2013 AAR SBL ASOR
Upper Midwest Regional Meeting
Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, MN
April 5-6, 2013

PLEASE NOTE: This year, sessions are held in Northwestern Hall (NH), Stub Hall, the Olson Campus Center (OCC), and Bockman Hall (BH). Maps are available at the Registration table.

FRIDAY, April 5, 2013
9:00-11:30 AAR/SBL Joint Workshop (NH Room 232)
Teaching Online: Pedagogy and Design, Technology and Tools, Faculty Experience
Facilitators: Kris Payne, Ryan Torma, Luther Seminary
AAR/SBL workshops are designed to be interactive sessions where the contexts in which participants teach and work inform the discussion.

11:00-1:00 pm SBL/AAR Graduate Student Seminar (NH Room 231) “What Else? All the Ways to Use a Ph.D.”
Panelists:
-Kyle Roberts, Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, MN
-Laura Thelander, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN
-Will Bergkamp, Fortress Press

9:30-11:30 AAR Special Forum (NH Room 243)

11:30-1:00 Conveners’ Luncheon (Auxillary Dining Room)

1:00-2:30 SBL Plenary Session (NH Auditorium)
“On the Market (in Roman Corinth): Economics, Archeology and Theology in Biblical Studies”
Laura S. Nasrallah, Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Harvard Divinity School

2:45-4:15 First Sessions

4:15-4:45 Reception and Refreshments (NH Atrium)

4:45–6:15 Second Sessions

Friday evening: Graduate Students, Come Chat it Up! You listen all day to speakers, so come and do the opposite at The Chatterbox Pub with the rest of your grad student colleagues after the conference on Friday. Pick up a flyer at the registration table for more information.

SATURDAY, April 6, 2013
8:00-9:30 Coffee, Juice and Rolls (NH Atrium)

9:00-10:00 AAR Plenary Session (NH Auditorium)
“Controversies in American Religious Pluralism: The Case for Case Studies”
Diana Eck, Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies, Harvard Divinity School

10:15-11:45 Third Sessions

12:00-1:15 Buffet Lunch and Business Meetings (Olson Campus Center)

1:30-3:00 AAR Discussion (NH Auditorium)
“Virtue, Exemplarity, and the Science of Morality”
Over the past decade new results and methods in the scientific study of moral functioning have drawn significant public attention, and popular books such as The Righteous Mind and The Moral Molecule promote the significance of this research for moral theory and policy decision making. A panel will briefly discuss the current status of the science of morality, areas of strengths and weaknesses, and potentials for intersections with moral reflection and virtue ethics in particular. Panelists:
-Charlene Burns, Religious Studies, UW, Eau Claire
-Gregory R. Peterson, Philosophy and Religion, South Dakota State University
-James Van Slyke, Psychology, Fresno State University
-Michael Spezio, Psychology & Neuroscience, Scripps College and Visiting Associate Scientist at California Institute of Technology

3:15-4:45 Fourth Sessions

FIRST SESSIONS: Friday, 2:45-4:15

Session 1: Open Session #1 (NH Auditorium)
“Do Not Touch”: The Cyclical Body of Jesus in John’s Resurrection Narrative
Laurel Boman, Gustavus Adolphus
Tracing Tradition: History, Dogma and the Transformation of Tradition in Modern Catholicism
Robert Koerpel, University of St. Thomas
Four Last Things and Four Reminders: Inter-Religious Contemporary Dialogue in Service to the Recovery of a Christian Spiritual Practice
Steven Shippee, Sacred Heart School of Theology
Session 2: Teaching the Bible and Religion  
(NH Room 230)  
Presider: Suzanne Hequet  
*Kaleidoscopic Integration: Developing Spirituality and Moral Agency through Narrative Reflection on Study Abroad*  
Matthew Maruggi, Augsburg College  
Understanding Discourse with Relational Diagrams  
R. John Boettcher, Josephinum, Ohio  
*Is the Bible Being Taught Backwards?*  
Laurence Broadhurst, University of Winnipeg  

Session 3: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament #1  
(NH Room 231)  
Presider: Blake Couey, Gustavus Adolphus  
*A New Interpretation and Translation of Job 5:5*  
John Burnight, University of Northern Iowa  
Prophecy as Polemics: Spiritual Exegesis and the Rending of Anglicanism  
Kirsten Guidero, Marquette University  

Session 4: New Testament #1: Matthew  
(NH Rm 232)  
Presider: Dan Scholz, Cardinal Stritch University  
Ed Neufeld, Providence Theological Seminary, Otterburne MB  
*Mighty Deeds and Terrifying Displays: A Re-evaluation of the Relationship of Mt 8 and 9 to Moses’ Works of Power*  
Isaac Alderman, University of St. Thomas  

Session 5: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic Theology #1  
(NH Room 243)  
Presider: Courtney Wilder, Midland Lutheran University  
*Catherine Mowry LaCugna: A Trinitarian Theology of Relation*  
Adriel Muehlbrad, Concordia College Moorhead  
*The Epistemic Other: Knowledge & Power of the Mad Saint*  
Verena Meyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison  

Session 6: Ethics #1: The Past Informing the Present  
(NH Room 251)  
Presider: Mary Gaebler, Gustavus Adolphus  
*Augustine and the Victor’s Dilemma*  
Chris Gooding, Marquette University  
Andrew Kuzma, Marquette University  

Session 7: Undergrad #1: Religious Expressions  
(BH 116)  
Presider: Melvin Vance, Carroll University  
*More Than Monica: Understanding Augustine Through the Lens of Psychobiography*  
Alissa Wulf, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
*A Conversational Piece: Authority in Medieval Icons of the Virgin Mary*  
Zaccary Haney, St. Norbert College  
*All Things Christian: A Historiography of the Synagogue at Dura Europos*  
James Shakelford, University of Minnesota  
Tourist-Host Relationships: An Ethnographic Account on the Effect of Tourism in Old City Jerusalem  
Shanon Creeley, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  

Session 8: Historical Perspectives on Religion #1: Ancient Church Historical Perspectives  
(OCC Upstairs Seminar Room)  
Presider: James Kroemer, Marquette University  
The Life of St. Brigid: Ireland’s First Woman Saint  
Philip Freeman, Luther College  
The Mature Christology of Theodoret of Cyrrhus: The Evidence of the “Eranistes”  
Vasilije Vranic, Marquette University  
The False History of Saint Valentine’s Day  
Bruce Forbes, Morningside College  

Session 9: Open Session #2  
(Stub First Floor Lounge)  
Presider: Phil Kaveny  
*William James, Mysticism, and American Religion*  
George Tsakiridis, South Dakota State University  
*Mother as Decision-Maker: A Challenge to Feminist Theological Anthropology*  
Amy Marga, Luther Seminary, St. Paul  

Session 10: Early Judaism and Judaic Studies #1  
(Stub Second Floor Lounge)  
Presider: Alex Jassen  
*Insiders and Outsiders? Challenging Dichotomies in Assessments of Jewish Self-Identity in Antiquity*  
Nathan Thiel, Marquette University  
*Have you imitated Dionysus? Religious Ambivalences in Philo of Alexandria’s Embassy to Gaius and On Drunkenness*  
Courtney Friesen, University of Minnesota  
The Usages of the Paleo-Hebrew Scriptures in the DSS  
Stephen Reed, Jamestown College, ND
SECOND SESSIONS: Friday, 4:45-6:15

Session 1: Early Christianity #1 (NH Room 231)
Presider: Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas
Origen on Free Will: Some Themes and Sources
Andrew Harmon, Marquette University
Divine Beauty in Origen’s Contra Celsum
Stephen Huebscher, Central Baptist Theological Seminary

Session 2: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality #1
(NH Room 230)
Presider: C. Neal Keye, College of St. Scholastica
A Sepulchre for Byzantium: Hagio Polyeuktos, Anicia Juliana, and Female Patronage in Sixth-Century Constantinople
Daniel Cochran, University of Wisconsin-Madison
St Birgitta of Sweden and the Discernment of Spirits Problem
Alice Keefe, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Maternal Martyrdom: Female Bodies and Religious Violence in the Saint Bartholomew’s Day Massacre
Nicole Drisdelle, University of Iowa

Session 3: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament #2
(NH Auditorium)
Presider: Blake Couey, Gustavus Adolphus
The Meaning of אָמֵן in Genesis 1:1-2:3
Terrance Wardlaw, SIL, Dallas
Revelatory Silence in the Hebrew Bible
Steven Dunn, Alverno College
Deuteronomy as the Coronation of Joshua: A Re-assessment of Joshua: A Re-Assessment of its Primary Function
Michael Littell, Bethlehem Seminary, Minneapolis

Presider: Dan Scholz, Cardinal Stritch University
Blasting Away at Acts 12:20
Richard Pervo, St. Paul, MN
The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me... To Raise the Dead?
Jenny Pietz, Luther Seminary, St. Paul
The Deus Absconditus of Acts: Rethinking a Prevailing Assumption
Troy Trofthgruben, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

Session 5: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic Theology #2 (NH Room 243)
Presider: Courtney Wilder, Midland Lutheran University
Being and Doing: Soteriological Correlations in Paul Tillich and Gustavo Gutierrez
John Fournelle, Bethel Seminary
Religious Belief As Ultimate Belief
Alexander Blondeau, Luther Seminary, St. Paul
Cross-Appropriation: Martin Luther’s Influence on Martin Heidegger
Lance Green, Luther Seminary, St. Paul

Session 6: Religion and Science (NH Room 251)
Presider: Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University
Terrence Deacon and Philip Clayton: Can Consensus Emerge?
Jason Roberts, Marquette University
A Pro-Life Science: Women’s Rights and the Interaction Between Science and Religion in the Abortion Debate
Elizabeth Smith, The Catholic University of America
The Emergence of Consciousness in the Garden Narrative: Thinking Theologically with Depth Psychology
David Stewart, Luther Seminary, St. Paul

Session 7: Historical Perspectives on Religion #2: 20th Century Historical Perspectives (BH 116)
Presider: Jim Kroemer, Marquette University
Archbishop Oscar Romero: Exemplary Martyr (Jesuanic Martyr?)
John Thiede, S.J., Marquette University
Late Twentieth Century Lectionary Reform in the West: A Comparative Study
Frederick West, Marquette University

Session 8: Undergrad #2: Theological Ethics (NH Chapel)
Presider: Mark Gammon, Simpson College
Learning From Atrocity: The Holocaust and Divine Pathos in Heschel’s Theology
William Prahl, Grinnell College, Iowa
Solidarity as Biblical Witness: Stringfellow and Niebuhr on Justice
Brett Stadtlander, Simpson College
Christianity and Ecology: Understanding Creation in Terms of Place, Intention, Worship, and the Promise of the Kingdom to Come
Dillon Moran, Carroll University
Process Theology as a Framework for an Interfaith Response to the Ecological Crisis
Tanner Bommersbach, Concordia College, Moorhead
Session 9: Religions in North America (Stub 1st Floor)
Presider: Murphy Pizza, Minneapolis College of Art and Design; St. Catherine University
Father John Bernard Weikamp: Eccentric Frontier Priest on the Michigan Frontier
Jason Sprague, University of Iowa
Changing Models of Conversion in American Evangelicalism
Mark Chapman, Marquette University
Disembodied Community, Fully Incarnate Community
Anita Bradshaw, Minneapolis, MN

Session 10: Undergrad 3: World Religions (OCC Seminar)
Presider: Bruce Forbes, Morningside College
Quran as Sacrament
Joyce Slaughter, St. Catherine University
Tantric Hinduism: Transcending Taboos
Alyssa Kadansky, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Dancing the Liminal: Global and Local Communities in India and America
Ashley Rieth, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

THIRD SESSIONS: Saturday, 10:15-11:45

Session 1: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality #2 (NH Aud)
Presider: C. Neal Keye, St. Scholastica
Men, Marriage and Masculinities: Making (Non)sense of the Neo-Calvinist Resurgence of Reactionary Masculinity
Matthew Fleming, Luther Seminary, St. Paul
Feminism, Reproductive Rights, and Disability: Conflicting Accounts of Autonomy
Courtney Wilder, Midland University

Session 2: Historical Perspectives on Religion #3:
16th Century Historical Perspectives (NH Room 230)
Presider: Jim Kroemer, Marquette University
For there is no Distinction between Jew and Gentile, Alfonso de Castro’s Defense of Indigenous Men’s Rights to Education and the Priesthood
John Kennedy, University of Iowa
Contextualizing the Radical Reformation: What Missional Ecclesiology has to Learn from the Non-Violent Community of Goods
Benjamin Capps, Bethel Seminary
First Missionary to Japan in the Sixteenth Century: Rethinking Francis Xavier’s Ministry and Work
Shuman Iwai, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Session 3: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament #3 (NH Rm 231)
Presider: Sean Burt, North Dakota State
Redemption of a House: Laws of Eshnunna paragraph 39 and the Purpose of Leviticus 25:29-34
Daniel Vos, Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI
On the Value of a Good Question: Reading Exodus 12:29-36 with Gregory of Nyssa and Brevard Childs
Rachel Toombs, Bethel University
The Angle, Part of the Truth, and Nothing but the Truth: The Characterization of Solomon in 1 Kings 3
Dean Erickson, Crowne College

Session 4: World Religions #2: Asian Religions (NH 232)
Presider: Michael Baltutis, Univ. of Wisconsin—Oshkosh
Put Yourself in the Picture: Visiting Shiva at Home in the New Millennium
Luke Whitmore, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Sacrificing (to) Bhairav: Subversive Surrogation in a Nepalese Narrative
Michael Baltutis, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Session 5: Martin Luther (NH Room 243)
Presider: William Russell, St. Olaf
Trinity, Hidden God and Religious Pluralism
Gregory Walter, St. Olaf College
When the Story Wants the Allegory, The Word Lives on; Luther’s Exegesis of the Noachic Covenant
Duane Larson, Ashford University, IA
How Not to Distinguish the Law and Gospel: Luther’s Encounter with the Schwärmer
Timothy Hiller, University of Chicago

Session 6: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic Theology #3 (NH Room 251)
Presider: Mark Gammon, Simpson College
Pansacramentality a New Model for the God-World Relationship in Panentheism
Hans Gustafson, University of St Thomas
Creation Theology and What it Means to Create Theology: Questions of Theological Method in Kathryn Tanner and Catherine Keller
Carl Hughes, St Olaf College
William James’ Critique of Theology as “Abstraction Worship” and His Pragmatic Proposal
Darin Fawley, Marquette University
Session 7: Asian/Asian-American Theology and Religious Studies (Stub Second Floor Lounge)
Presider: Sharon Tan, United Theological Seminary
Mercy At Her Feet: Prayer and Gender in the Devotional Music of Paramahamsa Yogananda
Christopher Chase, Iowa State University
Who Are Our New Neighbors? Changes of Social Role in Korean American Churches in the Chicago Area
Dae Sung Kim, Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Session 8: Ethics #2: Theological Anthropology (OCC Lecture Room)
Presider: Mary Gaebler, Gustavus Adolphus
Individual Liberty and Institutional Conscience
Cayenne Classen-Luttner, Emory University
Defacing the Image of God: The Theological Ethics of Amputations for Patients with Body Integrity Identity Disorder
Vanessa Williams, Bethel Seminary

Session 9: Religion and Ecology #1: Theological Approaches to the Environment (OCC Upstairs Seminar Room)
Presider: George Tsakiridis, South Dakota State
The Role of Repentance and the Virtues towards the Christian Fulfillment of Ecological Vocation
Kiara Jorgenson, Luther Seminary, St. Paul
The Liberation of Gaia: Ecological Sin as Institutionalized Sin
Ryan O'Leary, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Hope for all the creatures in Bonaventure’s Breviloquium and Life of St Francis (Legenda Maior)
Luke Togni, Marquette University

Session 10: Early Christianity #2 (NH Chapel)
Presider: Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas
“Be a Man!” Manliness and enkrateia in the Shepherd of Hermas
Nathan Lunsford, Marquette University
May They All Be One: Anti-Monarchian Exegesis of John 17:21-23 in the Late Fourth Century
Alexander Huggard, Marquette University
The Perpetual Virginity of Mary in the Early Church
Matthew Selby, St. Paul Seminary

FOURTH SESSIONS: Saturday, 3:15-4:45

Session 1: Open Session #3: (NH Auditorium)
Beholding the Distinction: Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Aesthetic Appropriation of Thomas Aquinas
Ryan Hemmer, Marquette University
Poetic or Contradictory: Understanding Hans Urs von Balthasar and Holy Saturday
Anne Carpenter, Marquette University
Suspended from the Back of the Goddess: “Nature” in Philosophy and Theology
Richard Barry, Marquette University

Session 2: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament #4 (NH Rm 231)
Presider: Bernon Lee, Bethel Seminary
Yahweh’s Divorce: The Hidden Goddess in the Garden of Eden
Arthur George, Lake Forest, IL
An Immanent Torah: The Poetics of Repetition in Psalm 119
Sean Burt, North Dakota State University
Esther, Fanon, and the Catharsis of Violence
Cameron Howard, Luther Seminary, St. Paul

Session 3: New Religions (NH Room 232)
Presider: Murphy Pizza, Mpls College of Art and Design
An Ethnocentric Millenarianism: The New Religion Ōmoto in Nineteenth-Century Japan
Takashi Miura, Princeton University
Afrocentrism: An African American “Search for God” in the Postmodern World
Torin Alexander, St. Olaf College

Session 4: Religion and Ecology #2 (NH Room 243)
Presider: George Tsakiridis, South Dakota State University
Nature Religion and the Rise of Suburbia
Richard Bohannon, College of St. Benedict, St. John’s
Killing vs. Letting Die: Applying Principles of Beneficence and Nonmaleficence to Other Animals
Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University
O, Brave New World: Baptismal Imagery in the Petrine Epistles as an Ecological Resource
Eugene Schlesinger, Marquette University
Session 5: Undergrad Session #4: Theology (NH 251)
Presider: Luke Whitmore, UW – Stevens Point
The God Who Elects: Soteriology and Vocation in the
Theology of Karl Barth
Jonathan DePue, Simpson College
Where is God in Trauma?: Trauma in Light of Cross and
Resurrection
Sara Misgen, Bethel University

Session 6: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic
Theology #4 (NH Chapel)
Presider: Courtney Wilder, Midland Lutheran University
The Alchemy of Christology: The Confluence of the Third
Quest of the Historical Jesus and Jungian Archetypical
Imagery
Guillermo Hansen, Luther Seminary, St. Paul
A Hermeneutic of the Self Toward a Global Hermeneutic
of the Spirit: Ricoeur, Levinas and Pentecostalism
Spencer Moffat, Luther Seminary, St. Paul
The Power of Crying Out: Lament in the Theologies of
Oswald Bayer and James Cone
Joshua Miller, Augsburg College

Session 7: Undergrad #5: Open Session
(OCC Downstairs Lecture Room)
Presider: Jessica L.T. deVega, Morningside College
Gadamer and Galatians
Brooke de Jong, Augustana College
Not Tonight: Sometimes a Crimson Cord is Just a Red
Rope
Heather Patrick, University of Winnipeg
From Worm Boy to Anti-Christ Millionaire: The
Intentionally Shocking and Financially Rewarding
Intersection of Satanism and Marketing
Tarryl Janik, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Session 8: Early Christianity #3 (Stub 2nd Floor Lounge)
Presider: Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas
Paradise Regained: Paradise as the Goal of Basil of
Caesarea’s Asceticism
Stephen Waers, Marquette University
All You Need is Love? Augustine’s Charitable Exegesis
Against the Donatists
Samantha Miller, Marquette University

Session 9: Ethics #3 : Making Change
(OCC Upstairs Seminar Room)
Presider: Mary Gaebler, Gustavus Adolphus
The Redemptive Change Agent: Biblical, Theological, And
Social Foundations of a Christian Construct
Robert Osburn, University of Minnesota
Change Theory: A Model of Transdisciplinarity
Sara Wilhelm Garbers, Luther Seminary, St. Paul

2013 Plenary Speakers

Laura S. Nasrallah, Professor of New Testament and Early
Christianity at Harvard Divinity School. Her research and
teaching bring together New Testament and early
Christian literature with the archaeological remains of the
Mediterranean world, and often engage issues of
colonialism, gender, status, and power. Her works include
An Ecstasy of Folly: Prophecy and Authority in Early
Christianity; Christian Responses to Roman Art and
Architecture: The Second-Century Church Amid the Spaces
of Empire; Prejudice and Christian Beginnings:
Investigating Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Early
Christian Studies (co-edited with Schüssler Fiorenza); and
From Roman to Early Christian Thessalonikē: Studies in
Religion and Archaeology (co-edited with Bakirtzis and
Friesen). Among her current projects are a book on
archaeology and the letters of Paul and a commentary on
1 Corinthians for the Hermeneia series.

Diana L. Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and
Indian Studies, Frederic Wertham Professor of Law and
Psychiatry, and Director of The Pluralism Project, all at
Harvard Divinity School. She is the author of Encountering
God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras and A
New Religious America: How A “Christian Country” Has
Become the World’s Most Religiously Diverse Nation,
among many other publications. Eck is a former national
president of the American Academy of Religion.

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