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March 15-17, 2017**

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Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Exhibitors Hall: Conference G

Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 15 Undergraduate Symposium

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

Breakfast

Location: Conference I

ALL SESSIONS WILL OCCUR IN SALON AB.

9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Session 1

Panel: Religion in the American Public Schools Curriculum

Moderator: Andrew Henry, Boston University, religionforbreakfast@gmail.com

The Lemon Test

Miles Firestine, Middlesex County College, Milesfirestine23@gmail.com

Horace Mann's Vision of Religion in Public Education

Alayna DeFuria, Montclair State University, defuriaa2@montclair.edu

Teaching Not Preaching in Religion and Education

Megan Drew, Montclair State University, drewm2@montclair.edu

Undergraduate Commentator: Ben Lander, Montclair State University,
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Respondent: Andrew Henry, Boston University, religionforbreakfast@gmail.com

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

Session 2

Panel: Race, Class, and Gender

Moderator: Michael Oliver, Rutgers University, moliver@rutgers.edu

Racial Disparities in Medicine

Rebecca Wall, Iona College, rwall2@gaels.iona.edu

Demystifying Gender: A Metaphysical Analysis of Gender Identity

Elyse Gabel, Montclair State University, gabele1@mail.montclair.edu

The Contemporary Dilemma of the Ethical Treatment of the Other

Emily "Emma" Szymanski, Fordham University, jgleim@fordham.edu

Undergraduate Commentator: Anizjusz Gaweda, Bergen Community College,
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Respondent: Michael Oliver, Rutgers University, moliver@rutgers.edu

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Location: Conference I

1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Session 3

Panel: Dismantling "Mean Girl" Culture in Society

Moderator: Michael Oliver, Rutgers University, moliver@rutgers.edu

An Outline of the Characters and Plot in the "Mean Girls" Film

Kyla Climaco, Montclair State University, climacok1@montclair.edu

Women as Public Intellectuals

Alexis Duah-Elwis, Montclair State University, duahelwisa1@mail.montclair.edu

Misogynist Practices Among Women

Amanda Stein, Montclair State University, steina2@montclair.edu

Overcoming Misogyny in a Culture of Females

Brittany Zaintz, Montclair State University, zaintzb1@montclair.edu

Undergraduate Commentators: Derrian Douglas, Bergen Community College,

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Respondent: Michael Oliver, Rutgers University, moliver@rutgers.edu

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Undergraduate Plenary Address

John M. Lawton, Office of Multicultural Affairs,

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What is an Intellectual?

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Salon AB

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Undergraduate Plenary Reception

Conference I

Thursday, March 16

MAR-AAR-SBL Annual Conference

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Location: Conference I

Conference Overlook

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

Session 1

Conference JK

Section: Christian History and Theology

Session: Race, Gender, Violence, and Dignity: The Historical and Philosophical Roots of Modern Apprehension of the Issues of Oppression and Liberation

**Moderator: Matthew Paul Buccheri, General Theological Seminary
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Theological Anthropology: Christianity's Metaphysic of Oppression
Roberto Alejandro, Durham University, ra.onbckgrnd@gmail.com

Anti-Nature in the Witchcraft Narrative

Brooke Greenburg, Princeton Theological Seminary, brooke.greenburg@ptsem.edu

Who Are We Talking To?: Rooting out White Male Supremacy in Public Theology
Benjamin Van Dyne, Union Theological Seminary, benjaminvandyne@gmail.com

Respondent: Matthew Paul Buccheri, General Theological Seminary
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Conference F

Section: Global Religions and Pluralism

Session: New Horizons for the Pluralist Religious Project

Moderator: Jane Huber, Union Theological Seminary, jane.huber.nyc@gmail.com

Vade Retro Satana!: Exploring the Demonic and Spirit-Possession as Interlocutors for Interreligious Dialogue

David Bradnick, Stevenson University, dbradnick@stevenson.edu

Rethinking the Faithful Frame-Pluralism in the Present

Rev. Dr. Jane Huber, Union Theological Seminary, jane.huber.nyc@gmail.com

Rabbi Seth Wax, Congregations Mount Sinai, sethwax@gmail.com

Lending a Theological Voice: Intellectual Activism and the Fight for Reparations in the Caribbean

Randy Renardo Goldson, Temple University, Tug75004@temple.edu

Conference E

Special Session: Continental Philosophy

Panel: Deploying and Critiquing the Continental Tradition

Moderator: Randy Friedman, Binghamton University, friedman@binghamton.edu

Temporality and Eternity: A Critique of the Phenomenological Account of Time

Sean Skedzielewski, Rowan University, skedzielewski@rowan.edu

Habermas's Discourse Ethics and an Anthropocentric Environmental Ethic
Morgan Elbot, University of Memphis, morganelbot@gmail.com

Pity the Land that Needs Heroes: The Irrationality of Heroism in Badiou and Emerson
Jacob L. Goodson, Southwestern College, jacob.goodson@sckans.edu

Respondent: Randy Friedman, Binghamton University, friedman@binghamton.edu

Conference D

Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies

Session: Theology Without Walls: Modes of Engagement with the Divine

Moderator: Heon C. Kim, East Stroudsburg University, heonkim@po-box.esu.edu

Sacrificial Multiple Religious Belonging: Vedic and Christian Test Cases
Christopher D. Denny, St. John's University, dennyc@stjohns.edu

The Interactive Logic of Engagement with the Divine in a Transreligious Context
Jerry L. Martin, formerly University of Colorado at Boulder, jerry.martin@verizon.net

Multiple Religious Belonging or No Belonging? Discernment, Religious Depth, and TWW as Spiritual Practice
Rory D. McEntee, Drew University, rmcentee21@gmail.com

Can You Dig More than One 60 foot Well in a Lifetime?
Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University, peter.savastano@shu.edu

Salon A

Section: Contemporary Theology

Session: Which Church is to Speak in the Public Sphere?: Perspectives from Young Catholic Theologians

Moderator: Lucas Briola, Catholic University of America, 66briola@cua.edu

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Timothy Dulle, Fordham University, tdulle@fordham.edu

Salon B

Section: SBL

Session: New Testament 1

Moderator: Rob Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu

Marked by the Wild Beasts of Mark 1:13b: Beyond the Colonial-Bestial Assemblage
Dong Hyeon Jeong, Drew University

"I will be Made Well": Space, Agency, and Abject Bodies (De)Composing Mark 5:21-43
Peter McLellan, Drew University

Does Mark 16:9-20 Belong In The New Testament?
David W. Hester, Faulkner University

Significant Instability Around the Names and Numbers of Women at the Empty Tomb in the Gospel of Mark.
Elizabeth Schrader, General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church

Salon C

Section: Theology, Aesthetics, and Art

Session: Understanding Art as Resistance: Environmental, Political, and Post-Secular Movements

Moderators: Michele Stanback, Union Theological Seminary, ms4903@utsnyc.edu and Je' Hooper, Union Theological Seminary, jrmhooper@gmail.com

Collaborate, Transcend, Resist: Examining Art, Ecojustice, and Theology's Public Responsibility in the Work of the Beehive Design Collective
Russell C. Powell, Princeton Theological Seminary, russcpowell@gmail.com

George Eliot's Religious Thought from 1836 to 1842.
John H. Mazaheri, Auburn University, mazahhj@auburn.edu

Tragedy and Resistance
Joel Daniels, Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion, joelcdaniels@gmail.com

Visions
Andre Daughtry, Union Theological Seminary, andredaughtrystudio@gmail.com

Salon D

Section: Religion and Leadership

Session: Liturgical and Pastoral Models for Public Engagement

Moderator: Gerald Vigna, Alvernia University, Jerry.Vigna@alvernia.edu

Pastoral Leadership in the Secular City
Stephen Ohnsman, Calvary United Church of Christ Reading, ohnsman@comcast.net

Religion and Leadership: Taking Some Cues from Focolare's 'Inundations'
Marian Maskulak, St. John's University, maskulam@stjohns.edu

Leadership as Sacrifice: A Liturgical Model for Leadership in the Public Square
Andre Shirin, John Leland Center for Theological Studies, ashirin@leland.edu

Respondent: Deborah Evans, Alvernia University, deborah.evans@alvernia.edu

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

Women's Caucus Roundtable Lunch
FORGiNG VOICE:
Filmmaking and Feminist and Womanist Theologies
Kate Common, Boston University, common@bu.edu
Location: Conference I

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

Conference JK

Section: Christian History and Theology

Session: The Classical, Early Church, and Modern Understanding of Religious Violence

**Moderator: Aaron Stauffer, Union Theological Seminary,
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Via and its Philosophical Significance in Aristotle

Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary, st2399@columbia.edu

Inwardly Tuned by God: Thecla, Proto-Martyr

V.K. McCarty, General Theological Seminary, VKMcPax@gamil.com

Not by War: Preliminary Observations of John of Damascus' Vision of Christian Mission for Today's Conversations Regarding Religious Violence

Matthew Paul Buccheri, General Theological Seminary,
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The Lifecycle of Religious Violence in the 21st Century

Conrad Fisher, Union Theological Seminary, conradfishermd@gmail.com

Conference F

Section: SBL

Session: Biblical Reception History

**Moderator: Ilona Rashkow, State University of New York-Stony Brook,
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Abused and Abuser: Melancholia and Intergenerational Trauma in the Story of Jephthah
Benjamin Bixler, Drew University, bbixler@drew.edu
Vanessa M. Williams, Drew University, vwilson@drew.edu

The Role of Eschatology in Theodore's Commentary on Galatians
Peter Moore, Westminster Theological Seminary, pmoore@student.wts.edu

Information Processing Biases in Religious Contexts
Melissa Lemons, Loyola University of Maryland, melissalemons@gmail.com

Chronologies of the Persian Empire in Medieval Jewish Biblical Exegesis
Ezra Frazer, Yeshiva University, efrazer@yu.edu

Artist as Theologian: A Third Century Illustration of the Samaritan Woman at the Well
Linda Sue Galate, Drew University, lsgalate@juno.com

The Early Church's Reception of Victims of Matthew 2:16 as Martyrs and Sacrifices
Sung Cho, Catholic University of America, 34chos@cua.edu

Conference E

Section: Undergraduate

Session: Sociopolitical Philosophy, Ritual, and Order of Religion

**Moderators: Eric Plumer, University of Scranton, plumereric7@gmail.com
and Gerald Vigna, Alvernia University, Jerry.Vigna@alvernia.edu**

*A Contemporary Approach to Religious Studies Scholarship in Light of Digital
Communication*

Naimi Patel, Rutgers University, npatel2014@gmail.com

Imagined Rituals, Virtual Religiosity, and the Role of Scholarship in the Modern World
Vivek Shah, Rutgers University, vivek.shah1@rutgers.edu

*Beyond Revolution, Beyond the Law: Christian Anarchism in Conversation with Giorgio
Agamben*

Katrina Kniss, Goucher College, kakni001@mail.goucher.edu

*Silent No More: A Theoretical Investigation of the Annulment Process in the Catholic
Church in the United States and its Correlation to the Developments of Mariology*
Jerri von den Bosch, Alvernia University, jerri.vondenbosch@alvernia.edu

Undergraduate Commentator: Benjamin Lander, Montclair State University,
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Respondents: Gerald Vigna, Alvernia University, Jerry.Vigna@alvernia.edu
Eric Plumer, University of Scranton, plumereric7@gmail.com

Conference D

Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies

Session: Religious and Theological Study and Reflection in Interfaith Community

Moderator: Christopher D. Denny, St. John's University, dennyc@stjohns.edu

Jane Huber, Union Theological Seminary, jhuber@utsnyc.edu

Mona Haydar, Union Theological Seminary, mh3646@utsnyc.edu

Victoria Gillon, Union Theological Seminary, vg2398@utsnyc.edu

Victoria Russo, Columbia University, victoria.rose.russo@gmail.com

Salon A

Special Session: Religion and Education Collaborative

Panel: Religion and Public Education, A View from the Ground Up

**Moderator: Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa,
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L. Callid Keefe-Perry, Boston University, callidkp@bu.edu

Kate Soules, Boston College, kate.soules@bc.edu

Nate Walker, Religious Freedom Center, nwalker@newseum.org

Join the Religion and Education Collaborative (REC) for a conversation with members on the importance and current status of scholarship on religion and public schools in the United States and Canada. The panel will discuss their research which bridges fields including teacher education, literacy, theology, religious studies, law and the relevance of this work to current social and political issues. There will be opportunity for dialogue with our presenters.

Salon B

Section: Religion and Ethics

Session: Living in the Tension: The Public Intellectual and Religion

Moderator: Michael Stell, Catholic University of America, 71stell@cua.edu

Where have all the Values Gone? Values Voters, Republican Virtues, and Public Intellectuals

E. Harold Breitenberg, Jr, Randolph Macon College, ebreiten@rmc.edu

Christian Perspectives on Personal Responsibility in Early Jewish and Christian Sources

Matthew Goldstone, New York University, magoldstone@gmail.com

The Case of Father Curran: A Cautionary Tale or Academic Freedom in Religiously Affiliated Colleges

Ray Silverman, Bryn Athan College, ray.silverman@brynathyn.edu

Respondent: Michael Stell, Catholic University of America, 71stell@cua.edu

Salon C

Section: Global Religions and Pluralism

Session: The Challenge of Public Pluralism

Moderator: Hannah DeLaine Olson, Princeton Theological Seminary, hannah.olson@ptsem.edu

Religious Pluralism and Political Peace in Ghana: The Legacy of Kwame Nkrumah's Intellectual Thought

E Obiri Addo, Drew University, eaddo@drew.edu

Interreligious Identity in Making: A Narrative Approach

Eunil David Cho, Emory University, echo23@emory.edu

Public Prayer in the Military and the Challenge of Pluralism

Adam Tietje, Third Special Forces Group Army Chaplain, adam.tietje@gmail.com

Respondent: Kayle Jeanne Peck, Princeton Theological Seminary,

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Salon D

Section: Kierkegaard.

Session: On Authentic Communication and Self-Knowledge

Moderator: Sean Skedzielewski, Rowan University, skedzielewski@rowan.edu

Eucharistic Communication and Breaking the Body Politic

Tekoa Robinson, Lancaster Theological Seminary, trobinson@lancasterseminary.edu

Respondent: Sean Skedzielewski, Rowan University, skedzielewski@rowan.edu

Kierkegaard's Pedagogy: From Despair to Anxiety

Sean Skedzielewski, Rowan University, skedzielewski@rowan.edu

Respondent: Sean D'alesio, Independent Scholar, dalesios@duq.edu

Morality in the Age of Evil

Sean D'alesio, Independent Scholar, dalesios@duq.edu

Respondent: Sean Skedzielewski, Rowan University, skedzielewski@rowan.edu

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

Conference JK

Section: Christian History and Theology

Session: Medieval and Reformed Theology Reassessed

**Moderator: Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary,
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Satisfying the Debt to God: A Synthetic Reading of Anselm and the Responsibility of the Theologian

Joshua Wise, Saint Joseph's University, 27wise@cua.edu

Luther's Public Reason: Two Kingdoms as Epistemology

Justin Nickel, Princeton Theological Seminary, justin.nickel@ptsem.edu

Heritage, Place Attachment, and Public Scholarship in Contemporary Camp Meeting Communities

Samuel Avery-Quinn, University College, Appalachian State University,
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Respondent: Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary,
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Conference F

Section: SBL

Session: New Testament 2

Moderator: Rob Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu

Creative Ambiguity in Luke-Acts

Frank Connolly-Weinert, St. John's University

Perfect in Weakness: Athletics and Apostolic Suffering in the Corinthian Correspondence

Adam C. Koontz, Temple University

Looking Beneath Her Skirt: The Pornoprophetics of Revelation's (Comic) Jezebel.

Sarah Emanuel, New York University

Black Souls Matter: Reading Revelation 6:9-11 with the BLM Movement

Eric A. Thomas, Drew University

'Conquering and to Conquer: Sovereignty and Homoeroticism, Then and Now
Lindsey M. Guy, Drew University

Conference E

Section: Philosophy and Religion

Session: Communicating the Complexities of Religious Difference

Moderator: Dana Trusso, LaGuardia College, dana.trusso@gmail.com

Saying What We Mean: Science and Religion as a Model for Public Epistemology
Timothy J. Maness, Boston University, tjmaness@bu.edu

The Philosophy of Islamic Sufism in Public and Private Piety
Walead Mosaad, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, wm239@exeter.ac.uk

Walking with a Theological Limp: A Path toward (A)Theistic Spirituality in The Brothers Karamazov
Mark Francis Mariani, University of Notre Dame, Mark.F.Mariani.10@nd.edu

Being-in-the-World, Transnationally: A Heideggerian Exploration of Two Central American Cristos in North America
Harold Morales, Morgan State University, harold.morales@morgan.edu

Conference D

Section: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Session: Troublesome Enmity Between Eros and Logos

Moderator: Minjung Noh, Temple University, minjung.noh@temple.edu

An Almost Completely Uncontroversial Hypothesis: The Impotence of Augustine
Jeff Nicoll, Howard University School of Divinity, jnicoll@ida.org

A Marriage Without Eros: Jung's Answer to Job and the Old Testament Conception of the Feminine
Brigid Burke, Montclair State University, burkeb@mail.montclair.edu

Reclaiming Marriage and Parenthood as Religious Vocation
Corey R. Harris, Alvernia University, Corey.Harris@alvernia.edu

Lot (Be)gets What He Deserves: Gender and Ethnic Identity Creation in Genesis 19:30-38
Benjamin Bixler, Drew University, bbixler@drew.edu

Salon A

Section: Contemporary Theology

Session: Uniting the Mind and Body

**Moderator: Rory Misiewicz, Princeton Theological Seminary,
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No Woe to You Lawyers: Justice and Charity as Paths to Attorney Happiness (and Implications for Contemporary Catholic Ethicists)

John Fitzgerald, St. John's University, fitzgejl@stjohns.edu

Running with the Shadows of the Night: The Liturgical Inculturation of Halloween

Joshua Roye, Catholic University of America, 56roye@cua.edu

The Jünger-Pannenberg Debate: Theological Epistemology, Faith, and Secularism

David Bruner, Princeton Theological Seminary, david.bruner@ptsem.edu

"The Good of the Human Person" as an Emerging end of marriage: A re-interpretation of Genesis 2:18-25

Revenendo Vargas, University of Santo Tomas, rrvargas@ust.edu.ph

Embodied Discipleship: Metz, Ellacuría, and the Praxis of the University Theologian

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Salon B

Section: Undergraduate

Session: Contemplative Practices in Education

Moderator: Jon Brammer, Lesley University, JBrammer@trcc.commnet.edu

What is Mindfulness?

Bavandeep Singh, St. John's University, singh.bavan@gmail.com

Contemplative Education: Social Justice in the Elementary Classroom

Megan Drew, Montclair State University, drewm2@montclair.edu

Finding a Contemplative Middle Ground in Physical Education

Miles Firestine, Middlesex County College, Milesfirestine23@gmail.com

Undergraduate Commentator: Elyse Gabel, Montclair State University,

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Respondent: Jon Brammer, Lesley University, JBrammer@trcc.commnet.edu

Salon C

(Extended Session) 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm

Section: Religion, Conflict, and Peace

Session: Conflict and Difference: Cultural and Theoretical Perspectives

**Moderator: DanChristy Randazzo, ABD, Moorestown Friends School,
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When Cultures Collide: Religion, Conflict, and Peace Perspectives

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Between Fundamental Rights and Subset of Human Rights: Religious Freedom and the Unknown Fate of Rohingya Muslims

Shino Yokatsuka, Center for Islam and Religious Freedom, shino@islamandrf.org

Islamic Theology and Compassionate God

Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, The Catholic University of America, s.h.akhlaq@gmail.com

Fluid Boundaries between the Institution of Church and State: Building an Understanding of the Challenges towards Promoting Positive Peace

Michael Royster, Prairie View A&M University, mdroyster@pvamu.edu

Worldmaking as Peacemaking

Victoria Litman, Union Theological Seminary, vl2372@utsnyc.edu

Respondent: DanChristy Randazzo, ABD, Moorestown Friends School,
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Salon D

Section: Religion and Education

Session: Expanding The Boundaries of Learning and Engaging New Developments in Religious Education.

Moderator: Kate Soules, Boston College, kate.soules@bc.edu

YouTube the new MOOC?: Online Education and Religious Literacy in an Age of Social Media

Andrew M. Henry, Boston University, religionforbreakfast@gmail.com

Formation for Belonging: Theological Education, the Beloved Community and the Public Sphere.

Sarah Ann Bixler, Princeton Theological Seminary, sarah.bixler@ptsem.edu

Pedagogy of the Public Intellectual: Religious Educators as Exemplars of Dialogue and Action?

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Kerry.Danner@georgetown.edu

Respondent: Kate Soules, Boston College, kate.soules@bc.edu

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. MAR-AAR Plenary Address

Michael D. Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa

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Claiming Our Voice: Religious Studies and Public Scholarship

Respondent: Nate Walker, Religious Freedom Center,

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Salon CD

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. MAR-SBL Plenary Address

Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University

Rememory, Storytelling, and the (Un)explainable in Exodus 32

Conference JK

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

Brunswick Ballroom

Friday, March 17

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

Breakfast

Conference Overlook

Conference I

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. MAR-AAR Presidential Address

Dr. Sabrina D. MisirHiralall

Salon A

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. MAR-SBL Presidential Address

Dr. Kim Paffenroth

Conference JK

10:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.
Session 1

Conference JK

Section: Christian History and Theology

Session: Scriptural Accounts of Violence and Conflict and their Theological Reassessment

Moderator: V.K. McCarty, General Theological Seminary, VKMcPax@gmail.com

War and Providence in Old Testament Histories

Nicholas Sooy, Fordham University, nsooy@fordham.edu

No Gneed for Gnostics in 1 John

Jeff Nicoll, Howard University School of Divinity, jnicoll@ida.org

The Use and Interpretation of the Exodus Narrative in David Walker's Appeal

Randy Renardo Goldson, Temple University, Tug75004@temple.edu

Rejecting Models of Violence against Women in Scripture, Reconstructing Alternatives: Feminist Hermeneutics as the Foundation of Constructive Theological Biblical Interpretation

Jason A. Wyman Jr, Union Theological Seminary, wyman.jason@gmail.com

Conference F

Special Session: Comparative Religion and Ecology

Panel: Postcolonial Ecofeminist Theology

Moderator: Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, sophiajs5@gmail.com

A Comparative Ecofeminist Study of Carol Christ's Goddess Theory and Hindu Spirituality

Jeffrey Holmes, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, JH791223@wcupa.edu

Is Cross Salim or Jugim?: A Postcolonial Ecotheology of Life

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, sophiajs5@gmail.com

Common Home, Common Water, Common Good: A Fluid Ethics

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Respondent: Tom Berendt, Temple University, tuf29703@temple.edu

Conference E

Section: Religion and Leadership

Session: Post-Truth and Grass Roots

Moderator: Deborah Evans, Alvernia University, deborah.evans@alvernia.edu

Prophetic Burden and the Young Lords of Philadelphia's Hispanic Catholic Community
Adán Stevens-Díaz, Temple University, adan.stevens@gmail.com

Chess Boards and Boxing Gloves: Public Theology for an Era of Post-Truth Politics
L. Callid Keefe-Perry, Boston University, callidkp@bu.edu

*"God's Microphone": Theological Inquiry and Leadership in a "Post-Truth" Era –
Insights from Blessed Oscar Romero*
Marc DelMonico, Ph.D, Marymount University, marc.delmonico@gmail.com

Respondent: Gerald Vigna, Alvernia University, Jerry.Vigna@alvernia.edu

Conference D

Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies

Session: Diverse Approaches to Interreligious and Interfaith Studies

Moderator: Christopher D. Denny, St. John's University, dennyc@stjohns.edu

An Experiential Approach to Comparative Religion
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Building Bridges: Christian - Muslim Relations in the 21st Century
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Phenomenology for Interreligious and Interfaith Dialogue
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Salon A

Section: Psychology and Religion

Session: Issues of Context in Religion and Philosophy

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Theological Anthropology and Severe Mental Illness
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Information Processing Biases in Religious Contexts
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Trauma, Narrative, and Identity

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'Foreigner' and 'Foreignness' Through Time and Space

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Multiplicity, Intersubjectivity, and Recognizing the Other: Empathy as a Bridge to Justice

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Salon B

Section: MAR-AAR-SBL Undergraduate

Session: Thinking About the Future

Moderator: DanChristy Randazzo, ABD, MAR-AAR Graduate Student

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Pursuing Graduate School in Religious Studies and Theology

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What about if you do not wish to pursue Graduate School?

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Salon C

Section: SBL

Session: Old Testament 1

Moderator: David Lamb, Biblical Theological Seminary, dlamb@biblical.edu

*Jehoiachin and His Oracle: Jeremiah's Reframing of the Deuteronomistic Historian's
View of Post-Exilic Kingship*

Melvin Sensenig, Albright College

The Making of a Villain: Jeroboam as a Creation of the Deuteronomistic Historian

John Herbst, Regent University

Black Samson and the Labor Movement

Jeremy Schipper, Temple University

Salon D

Section: Scriptural Reasoning

Session: Reading Isaiah on Worship

**Moderator: Matthew Vaughan, Columbia University,
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Group Text Study on Isaiah

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12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MAR-SBL-AAR Lunch

Location: Conference I

Conference Overlook

12:10 pm to 1:10 pm

Mid-day Reception

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1:20 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Session 2

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Section: Christian History and Theology

Session: Modern Theological and Ethical Concerns

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Organic Intellectuals and Moral Exemplars to the Church

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Re-weaving history to create a possible future in the Anthropocene Age

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The Issue of the Term 'Religious Violence' in Theological Discussion

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Conference F

Section: Postcolonial and Religious Studies

Session: Pedagogies and Contexts-Hinduism and Postcoloniality

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Decolonizing the Classroom: Experimental Strategies for Decolonial Pedagogy and Praxis

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NGOs, Hindu Nationalism, and Communal Violence: Interrogating the Connections

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An Ambivalent Ambassador: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, Hinduism, and the Postcolonial Turn

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Kubera, Lord of the Earth Spirits: A Process View of Identity and Divinity

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Graetz's Oriental Jesus: Christianity and Coloniality in German-Jewish Thought

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Conference E

Special Session: Comparative Religion and Ecology

Panel: Earth-Honoring and Planetary Spirituality

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Bovine Benefactories: the Role of Religion in Cow Sanctuaries in the United States

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Beyond Whiteness into Eco-Resurrection: Race and Resistance for Earth-Honoring Faith, Justice, and Community

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Liberation Ecology: A Christian Vision of Humans in a Garden in a City

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Conference D

Section: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Session: Women in Religious Dialogue

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An Embodied Comparative Theological Journey: Christianity and Islam
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The Prophetic and Legal Position of Women in Islam
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The Rape Dilemma: Raising the Consciousness of Feminist and Womanist Theologies in Dialogue
Lorna Wilson, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, llbennett217@gmail.com

Esther: A Symbol for Israel in Exile
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Women's Role in the Early Protestant Mission to Haiti: Jemima Straight and Female Agency in the Late Nineteenth Century United States Baptist Communities
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Salon A

Section: Contemporary Theology

Session: Confronting the Social and Political

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Debating the Madhhabs in Contemporary Islam
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Problems of Disembodied Ethics, Masculinity, Militarization: Implications for #NoDAPL and the US-Mexico Border
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That All May Be One and Many: The Case for Social Ecumenism
Rebecca Spellacy, University of Trinity College and University of Toronto,
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Welcoming Syrian Refugees in Turkey: The role of religious discourse in the case of Diyanet
Aysenur Sonmez Kara, George Mason University, Asonmezk@masonlive.gmu.edu

An-Archy and Awakening: On the Way to a Political Theology of Otherwise-than Human Relations
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Salon B

Section: Scriptural Reasoning

Session: Pragmatism and Rationality

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Why Make Deep Reasonings Public?: From Peirce's Pragmatism to Habermas's Theory of Communicative Rationality

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Salon C

Section: SBL

Session: Old Testament 2

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Cultivation in Chaos: A Postcolonial and Ecopolitical Reading of Creation from Displacement

Jennifer Maidrand, Drew Theological School

The J Documentary Hypothesis

Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education

Salon D

Section: SBL-Undergraduate

Session: Creation and Redemption

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The Term da'at in the Hebrew Bible: is 'Intimate Knowledge' a sufficient definition?

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The Influence of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14) on Flannery O'Connor's "Revelation"

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Exploring Creation/Destruction Theology

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**3:10 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. MAR-AAR Business Meeting
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