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Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Exhibitors Hall: Conference G
Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 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 I

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, landerb1@mail.montclair.edu

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, agaweda@me.bergen.edu

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, ddouglas@me.bergen.edu and Paul Fricovsky, Middlesex County College, paulf100811@gmail.com

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,
The Community College of Baltimore County
What is an Intellectual?
jlawton@ccbcmd.edu
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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Robert Ryan, Catholic University of America, 79ryan@cua.edu
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

Matthew Paul Buccheri, General Theological Seminary,
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The Lifecycle of Religious Violence in the 21st Century
Conrad Fisher, Union Theological Seminary, conradfischermd@gmail.com

Conference F
Section: SBL
Session: Biblical Reception History
Moderator: Ilona Rashkow, State University of New York-Stony Brook, ilona.rashkow2@gmail.com

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
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, mike.waggoner@uni.edu

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, kayla.peck@ptsem.edu

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, st2399@columbia.edu

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, averyquinns@appstate.edu

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

Conference F
Section: SBL
Session: New Testament 2
Moderator: Rob Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu

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, rory.misiewicz@ptsem.edu

*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, fitzgej1@stjohns.edu

*Running with the Shadows of the Night: The Liturgical Inculturation of Halloween*
Joshua Roye, Catholic University of America, 56roye@cua.edu

*The Jüngel-Pannenberg Debate: Theological Epistemology, Faith, and Secularism*
David Bruner, Princeton Theological Seminary, david.brunner@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*
Adam Beyt, Fordham University, abeyt@fordham.edu

**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, gabele1@mail.montclair.edu

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, drandazzo@mfriends.org

When Cultures Collide: Religion, Conflict, and Peace Perspectives
Fidele Lumeya, Skills of Central Pennsylvania, flumeya@gmail.com

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, drandazzo@mfriends.org

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
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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,
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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
O'neil Van Horn, Drew University, ovanhorn@drew.edu

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

*Building Bridges: Christian - Muslim Relations in the 21st Century*  
Remi Alapo, Unification Theological Seminary, remialapo@aim.com

*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 Representative, Moorestown Friends School, drandazzo@mfriends.org

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, matthew@matthewvaughan.net

*Group Text Study on Isaiah*  
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Conference JK  
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*  
Elizabeth DeAngelis, Union Theological Seminary, ed2676@utsnyce.edu
Conference F
Section: Postcolonial and Religious Studies
Session: Pedagogies and Contexts-Hinduism and Postcoloniality
Moderator: David Dillard-Wright, University of South Carolina–Aiken, writepage@gmail.com

Decolonizing the Classroom: Experimental Strategies for Decolonial Pedagogy and Praxis
Gabriel C. Crooks, Drew University, gcrooks@drew.edu

NGOs, Hindu Nationalism, and Communal Violence: Interrogating the Connections
Ved Patel, Emory University, ved.patel@emory.edu

An Ambivalent Ambassador: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, Hinduism, and the Postcolonial Turn
Vineet Chander, Princeton University, vineetchander108@gmail.com

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
Moderator: Christopher Fici, Union Theological Seminary, clf2138@utsnyc.edu

Bovine Benefactors: 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
Moderator: Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, sophiajs5@gmail.com
An Embodied Comparative Theological Journey: Christianity and Islam
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The Prophetic and Legal Position of Women in Islam
Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, The Catholic University of America, s.h.akhlaq@gmail.com

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
Elizabeth Siegelman, Drew University, esiegelman@drew.edu

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, Rebecca.Spellacy@mail.utoronto.ca

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-Archi 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  
Moderator: Alexandria Frisch, Ursinus College, afrisch@ursinus.edu

*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  
Moderator: Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, kimpaffenroth@msn.com

*The Term da’at in the Hebrew Bible: is ‘Intimate Knowledge’ a sufficient definition?*
Abigail Mason, Temple University, tug17109@temple.edu

*The Influence of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14) on Flannery O’Connor’s “Revelation”*
Cassidy Mahoney and Leanna Molaro, Iona College, cassidyrmahoney@gmail.com and leannam98@aol.com

*Exploring Creation/Destruction Theology*
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