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

MAR-AAR Executive Board
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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.lucasiii@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 Beriont, Harvard University, cberiont@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 āhwadu, '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*

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**Library: Room 1060**

**Section: Postcolonial and Religious Studies**

Session: Tradition, Novelty, and Authority in Postcolonial Religions

Moderators: Rob Ames (Co-Chair), Independent Scholar, roblames@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*

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**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?*

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**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@utsny.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
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
Shalon Park, Princeton Theological Seminary, shalon.park@ptsem.edu
*Translating Utopia: 20th Century Korean Literature*

Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary, thomas.seat@ptsem.edu
*Religion and Politics in the U.S. and Nigeria: Trump Support in Cross-Cultural Perspective*

**Library: Room 3060**

**Section: Religion and Education**
Session I: Lifting Marginalized Voices: Critiques of Traditional Educational Authorities and Practices
Moderator: Janice McClean-Farrell, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, jmclean-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*

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

**Adams House: Living room**

**Section: 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**

**Section: Philosophy of Religion**
Session II: Exploring Religious Behavior
Moderator: Michael Tennant, L'Université Chrétienne du Nord d'Haiti
matthew.tennant@regents.oxon.org

Rachel Nelson, University of Birmingham, UK, rach_m_nelson@yahoo.com
*Addressing Human Brokenness Through Existential Pneumatology*
Sarang Patel, Rutgers, sarang.patel@rutgers.edu
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 Lotfian–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.herrera@ptsem.edu
*Proulx 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

12:00 nn-2:00 pm Lunch
Presidential Address
Mark Leuchter, Temple University
Reading David in the Era of Trump
Location: Mackay Main Auditorium

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

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
*Mέλος: 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*

**Erdman-Art Studio**

**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: gilrosenberg@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,
timothy.keiderling@ptsem.edu
*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
*Materiology 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 ʾAleph 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: הָאָדָם 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