ‘for Us’ in Conversation with Kevin Vanhoozer and René Girard*

Byron Belitsos, Union Theological Seminary, byron@originpress.com
*Integral Theodicy: A Futuristic Theological Response to Brokenness and Evil*

Library: Meeting room 1010

Section: Psychology and Religion
Session I: Group Trauma Responses in Psychology and Religion
Moderator: Brigid Burke, Montclair State University, burkeb@montclair.edu

John Lafferty, Independent Scholar, john.lafferty@yahoo.com
*Voice From The Whirlwind: Resilient Religious Breakthrough of Traumatized Post-exilic Jews (Job 38:1-11)*

Jeremy Kangsan Kim, University of Aberdeen, k.kim.18@abdn.ac.uk
Revisioning the Homiletic Strategy on Social Brokenness in the Contemporary Korean Context

Nareman Amin, Princeton University, namin@princeton.edu

Death and Belief: A Tale of Two Egyptian Protestors

Library: Alumni room
Section: WILDCARD Hinduism
Session: Constructive Directions in Hindu Scholarship and Activism in the 21st Century
Moderator: Christopher L. Fici, Union Theological Seminary, clf2138@utsnyc.edu

Jeffrey D. Long, Elizabethtown College, longjd@etown.edu
A Hindu Process Theology for a Fragmented World

Sabrina D. MisirHiralall, Montclair State University, MisirHiralall.S@gmail.com
An Overview of the History of Hindu Dance Education

Vineet Chander, Princeton University, vchander@princeton.edu
Bhakti for the Brokenness: A Hindu Theology of Care in the Context of College Chaplaincy

Christopher L. Fici, Union Theological Seminary, clf2138@utsnyc.edu
The Dance of Dharma and Justice

Library: Room 0060
Section: History and Theology
Session I: Virtue, Intentionality and Human Destiny in the Reformed Tradition
Moderator: VK McCarty, General Theological Seminary, VKMcPax@gmail.com

Luke Zerra, Princeton Theological Seminary, luke.zerra@ptsem.edu
Doxology and Politics: Religion as Virtue in Richard Hooker’s Laws

Adam Morton, University of Nottingham; pastoradam@trinitylancaster.org
The Simple Material of God” - Luther’s Use of Romans 3:28 as Definition of the Human

Ryan Reed, University of Toronto; ryanmreedtheo@gmail.com
John Calvin’s Thinking on Human Purpose and Human Flourishing

Library: Room 1060
Section: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality
Session I: Cultural Conditioning, Gender, and Sexuality
Moderator: Corey Harris, Alvernia University, corey.harris@alvernia.edu

Gabriel Crooks, Drew University, gcrooks@drew.edu
In Control: Men’s Violence, Power, and Theological Imagination

Corey Harris, Alvernia University, corey.harris@alvernia.edu
The Domestic Church and Gendered Parenting
Elizabeth McKenney, Union Theological Seminary, em3381@utsnyc.edu
Deconstructing the Purity Imperative: An Examination of the Ethical Failings of the Sexual Purity Movement

Library: Room 2060
Section: World Christianity Wildcard
Session I: Healing and Brokenness in World Christian Perspectives
Moderator: Shalon Park, Princeton Theological Seminary, shalon.park@ptsem.edu

Briana Wong, Princeton Theological Seminary, briana.wong@ptsem.edu
Healing through Adoption and Generosity: The Concept of God as Ricoeurian ‘Close Relation’ in Cambodian-American Christianity

K. Kale Yu, High Point University, kkaleyu@yahoo.com
Addressing Brokenness at the Grassroots: The Korean Experience

Phoebe Quaynor, The Pennsylvania State University, pzq5014@psu.edu
Trauma and Integration: An Interdisciplinary Comparison of the Theological Doctrines of Sin and Salvation to the Psychological Phenomena of Dissociation and Integration

Library: Room 3060
Section: Black Theology
Session: Black Theological Perspectives on Suffering and Flourishing
Moderator: Xavier Pickett, New York University, xavier.pickett@nyu.edu

Karon Johnson, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, kfjohnso@live.unc.edu
Are They Precious in His Sight? The Ethical, Theological, and Pastoral Responsibility of the Church to Black Women and Girl Survivors of Trauma and Violence

Richard Lucas III, Bowie State University, Richard.lucassii@yale.edu
Learning the Art of Love: New Pathways to Black Masculinity and Salvation

Bridget Webster, Union Theological Seminary, bw2548@utsnyc.edu
Undoing the Stigma: Unearthing Black Intergenerational Trauma and Survival Shells in Hip-Hop Culture

Respondent: R. Nicholas Peterson, Emory University, Nicholas.peterson@emory.edu

Adams House: Dining room
Section: History and Theology
Section VI: Theology and Exegesis
Moderator: Conrad Fischer, Touro College; conradfischermd@gmail.com

Ruguang Wu, Union Theological Seminary; rw2777@utsnyc.edu
The Harmony of the Literal and Allegorical Interpretation in Augustine’s Exegesis and its Practice in the Fall Story

Jackson Wolford, Emory University, jacksonwolford@gmail.com

The Sun and the Other Stars”: Unity, Difference, and Theological Interdisciplinarity

Aaron Brian Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary; aaron.davis@upsem.edu

Making Our Selves: Flourishing through Narrative and Fellowship

12:00 nn-2:00 pm Lunch
Luncheon with AAR Executive Board Members and Chairs
AAR Presidential Address
Pathway Through the Era of Paradox:
Shared Purpose, and Meaning Making as Community of Scholars
Location: Mackay Main Auditorium

Afternoon Breakout Sessions
2:15 pm-4:15 pm

Mackay: Main Lounge
Religion and Education
Session II: Advances in the Field of Religion and Education: Reflecting on the National Summit on Religion and Education
Moderator: Benjamin Marcus, Religious Freedom Center of the Freedom Forum Institute, bmarcus@newseum.org

Panelists:
Kate Soules, Religion and Education Collaborative, ksoules@religionanded.com

Henry Goldschmidt, Interfaith Center of New York, henry@interfaithcenter.org

Mark Fowler, Tanenbaum, mfowler@tanenbaum.org

Library: Theron room
Section: Comparative Religion and Ecology
Session: “Human-Nature?”: Comparative Eco-Theologies and Our Climate Crisis Moderator: Carleigh Beriant, Harvard University, cberiant@g.harvard.edu

Patrick Haley, Princeton Theological Seminary, patrick.haley@ptsem.edu
The Virtuous Animal: Toward a Theological Ethics of Human Animality

Jillian Langford, Villanova University, jlangf01@villanova.edu
All Flourishing is Mutual: Ecological Conversion through Laudato Si and Braiding Sweetgrass
Christy Randazzo, Monclair State University, danchristy.randazzo@gmail.com
*The Divine Light of Creation*: Metaphors of Divine/Creation Interdependence

Brandon Roiger, Union Theological Seminary, br2601@utsnyc.edu
*Ecological Belonging Theology: To Each Other, Ourselves, Earth and Divinity*

Christiane (Christy) Lang Hearlson, Villanova University, Christy.langhearlson@villanova.edu
*Ecological Conversion as Conversion to the Child*

**Library: Meeting room 1010**
**Section: Contemporary Theology**
Session III: Theological Responses to Racism, Exclusion and Trauma
Moderator: Andrew Peterson, Princeton Theological Seminary, Andrew.peterson@ptsem.edu

David de la Fuente, Fordham University, davedelafuente@gmail.com
*Pentecost, Old and New: Towards a Catholic Reception of the Azusa Street Revival*

Heather Ketchum, Union Theological Seminary, hk2962@utsnyc.edu
*Resurrected Discipleship: A Christological Ethic of Solidarity*

Ha Young Kang, Drew University, hkang5@drew.edu
*Neither Insiders Nor Outsiders: Refugees, Apophasis, and Politics*

Caelyn Adams, Drew University, cadams2@drew.edu
*When the knowing and not-knowing turn into healing: Apophatic Theology and an alternative way forward in a post-traumatic society*

**Library: Alumni room**
**Section: History and Theology**
Session III: Law, Realism and Recognition
Moderator: Conrad Fischer, Touro College; conradfischermd@gmail.com

Michael T. Dempsey, St. John’s University, New York; dempseym@stjohns.edu
*Beyond Freedom and Sovereignty: Towards a New Christological Realism in a Systematic Theology of Providence*

Sara Hulse, DeSales University sara.hulse@desales.edu
*The Law of the Cross and the Meaning of Justice: Newness and Continuity*

Dylan S. Bailey, Fordham University; dbailey8@fordham.edu
*Communal Recognition and Human Flourishing: A Kierkegaardian Account*

**Library: Room 0060**
**Section: Asian Religions**
Session: Buddhist Notions of Enlightenment and Morality
Moderator: Song-Chong Lee, The University of Findlay, lee@findlay.edu
Chungnam Ha, Won Institute of Graduate Studies, chungnam.ha@woninstitute.edu
*On Moral Philosophy of Won Buddhism*

B. Hyun Choo, Stony Brook University, bhyun.choo@stonybrook.edu
"The Mindful Seon hwadu, 'Sati-Sisimma"

Song-Chong Lee, The University of Findlay, lee@findlay.edu
*A Unity of Sudden Enlightenment and Gradual Cultivation*

Yun Ding, Tennessee Tech University, yding@tntech.edu
*The Dilemma of the Middle-Way: On the Dalai Lama’s Attitude towards Violence*

**Library: Room 1060**
**Section: Postcolonial and Religious Studies**
Session: Tradition, Novelty, and Authority in Postcolonial Religions
Moderators: Rob Ames (Co-Chair), Independent Scholar, robames@gmail.com
Sudabée Lotfian-Mena (co-Chair), Valladolid & Marymount, slotfian@marymount.edu

Muhammad U. Faruque, Fordham University, mfaruque@fordham.edu
*Selfhood, Brokenness, and Flourishing: Islamic Identities in Postcolonial Times*

Emad Hamdeh, Embry Riddle University, abuzayna@gmail.com
*Postcolonial Approaches to Ḥadīth*

Tsz Him Lai, Drew University, tlai@drew.edu
*Tensions and Ambiguities on the Ethics of Nonviolence and Violence: The Case of the 2019 Hong Kong Protests*

**Library: Room 2060**
**Psychology and Religion**
Session III: Psychology, Religion and Culture: Making Sense of Brokenness
Moderator: Brigid Burke, Montclair State University, burkeb@montclair.edu

Bridget Webster, Union Theological Seminary, bw2548@utsnyc.edu
*Undoing the Stigma: Unearthing Black Intergenerational Trauma and Survival Shells in Hip-Hop Culture*

Jerry Piven, Rutgers University, jp1628@philosophy.rutgers.edu
*Pious Evil: The Psychology of Sanctimony and Slaughter*

Benjamin D. Crace, American University of Kuwait, Bcrace@auk.edu.kw
*The Gospel of the Enneagram: The Journey Towards Christlikeness or Tool of the New Age?*

**Library: Room 3060**
**Section: Religion and Bioethics**
Session: On a Scale from 1-10, How Would You Rate Your Faith? Best Practices for Engaging Religious and Spiritual Patient Preferences in the Clinical Setting
Moderator/Respondent: Jennifer Paul Cohen, JD, MAR, MS, Columbia University, jpc2195@columbia.edu

Sameer H. Ladha, JD, MS, Columbia University, shl2159@columbia.edu
Islam, well-being and Bioethics

Jennifer Mascarenhas, MD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, jm4152@columbia.edu
Jehovah’s Witnesses and Blood Transfusions

Emily Rodriguez, Columbia University, er2985@columbia.edu
Untangling the Divine: Religious Coping in Psychotic Illness and a Model for Clinical Involvement

Dorothy Smok, MD, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, dp2073@cumc.columbia.edu
Leave No Stone Unturned - The Potential Missing Link in the Patient-Provider Relationship

Adams House: Living room
Section: History and Theology
Section V: Person Inside and Outside of the Church
Moderator: VK McCarty, General Theological Seminary, VKMcPax@gmail.com

Sudabée Lotfian-Mena, Universidad de Valladolid (Spain) & Marymount University; vireight146@gmail.com
Broken Woman, Victorious King

Holly Hull Miori, University of Texas at Dallas; hmiori@utdallas.edu
Parachurches: Faith-Based Organizations and Their Roles in Fundraising

Garrett Flatt, garrettflatt@gmail.com
The Unveiling of the Patient as the Veiling of the Person: Toward a Theological Aesthetics of Hospitalization

Adams House: Dining Room
Section: Philosophy of Religion
Session I: The Philosophical Nature of Language and Religious Experience
Moderator: Matthew Tennant, L'Université Chrétienne du Nord d'Haiti, matthew.tennant@regents.oxon.org

Rory Misiewicz, Eastern University, rorymisiewicz@gmail.com
Broken God-talk: The Fruits of Trading in Univocity and Analogy for Vagueness

Mikhail Sergeev, The University of the Arts, m sergeev@comcast.net
The Issue of Self-Identity in Transhumanism and the Bahá’í Writings
Adam Willems, Union Theological Seminary, adam.j.willems@gmail.com  
Drinking the Kool-Aid: What New Religious Movements Can Tell Us About Startups

Sarju Patel, Rutgers, sarju.patel@rutgers.edu  
Responding to Religious Diversity and Disagreement

Mackey: Private dining room  
Section: Scriptural Reasoning  
Session I: Scriptural Reasoning Academic  
Moderator: Matthew Emile Vaughan, matthew@matthewvaughan.net, Columbia University

Élie Khoury, Tanenbaum, ekhoury@tanenbaum.org  
The Stream of Islam: Reforms in Pakistani Madrassas with Azhar Hussain

Wonho Jung, Washington University of Virginia, whjung@wuv.edu  
Is Augustine an Advocate of Divine Command Ethics?

Jacob Gonzalez, Union Theological Seminary, jg3913@utsnyc.edu  
Making the Flood Story Safe After Trauma: a Theodical Difference Between the Bible’s Two Flood Stories

Mackay: SGA  
Section: Religion and Leadership  
Session: Theological Leadership in North American culture  
Moderator: Andrey Shirin, John Leland Center for Theological Studies, ashirin@leland.edu

Stephen Ohnsman, Calvary United Church of Christ, Reading, PA, ohnsman@comcast.net  
Why Is Fear Based Leadership So Popular in the Church?

James Eric Siburt, Alvernia University, James.Siburt@alvernia.edu  
Fairy-story Leadership: The Theology and Mythology Of Tolkienian Egalitarianism

Mackey: Private dining room  
Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies  
Session I: Publication Workshop  
Moderator: Heon C. Kim, East Stroudsburg University, heonkim@esu.edu

Allison Stickley-Miner, Goucher College, allison.stickley-miner@mail.goucher.edu

Jerry Martin, University of Colorado, jerry.martin@verizon.net

Joyce Ann Konigsburg, The Catholic University of America, konigsburg@cua.edu

Ray Silverman, Bryn Athyn College, Ray.Silverman@brynathyn.edu

Rory McEntee, Drew University, rmcentee21@gmail.com
4:30 pm-6:30 pm AAR Plenary Session: Theology Without Walls: The Transreligious Imperative

Location: Mackay Main Auditorium

Jerry L. Martin, Chair, Theology Without Walls, editor, jerry.martin@verizon.net

Christopher Denny, St. John’s University, cdenny9@verizon.net
Revisiting Bellah’s Sheila in a Religiously Pluralist Century

Hyo-Dong Lee, Drew Universityhl, ee5@drew.edu
My Path to a Theology of Qi

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, longjd@etown.edu
Theology without Walls in an Era of Brokenness

Linda Mercadante, Methodist Theological School, lmercadante@mtso.edu
Theology without Walls: Is a Theology for the “Spiritual but not Religious Possible?

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau County Community College, nbsaxena@yahoo.com
Re-collecting God Fragments: A Global Non-Theological Imaginary

John J. Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary, jthatamanil@utsnyc.edu
Theology Without Walls as the Quest for Interreligious Wisdom

Jonathan Weidenbaum, Berkeley College, jweide4970@aol.com
With Open Doors and Windows: Doing Theology in the Spirit of William James

Respondent: Joyce Konigsburg, Catholic University of America, joycekphd@gmail.com

7:00pm-9:00pm Reception/Highlights from Chairs and Sessions
Location: Mackay Main Auditorium

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

7:30am-9:30am Breakfast/AAR-SBL Joint Business Meeting/Election
Word from Outgoing AAR and SBL President
Word from Incoming AAR and SBL President
Report and Feedback from Section Chairs

Morning Breakout Sessions
9:45 am-11:45 am

**Library: Theron room**  
**Section: Sunni African-American Muslims and Islamophobia**  
Moderator: TA Bashir, New York Theological Seminary, tabcib@aol.com

Khadijah Jean Price, President of Harlem Charter Schools, iccschool96@gmail.com  
*Changing role of Islamic schools in a pluralistic society*

Muhammad Hatim, Independent Scholar  
*African American Muslim Liberation Theology (AAMLT): We Come This Far By Faith*

Charles Chesnavage, Unification Theological Seminary, New York, c.chesnavage@uts.edu  
*Three Resources for Education and Understanding Islamophobia*

TA Bashir, New York Theological Seminary, tabcib@aol.com  
*Trafficking: Using Crime to Finance Tropes of Injustice Against the Abrahamic Faiths and a Qur’anic Exegesis.*

**Library: Meeting room 1010**  
**Section: Psychology and Religion**  
Session II: Mental Health Counseling and Brokenness  
Moderator: Brigid Burke, Montclair State University, burkeb@montclair.edu

Chris J. Antal, U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, christopher.antal@va.gov  
*Flourishing Amid Brokenness: A Chaplain–Psychologist Collaboration to Address Moral Injury in the U.S. Department of Veterans*

Melissa Lemons, Wilmington University, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program, melissa.p.lemons@wilmu.edu  
*Secular Measures of Brokenness and Wholeness: The Spiritual Concepts Assessed by Spirituality Questionnaires*

**Library: Alumni room**  
**Section: Contemporary Theology**  
Session II: Recovery for the Broken: Ethics, Liberation, and Story  
Moderator: David de la Fuente, Fordham University, davedelafuente@gmail.com

Benjamin Van Dyne, Fordham University, bvandyne@fordham.edu  
*‘Seduction from the Deep’: Creation, Procreation and Flourishing in Moral Theology*

Aaron Brian Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary, aaron.davis@upsem.edu  
*Making Our Selves: Flourishing through Narrative and Fellowship*

Nareman Amin, Princeton University, namin@princeton.edu
Rectifying A Wrong against the Ulama’s Wishes during the 2011 Egyptian Uprisings

Alin Jabbari, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, alin.jabbari@gmail.com

Modern Qur‘anic Hermeneutics: Liberation Theology as Repair and an Unapologetic Response

Library: Room 0060

Section: History and Theology
Session II: Confessional Faith, Nature and Good Order in Patristic Thought
Moderator: Nickolas Sooy; Fordham University, nsooy@fordham.edu

VK McCarty, General Theological Seminary, VKMcPax@gmail.com
St. Theodore the Studite: Flourishing in Good Order

Emanuel Fiano, Fordham University; emfian@gmail.com
The Rise of Credal Culture in the Fourth Century

Conrad Fischer, Evagrius Pontikus, Touro College; conradfischermd@gmail.com
An Orthodox Perspective on Anger

Library: Room 1060

Section: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality
Session II: Deconstructing Biblical and Divine Understandings of Gender and Sexuality
Moderator(s): Corey Harris, Alvernia University, corey.harris@alvernia.edu

Timothy Couper, Drew University Theology School, tcouper@drew.edu
Three Queer Formulations of God: Can the Trinity Support Flourishing instead of Exclusionary Brokenness?

Ferber-Tzurel Ahikam, Ben-Gurion University, Ahik.ft@gmail.com
God’s Absent Body: A call for a Queer Jewish Theology

Elizabeth Siegelman, Drew University, esiegelman@drew.edu
Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Song of Songs 1:5: The Modern Implications of Black Beauty and Female Eroticism

Library: Room 2060

Section: World Christianity Wildcard
Session II: Politics, Translation, and World Christianity
Moderator: K. Kale Yu, High Point University, kkaleyu@yahoo.com

Sun Yong Lee, Princeton Theological Seminary, sunyong.lee@ptsem.edu

Kripanand Roy Komanapalli, Columbia University, krk2145@columbia.edu
Unearthing the Future: Christianity Translated in 20th Century Telugu Literature
Library: Room 3060
Session: Religion and Education
Session I: Lifting Marginalized Voices: Critiques of Traditional Educational Authorities and Practices
Moderator: Janice McClean-Farrell, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, jmcclean-farrell@nbts.edu

Tara Gibbs, Baptist Church, revtaragibbs@gmail.com
How Will I Know? Identifying Potentially Harmful Theologies of Major Christian Publishers

Ryan Felder, Union Theological Seminary, rf2682@utsnyc.edu
Decreation as Democratic Disposition: Simone Weil in Augusto Boal’s Theatre of the Oppressed

Email Hamdeh, Embry Riddle University, abuzayna@gmail.com
Islamic Education and Redefining Religious Authority

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Session: History and Theology
Session VII: Theology, Canon and Exegesis
Moderator: VK McCarty, General Theological Seminary, VKMcPax@gmail.com

Sergey Trostyanskiy, Marist College, sergey.trostyanskiy@marist.edu
Blood, Ritual and Law according to the Early Fathers.

Judith Scott, Institute for Studies in Eastern Christianity, jscott102@hotmail.com
Who Touched Me? Jesus and the Woman with the Issue of Blood

Stuart Dean, stuartdean@ymail.com
Eriugena’s Greek Text of the 4th Gospel’s Prologue

Adams House: Dining room
Session: Philosophy of Religion
Session II: Exploring Religious Behavior
Moderator: Michael Tennant, L'Université Chrétienne du Nord d'Haiti
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Rachel Nelson, University of Birmingham, UK, rach_m_nelson@yahoo.com
Addressing Human Brokenness Through Existential Pneumatology
Evaluating Love for God

Dakota Wade, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Dakota.Wade@upsem.edu
Consciousness and the Problem of Nature in the Philosophy of Johann Fichte and Friedrich Schleiermacher

Patrick Haley, Princeton Theological Seminary, patrick.haley@ptsem.edu
Returning to Use in Religious Ethics: A Wittgensteinian Approach to the Image of God

Mackey: Private dining room
Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies
Session I: Brokenness: Interreligious Misunderstanding, Separation, and Displacement
Moderator: Joyce Ann Konigsburg, The Catholic University of America, konigsburg@cua.edu

Benjamin D. Crace, American University of Kuwait, bcrace@auk.edu.kw
Healing the Spiritual Divide: Towards a Holistic, Stoic Pneumatology

Heon C. Kim, East Stroudsburg University, heonkim@esu.edu
We are separated from God, and so...

Sudabée Lotfi–Mena, Marymount University, vireight146@gmail.com
Joseph and the Multi–Colored Worldview

12:00pm-2:00pm Lunch/Plenary Session
Welcoming Remarks & Keynote Speaker
Princeton Theological Seminary
Academic Dean Jacqueline Lapsley
Job and Ruth in a Time of Despair
Location: Main Auditorium

12:00 nn-2:00 pm Students on Interviewing
Location: Private Dining Room

Afternoon Breakout Sessions
2:15pm-4:15pm

Library: Theron room
Section: Contemporary Theology
Session IV: Panel - Developing a Theology of Depression for the Church: An Interdisciplinary Conversation
Moderator: Andrew Peterson, Princeton Theological Seminary, Andrew.peterson@ptsem.edu
Samuel Davidson, Princeton Theological Seminary, samuel.davidson@ptsem.edu
*Foundations for a Theology of Depression: Psycho-Phenomenology and Jürgen Moltmann’s Perichoretic Anthropology*

Michael Paul Cartledge, Princeton Theological Seminary, michael.cartledge@ptsem.edu
*Christian Formation and the Vicarious Humanity of Christ: Toward a Theological Framework for Discipleship amid Depression*

Respondent: Erin Raffety, Princeton Theological Seminary, erin.raffety@ptsem.edu

**Library: Meeting room 1010**
**Section: History and Theology**
Session IV: Justice and Identity
Moderator: Sergey Trostyanskiy, Marist College, sergey.trostyanskiy@marist.edu

Henry Shea, University of Oxford; henry.shea@theology.ox.ac.uk
*El Cristo Roto: On Finding Christ in the Poor*

Stanley Jenkins Jr., Jahiakinwole1@yahoo.com
*Race, Religion, and Contradiction: The Complex Thought of the Reverend of George Freeman Bragg*

Mbanyane Socrates Mhango, mbanyanemhango@gmail.com
*A Theological Reflection on Illegal Immigrant Believers’ Brokenness in USA*

**Library: Alumni room**
**Section: Undergraduate**
Session: Ethical Dimensions in Religious Studies
Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, jkoosed@albright.edu

Natan Behrendt de Carvalho, The College at Southeastern, contact@natanbcarvalho.com
*Matthew and the Empire A Postcolonial Reading of Matthew in its Jewish and Graeco-Roman Setting*

Rachael Huegerich, Villanova University, rhuegeri@villanova.edu
*Sacred Self-Expression: Love and Trans Authenticity*

Sayge Martin, Albright College, sayge.martin001@albright.edu
*Catholic Response to the Holocaust: Rooted in Contradictions*

Sarah Kraushaar, Albright College, sarah.kraushaar001@albright.edu
*From Reality to the Silver Screen: Native American Religious Representation in Film*

Zach Hendricks, Albright College, zachary.hendricks001@albright.edu
*A Modern Myth: Star Wars as a Mythological Remedy*
Library: Room 0060

**Section: Religion in America**

Session: Disrupters: Disrupters of the Conventional: Cartoons, Cakes, Activism and Time
Moderator: Lauve H. Steenhuisen, Georgetown University, steenhul@georgetown.edu

Daniel Gunn, dgunn@drew.edu
*Hugh Hefner’s God: Religion in Playboy Magazine*

Lauve Steenhuisen, Georgetown University, steenhul@georgetown.edu
*Jack Phillips of Masterpiece Cake Shop: How Conservative Morality in America Is Advanced by Privately Funded Law Firms*

Cameron C. Nielsen, Pennsylvania State University – Scranton cameron.nielsen@psu.edu
*The Temporal Salvation of the Church”: Mormonism, Apocalypticism, Secularism*

Andrew J. Ball, Harvard University, ball@math.harvard.edu
*The Drama of Salvation: Religion and Labor Activism in the American South*

Library: Room 1060

**Section: Trauma and Theology**

Session: An Interdisciplinary Conversation on Trauma, Theology, and Context
Moderators: Amy McLaughlin-Sheasby, Boston University, sheasby@bu.edu; Jeehyun Baek, Boston University, jhbaek@bu.edu

Oscar De Los Santos, Union Theological Seminary, od2230@utsnyc.edu
*A Trauma-Informed Reading of Joshua 24*

Samira I. Ibrahim, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, si.ibrahim@outlook.com
*Trauma, Lived Religion and Political Detention: Empirical Research in Post-Revolutionary Egypt*

Mark Wiebe, Lubbock Christian University, mark.wiebe@lcu.edu
*Pain and Privation: Augustine and Aquinas on the Nature of Evil*

Adrianus Yosia, Wesley Theological Seminary, ayosia6050@students.wesleyseminary.edu
*Trauma Survivor in the Embrace of the Loving Trinity: The Theological Imagination about the Survival Story of the Indonesian Chinese after Mass Riot in May 1998*

Library: Room 2060

**Section: Religions of the Latinx Americas**

Session: Caribbean Religion in Diaspora
Moderator(s): Jorge Juan Rodríguez V, Union Theological Seminary jjrodriguezv@me.com; Chauncey Diego Francisco Handy, Princeton Theological Seminary, chauncey.handy@ptsem.edu
Nyya Flores Toussaint, Union Theological Seminary, nt2480@utsnyc.edu
*In The Language of Their Ancestors, They Raised a Battle Cry: The Importance of Lived Experience in the Methodology of African Scholars Studying Their Ancestors’ Religions*

Ronald J. Brown, Touro College and Unification Theological Seminary, Ronaldb712@aol.com
*The Globalization of Indigenous Caribbean Religions*

**Library: Room 3060**

**Section: Religion and Ethics**
Session: Religion and Ethics: Hope for a Hopeless World
Moderator: Michael J. Stell, Catholic University of America, 71stell@cua.edu

Beth Blankenship, Union Theological Seminary, blankenship.beth@gmail.com
*Karl Barth’s Inclusion and Protest Through Love*

Shawn Graves, University of Findlay, graves@findlay.edu
*Love as the Moral Foundation of Nonviolence*

Hector A. Herrera III, Princeton Theological Seminary, hector.herre@ptsem.edu
*Prout Poterant Audire: White Evangelicals, Augustinian Demons, and the Unconsciousness of Race*

**Adams House: Living room**

**Section: Scriptural Reasoning**
Session II: Scriptural Reasoning *Community*
Moderator: Matthew Emile Vaughan

Open Roundtable: *The Practice of Scriptural Reasoning in NYC*

Guests from Union Theological Seminary, Marble Collegiate Church, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, among others

**Mackey: Private dining room**

**Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies**
Session II: Publication Workshop
Moderator: Heon C. Kim, East Stroudsburg University, heonkim@esu.edu

Allison Stickley-Miner, Goucher College, allison.stickley-miner@mail.goucher.edu

Jerry Martin, University of Colorado, jerry.martin@verizon.net

Joyce Ann Konigsburg, The Catholic University of America, konigsburg@cua.edu

Ray Silverman, Bryn Athyn College, Ray.Silverman@brynathyn.edu
Program Schedule

MAR-SBL Annual Conference

Registration:
Monday 7:00am-9:45am and 12:00 nn-2:15 pm Outside the Main Auditorium
Tuesday 7:00am-9:45am and 12:00 nn-2:15 pm Outside the Main Auditorium

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Monday March 9, 2020

7:30 am-9:30 am Welcoming Breakfast Meeting
Welcoming Remarks: SBL and AAR President

Morning Breakout Sessions
March 9
9:30 am-11:45 am

Erdman-Cooper Conference Room

BOOK REVIEW SESSION:
Reading with Feeling: Affect Theory and the Bible; eds Fiona C. Black and Jennifer L. Koosed; SBL 2019).
Presider: TBA
Jennifer L. Koosed, Albright College, jkoosed@albright.edu, opening remarks

Midori Hartman, Albright College, mhartman@albright.edu

Eric D. Barreto, Princeton Theological Seminary, eric.barreto@ptsem.edu

Greg Seigworth, Millersville University, gregory.seigworth@millersville.edu

Stephen Moore, Drew Theological School, smoore@drew.edu, responding

**Erdman-Clarke Lounge**

**HEBREW BIBLE PROPHETS SECTION**

**March 9, 9:45 AM-11:45 AM**

**PROPHECY AND KINGSHIP:**

Presider: TBA

SuJung Shin, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, sshin@nbts.edu

*David’s Lament over Saul’s Death from a Rabelaisian Perspective*  

Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education, feinmanp@ihare.org

*How Come Gath Is in the Hebrew Bible and Khirbet Qeiyafa Isn’t?*

Jonathan Schmidt-Schwartz, New York University, schmidtswartz@nyu.edu

*Scribal Exploitation of Polysemic Texts: Samuel’s 'Law of the King'*

Melvin Sensenig, Albright College, msensenig@albright.edu

*Jehoiachin and Melchizedek in Interpretive Tradition*

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12:00 nn-2:00 pm Lunch

**Presidential Address**

Mark Leuchter, Temple University

*Reading David in the Era of Trump*

Location: Mackay Main Auditorium

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**Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

2:15 pm-4:15 pm

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**Erdman-Cooper Conference Room**

**HEBREW BIBLE PENTATEUCH SECTION:**

Presider: David Moster, Institute of Biblical Culture, davidmoster@gmail.com

Christopher H. Johnson, Catholic University of America, 96johnson@cua.edu

*The Language of Genesis: “Before,” “When,” and “After”*
Ilona Rashkow, SUNY @ Stony Brook, Ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com
Demons and Health in the Biblical World: Good, Bad, and ….

Robb Coleman, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, rcoleman985@gmail.com
Reading Scripture with the Quadriga: Leviticus 25:39-55 as a Test Case

Chauncey Diego Francisco Handy, Princeton Theological Seminary, chauncey.handy@ptsem.edu
The Literary Construction of Canaanite Ethnicity in Deuteronomy

Jonathan Aurelius Mellison, Princeton Theological Seminary, jonathan.mellison@ptsem.edu
A Text-Critical Proposal for Deuteronomy 32:43

Gary A. Rendsburg, Rutgers University, grends@rutgers.edu
Once Again: Where is Abraham’s Ur?

Erdman-Clarke Lounge
NEW TESTAMENT: EPISTLES
Presider: Eun Han, Drew University, ehan@drew.edu

Robert Lewis, Manhattan College, robertbrianlewis@gmail.com
Untangling the knot: Understanding 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 in light of Romans 5 and Paul’s mission to the gentiles

Peter Guinther, to.melos001@gmail.com
Μέλος: The Most Insignificant Significant Anthropological Term in Paul

Najeeb T. Haddad, Notre Dame of Maryland University, nhaddad@ndm.edu
“Fitting In” With the Civil Authority: ΥΠΟΤΑΣΣΩ in Romans 13:1–7

Christopher Dwyer, Drew Theological School, cdwyer@drew.edu
Sacramental Collectivism: A Marxist Reading of First Corinthians

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GOD AND HUMAN FLOURISHING:
Presider: Kenneth Ngwa, Drew Theological School, kngea@drew.edu

Rabbi Alan Abrams, Director, The Nest Institution, Israel Email: abayye@gmail.com
Just do it: The Passover Seder as Bodies Effecting an Economy of Dignity to Expel Shame

Tyng-Guang Chu, Duke University Email: briantgchu@gmail.com
Exposure, Estrangement, and Exile –The Well-Being of Land and Community in Hosea 2
James Duguid, The Catholic University of America Email: jcameronduguid@gmail.com
Nothingness and Teleology in Isaiah 40-66

Gil Rosenberg, Landmark College Email: gilroenberg@landmark.edu
Ambivalent Future: God, Sinthomosexuality, and Children in Genesis 11-22

Kelsey Wallace, Drew University Theological School Email: kwallace1@drew.edu
From Pharaoh to Yahweh: Grace, Debt, and the Dark Side of the Gift

Vanessa Wilson, Drew University Theological School Email: vwilson@drew.edu
God, Magic or Mysticism: Lamentations as an Integrative Method of Healing in the Hebrew Bible

4:30pm-6:30pm SBL Plenary
Location: Mackay Main Lounge
Annette Yoshiko Reed, NYU
Rethinking the Beginnings of Jewish Angelology and Demonology

7:00pm-9:00pm Reception/Highlights from Chairs and Sessions
Location: Mackay Main Auditorium
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

7:30am-9:30am Breakfast/AAR-SBL Joint Business Meeting/Election
   Word from Outgoing AAR and SBL President
   Word from Incoming AAR and SBL President
   Report and Feedback from Section Chairs

Morning Breakout Sessions
   9:45 am-11:45 am

**Mackay-Private Dining Room**
**WRITING SEMINAR**
Presider: Robert Seesengood, Albright College
Participation by advance arrangement only

**Erdman-Cooper Conference Room**
**NEW TESTAMENT: GOSPELS**
Presider: Mark Giacobbe, Citylight Church, Philadelphia, markgia@gmail.com

Frank Connolly-Weinert, St. John’s University (ret.), fdcw@aol.com
*Jesus’ Parables as Pilgrim Storytelling in Luke*

Timothy Jordan Keiderling, Princeton Theological Seminary,
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*Latin in the Synoptic Tradition*

Greg Carey, Lancaster Theological Seminary, gcarey@lancasterseminary.edu
*Did Jesus Speak in Parables and So What?*

Jeffrey Hubbard, Yale University, jeffrey.hubbard@yale.edu
*A Tale of Two Fig Trees? A New Redaction-Critical Assessment of Luke 13:6-9*

**Erdman-Clarke Lounge**
**HEBREW BIBLE PROPHETS SECTION:**
GENERAL TOPICS IN PROPHETIC LITERATURE
Presider: TBA

Leslie Virnelson, Princeton Theological Seminary, leslie.virnelson@ptsem.edu
*Materiality of Prophecy in Ezekiel 13:10-16*

Suzanne Silk, Jewish Theological Seminary, surojas@jtsa.edu
*The Anthropomorphism of Non-human Creatures in the Minor Prophets*

Nazeer Nathaniel Bacchus, New York University, nazeer.bacchus@nyu.edu
Theorizing Lament: A Reexamination of the Qināh

Erdman-Art Studio
RECEPTION HISTORY:
Presider: Sarah Malena, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Randy Garcia, Princeton Theological Seminary

Beyond Interpolation: Mapping the Diachronic Development of Aramaic Levi Document’s and The Testament of Levi’s ‘Rule of the Priesthood’ Sections
Claire Koen, Fordham University

Perfect Neighbor or Perfect Other? Philo of Alexandria’s Apologetics in Hypothetica 7
Alyssa M. Cady, Princeton University

Kept Woman: The Maintenance of Gender and the Rejection of Its Roles in the Acts of Paul and Thecla
Linda Sue Galante, Drew University

First Eyewitness: Depicting the Resurrection in ante pacem Art

12:00pm-2:00pm Lunch/Plenary Session
Welcoming Remarks & Keynote Speaker
Princeton Theological Seminary
Academic Dean Jacqueline Lapsley
Job and Ruth in a Time of Despair
Location: Main Auditorium

12:00 nn-2:00 pm Students on Interviewing
Location: Private Dining Room

Afternoon Breakout Sessions
2:15pm-4:15pm

Erdman-Clarke Lounge
HEBREW BIBLE WRITINGS SECTION:
Presider: John Ahn, Ph.D., Howard University School of Divinity

Mark S. Giacobbe, Citylight Church

Pivot Patterns and Double-Duty Modifiers: Doubling Down on a Pivotal Construction in Hebrew Poetry (Psalms)
Amy J. Chase, Seton Hall University
Grasping the Spindle, Reaching for the Poor: Re-examining the Chiasm of Proverbs 31:19-20 in Light of Textual and Contextual Socio-Economic Tensions

Carolyn Yvette Baldwin, Howard University School of Divinity
Speak, Wisdom: Social-Mutism, Is Silence Golden?

Rudy L. Daniel III, Howard University School of Divinity

Daniel’s Interpretation: His Name and Dream (Dan 2:4-7)
Spencer Elliott, Candidate, New York University

Linguistic Abnormalities and their Social Contexts in the Hebrew Bible: The ‘Aleph Preformative Dt Stem

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NEW TESTAMENT: METHODS
Presider: Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu

Eui Hyun (Paul) Chung, Vanderbilt University, eui.hyun.chung@vanderbilt.edu
Cuirassed Pauline Rhetoric: Subversive Use of Armor Imagery in the Pauline Epistles

Sean P Ireland, Regent University, erinire@mail.regent.edu
The Lord, Presence, and Entourage: יִצְבָּא and παντοκράτωρ in Zechariah 8:3 and Revelation 21:22
Grant Gieseke, Temple University, grantlander@gmail.com
Revelation and Radiohead: Kid A at 20

Stephen D. Moore, Drew University, smoore@drew.edu
Sinking and Swimming While Reading My Bible with Deleuze and Guattari