2015 AAR SBL
Upper Midwest Regional Meeting
Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, MN
April 17-18, 2015

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 and OCC Information Desk.

FRIDAY, April 17, 2015

9:00-11:15  AAR/SBL Pre-Conference Workshop (NH 232)
The Public Vocation of the Religious Scholar: Shared Wisdom
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 231)
Believing in Balance: Strategies for Healthier Living (and Working) in Graduate School

11:30-1:00 Thank You Conveners! Lunch is on us (OCC)

1:00-2:30 AAR Plenary Session (NH Auditorium)
The Christian Origins of Race
Dr. Willie James Jennings, Duke University

2:45-4:15 First Sessions

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

4:45-6:15 Second Sessions

SATURDAY, April 5, 2013

8:00-9:30 Coffee, Juice and Rolls (NH Atrium)

9:00-10:00 SBL Plenary Session (NH Auditorium)
The History of Consequences
Dr. Choon-Leong Seow, Princeton Theological Seminary

10:15-11:45 Third Sessions

12:00-1:15 Buffet Lunch and Business Meetings (OCC)
AAR Business: OCC Dining Room B
SBL Business: OCC Dining Room C
All society members are welcome to attend this meeting!

1:30-3:00  AAR/SBL Joint Discussion (NH Auditorium)
The Public Vocation of the Religious Scholar: a Conversation
Dr. Matthew Maruggi, Assistant Professor, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN
Rev. Dr. Kelly Chatman, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN
Dr. Willie Jennings, Associate Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies, Duke University

3:15-4:45 Fourth Sessions

FRiday evening: Graduate Students, Come Chat it Up! You listen all day to speakers, so come and share your ideas and network at Joe Senser’s Sports Bar, located by Roseville Radisson and Days’ Inn Roseville. Connect with Dan Cochran (cochran.c.daniel@gmail.com) or Felisha Willaert (faw38364@bethel.edu). Pick up a flyer at the registration table for more information. First Pitcher of Beer is on us!
FIRST SESSIONS: Friday, 2:45-4:15

*2015 Session 1: World Religions # 1: Multi- and Inter-religious Practice and Dialogue
(OCC Upstairs Seminar Room)
Presider: David Penchansky, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
The Religious Experience of Buddhist, Muslim, and Christian International Students
Robert Osburn, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Buddhist Generation Stage and Christian Meditation: The Skillful Use of Imagination in Interreligious Contemplative Dialogue
Steven Shippee, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI
The Place of Pacifism in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: A Selective Appraisal
Elizabeth Burr, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN

*2015 Session 2: Early and Late-Antique Christianity # 1
(NH Room 230)
Presider: Mark DelCogliano, University of St Thomas, St Paul, MN
The Testimony of Jesus and the Spirit of Prophecy in the Apocalypse of John and in Early Christianity
Timothy B. Sailors, Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany
Tatian, the Lost Pearler: Echoes of Tatian in the Hymn of the Pearl
Hans Moscicke, Marquette University, WI
Clement of Alexandria on Christian Kingship
Michael Harris, Marquette University, WI

*2015 Session 3: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament # 1
(NH Room 231)
Presider: J. Blake Couey, Gustavus Adolphus College
The Place that Yahweh Sees: A Study of Textual Manipulation in the Argument of the Deuteronomist
Joel Allen, Dakota Weslyen, Mitchell, SD
Death By Fire: An Examination of the Placement and Meaning of Leviticus 10:8-11
Kurt Backlund, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, OH
On the Antiquity of Priestly Materials in the Book of Numbers: A Study in the Methodology and Practice of Linguistic Dating à la Jacob Milgrom and Avi Hurvitz
Cody Eklov, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, OH

(NH Room 232)
Presider: Daniel Scholz, Cardinal Stritch University
"Whoever welcomes a little child..." and Q? Were children welcomed or neglected in the Q community?
James Murphy, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota
Nathan Thiel, Marquette, Milwaukee, WI, USA
Beyond Debate: Mark 9:14-29
Richard Pervo, St. Paul, MN, USA

*2015 Session 5: Religion, Theology, and the Arts #1 : Art and Biblical Politics
(NH Room 243)
Presider: Kim Vrudny, University of St Thomas, St Paul, MN
Graphic Doubt: The Disruption of Faith in Comic Books and Graphic Literature
Mitchell Alfson, Sioux Falls Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, USA
Upsetting the Religious Establishment: Intertextual Allusion in Jordaens’ Christ Driving Merchants from the Temple

Matthew Schlimm, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, USA

Hey, What Are You Looking At? The Mark of Cain and Prison/Gang Tattoos

Michael Donahou, Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI, USA

*2015 Session 6: Ethics # 1 (NH Room 251)
Presider: Vanessa Williams, Fordham University
Towards A More Biblical Social Ethics: The Old Testament In the Social Ethics of Yoder and O'Donovan
Paul Cizek, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, USA
The Rhetoric of Pain in Halal Slaughter Debates
James Broucek, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa,
Apocalyptic Visions of Salvation: Engaging Womanist Narratives of Liberation
Briona Butler, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, USA

*2015 Session 7: Undergraduate Session # 1: Community (BH 116)
Presider: Bruce Forbes, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA
The Not-Dying American Mainline Church: From Numbers to Context
Jessica Putland, Katie Stever, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN
Lutheran World Relief: Transcending Religious Differences through Service to the Neighbor
Hannah Loeffler-Kemp, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

*2015 Session 8: Historical Perspectives on Religion # 1 (OCC Upstairs Seminar Room)
Presider: James Kroemer, Concordia University, Wisconsin
Magdeburg vs. Ponet et al.: the significant differences in Resistance Theory belief and argument between the Magdeburg Confession and Reformed theorists
John Hendrickson, MN State University, Mankato, Mankato Minnesota

Spiritual Equality in the Orthodox Hagiographical Tradition
Elizabeth Staszak, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
Drawing the Border Lines of an Evangelical Orthodoxy: Henrietta Mears and Christian Education
Melisa Ortiz Berry, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

*2015 Session 9: Open Session (Auxiliary Dining Room in OCC)
Presider: TBA
Religion, Gender and Human Rights in Development from a Comparative Perspective
Kristy Bergman Schroeder, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Seeds of Hope: Permaculture Ethics and Agroecology in Contemporary Cuba
Rose Caraway Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
Footprints of Angels and Dinosaurs: Edward Hitchcock's Romantic Geology
Nathan Hitchcock, Sioux Falls Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD

*Session 10: Martin Luther # 1: Luther and Language (Stub Second Floor Lounge)
Presider: Bill Russell, Augustana Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN
Towards a Lutheran Disputation on Gender
Jennifer Hockenbery, Mount Mary University, Milwaukee, WI
Making Luther Speak 21st Century English
Bill Russell, Augustana Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN
*2015 Session 1: Early and Late-Antique Christianity # 2
(NH Room 231)
Presider: Stephen Waers, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
A Theological Reassessment of the Exposition of Patricius and Aetius
Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
The Role of Consent in Early Church Martyrdom: Provoked versus Unprovoked
Kenneth Hoyt, St Louis University, St Louis, MO

*2015 Session 2: Women in the Bible #1
(NH Room 230)
Presider: Susan Myers, University of St Thomas, MN
Resistance and the Witch of Endor: A Contrapuntal Reading
Brad Crowell, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
Transforming Narratives: Prostitutes and Subversive Role of Religion
Nkiruka Okafor, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, MN

*2015 Session 3: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament # 2
(NH Auditorium)
Presider: J. Blake Couey, Gustavus Adolphus College, MN
Creation in Isaiah
Terrance Wardlaw, SIL International, Upsala, MN
Morbid Persuasion: Analyzing Ezekiel’s Rhetoric in the Gog of Magog Oracle
Karen Keen, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
Moses and Liminality
David Krouwer, University of Denver, Denver, CO

*2015 Session 4: New Testament # 2
(NH Room 232)
Presider: Mike Donahou, Cardinal Stritch University, WI
When Does “All” Mean “All”? Tracing the Logic of Romans via Paul’s Aphoristic Style
Timothy Gabrielson, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
For the Love of Wisdom: Adultery, Wisdom, and the Political Body in 1 Corinthians 5
Joshua Reno, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Echoes and Interpretations: A Text-Critical Approach to Allusions in Paul
Alex Madlinger, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

*2015 Session 5: Ethics # 2 (NH Room 243)
Presider: Vanessa Williams, Fordham University, NY
Theologians of Privilege, Preferential Option for the Poor and the Franciscan Value of Minority: Reflection on Praxis
Michelle Gilgannon, Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI
Waging the Powers: Applying Walter Wink’s Domination Systems and Greg Boyd’s Warfare Theodicy to the Problem of Radical Violence
Brianna Millett, United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, MN, USA
Inherent Rights and the Church
Jacob McLain, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, USA

*2015 Session 6: Religion and Science
(NH Room 251)
Presider: George Tsakiridis, South Dakota State University
Whose Realism? Which Reality?: Scientific realism as an ally for the Church
Travis Stevick, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Fife, UK
Believing, doing, knowing: why we need to analyze theology and technology and not just theology and science

Jennifer Alexander, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

God, Evolution, and Kenosis: A Critique of the Kenotic Model of Divine Action

Christopher Lilley, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

*2015 Session 7: Historical Perspectives on Religion # 2 (BH 116)

Presider: Jim Kroemer, Concordia University Wisconsin

The Didactic Nature of Hymnody of the Orthodox Church: A Historical Reflection

Vasilije Vranic, St. Sava School of Theology, Libertyville, IL

Elijah’s Voice is Crying: Doing Advent with the Slaves

Christina Hitchcock, University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD

Get on Your Knees and Fight Like a Man: Shifting from World Peace to Spiritual Warfare in Contemporary Christian Music

Scott Culpepper, Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA

*2015 Session 8: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality # 1 (NH Chapel)

Presider: C. Neal Keye, College of St Scholastica

Karl Barth: Another Look at Homosexuality

Jacy Gomez, Simpson College, Indianola, IA

Love in the Time of Grindr; or, Is There Such a Thing as Queer Romance?

John Fournelle, Bethel Seminary, Saint Paul, MN

Why Sex Should Not Shame Young Women: A Reinterpretation of Virginity

Kayla Bones, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

*2015 Session 9: Religions in North America (Auxiliary Dining Room in OCC)

Presider: Murphy Pizza, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, St. Catherine University

Writing About Religion in the Public Sphere: American Newspaper Style Guides on Islam and Muslims, 1904-2014

Nahid Khan, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Meditation is Zen: The Conflict Concerning Meditation in Worldwide Jōdo Shinshū

Gwendolyn Gillson, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

“Christianization or Emancipation? Early American Anglican and Methodist Attitudes toward Slavery”

Ryan Butler, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

*2015 Session 10: Undergraduate # 2: Gender/Sexuality (OCC Seminar Room)

Presider: Bruce Forbes, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA

Francis Willard: Going Out of the Way to Move Upward

Lynae Toom, Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa

Satanic Animal Rights Ethics, Feminine Power, & Sexuality: Madelina Horn and The Temple of the Left Horn

Tarryl Janik, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI


Brendon Boerm, Central College

*2015 Session 11: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic Theology (OCC Downstairs Lecture Hall)

Presider: Courtney Wilder, Midland University

The Eucharist and the Church of the Poor: Sobrino and von Balthasar in Dialogue

Eugene R. Schlesinger, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Christianity and the African Spirit World: Towards an African Eschatology

Joseph Ogbonnaya, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
THIRD SESSIONS: Saturday, 10:15-11:45

*2015 Session 1: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality #2 (NH Auditorium)
Presider: C. Neal Keye, The College of St. Scholastica, MN

Subverting the Patriarchal Order: Women Challenging Religious Leadership in Pali Buddhism
Pascale Engelmajer, Carroll University, WI, USA
Union of Flame and Water: Sexual Components of Internal Alchemy
David Pantaleoni, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Sexual Difference: A Method for Building Bridges in an Age of Religious Pluralism
Joyce Ann Konigsburg, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

*2015 Session 2: Women in the Bible #2 (NH Room 230)
Presider: Kelly Wilson, University of St Thomas, MN
Revisiting the Use of Biblical Texts in the West’s First Feminist Activists
Jamin Hübner, John Witherspoon College, Rapid City, South Dakota

The Virgin Mary and Mothers of the Oppressed
Amy Marga, Luther Seminary, St Paul, MN
Accompanying and Re-reading with Ruth: An African Woman Perspective
Beatrice Kanake, Luther Seminary, St Paul, MN

*2015 Session 3: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament #3 (NH Room 231)
Presider: J. Blake Couey, Gustavus Adolphus College, MN
Arresting God’s Attention: The Rhetoric of Job 3

William Pohl, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL
A "Redeeming" Darkness: The Subversion of Exodus Motifs in Job’s Curse (Job 3:3-10)
John Burnight, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa
What Does the Hebrew Piel Stem Mean? An Examination of Virtually Every Piel Occurrence and Corresponding Qal in the Hebrew Bible
John Beckman, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

*2015 Session 4: World Religions #2: World Religions (NH Room 232)
Presider: Verena Meyer, University of Wisconsin, Madison
"Moses in the Cave Sura: Literary Analysis of a Qur’anic Folk Tale"
David Penchansky, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
The (in)Visibility of Kathmandu: three visions of the city by three Nepalese authors
Michael Baltutis, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI
Promotion from the Netherworld: A Symbolic Transformation of Social Gender Roles in Tibetan Delok Narratives
Ryan Schwobe, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI

* 2015 Session 5: Multicultural Perspectives on Theology, Religion, and Biblical Interpretation (NH Room 243)
Presider: Bernon Lee, Bethel Seminary, MN
Beyond Nostra Aetate: The World Religions, Communalism, and Catholic Identity in Contemporary South India
PJ Johnston, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
And Jesus Rioted Matthew 21:12-17 and The Periphery’s Response to The Genocide of Black Americans
Marsha Thrall, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
*Session 6: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic Theology # 2 (NH Room 251)

Presider: Courtney Wilder, Midland Lutheran University

Two Dogmas of Social Constructionism
James Broucek, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Calvin's Interpretation of the 5th Petition of the Lord's Prayer
John Mazaheri, Auburn University, Auburn, AL

Is Augustine a Tease? The Presence and Absence of the Body of Jesus in In Ioh. Ep. and Elsewhere
Kyle Rader, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

* 2015 Session 7: Early and Late-Antique Christianity # 3 (Stub Second Floor Lounge)

Presider: Mark DelCogliano, St Thomas University

John Chrysostom's Conscription of Demons for Service to Virtue
Samantha Miller, Marquette University, Milwaukee

The 'Structural Grammar' of the Confessions: An Examination of Augustine's Trinitarian Theology
Michael Glowasky, University of Durham, Durham, UK

Fear as Operative in Gregory the Great's Homilies on Ezekiel's Inaugural Vision
Eric Lafferty, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, USA

* 2015 Session 8: Undergraduate Research # 3: Bible (OCC Lecture Room)

Presider: Bruce Forbes, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA

“They did not belong to us”: Johannine Language and Social Identity
Chance Bonar, Saint Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

Searching for Baptism in the Gospel of John
Makayla Marinack, Luther College, Decorah, IA

Taking Our Stories Back: Reading Genesis 2-3 as a Humanities Text
Andrew Martinez, Carroll University, Waukesha, WI

* 2015 Session 9: Early Judaism #1: Identity Politics (NH Chapel)

Presider: Joshua Ezra Burns, Marquette University

Same Stuff, Different Day: Polemics and Identity in Exodus and 3 Maccabees
Gary Klump, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Liminality and Rituals of Boundary Crossing in Joseph and Aseneth
Paul M Pasquesi, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Symbolic Space, Base Politics, and Hellenization in the Maccabean Period
Wesley Sutermeister, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

* 2015 Session 10: Open Session (OCC Upstairs Seminar Room)

Presider: Joshua Miller, Augsburg College, MN

The Political Saint: Comparative Perspectives in Hagiology
Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin

The use of digital media, animation, and membership websites in participatory action research regarding spirituality in the suburban context
Steven Thomason, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

The Heart of an Archaeological Puzzle: Where is Bethsaida? ASOR
Buzz Brookman, North Central University, Minneapolis, MN

FOURTH SESSIONS: Saturday, 3:15-4:45
* 2015 Session 1: Martin Luther Group # 2: Luther in
   Context (NH Auditorium)

Presider: Bill Russell, Augsburg College, Minneapolis

Luther Sites and Insights: A Geo-Political Theology

Travelogue

Gary Simpson, Luther Seminary, St Paul, and Charles
Puskas, Convivium Press, Miami, FL

Beyond Muslims as "God's Wrath" in Luther's Biblical
Exegesis

Eric Rothgery, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

The Darkness of Reason: Martin Luther's Use of Romans
1:21f, Darkness, and Reason in the De Servo Arbitrio

Erick Thompson, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN

* 2015 Session 2: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament # 4
   (NH Room 231)

Presider: J. Blake Couey, Gustavus Adolphus College, MN

Poetic Illumination: Translating and Outlining Exodus
15:1-21

Paul Cizek, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Bridging Heaven and Earth through God's throne in the
Clouds

Steven Dunn, Alverno College, Milwaukee, WI

Battle of the Sexes: Gender and the City in the Song of
Songs

Elaine James, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN

*2015 Session 3: Early Judaism # 2 : Apologetic Stratgies
   (NH Room 232)

Presider: Joshua Ezra Burns, Marquette University

Perplexing Pseudepigraphy: The Case of the Pseudonymous
Greek Poets

Justin Jeffcoat Schedtler, Augsburg College, Minneapolis,
MN

The Concept of Evil in 4 Maccabees: Moral Evil and the
Natural Law

Hans Moscicke, Marquette University, WI, USA

Revisiting the Apologists: A View from the Alexandrian
Diaspora

Jason Gehrke, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*2015 Session 4: Undergraduate Research # 4:
   Christianity
   (NH Room 243)

Presider: Bruce Forbes, Morningside College, Sioux City,
IA

Constructing a New Ecclesiology: From Bonhoeffer to
Deloria

Tom Gehring, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD

Toward a New Solidarity: Practicing life-affirming
theology on Native American reservations

Katharine Spencer, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

An Examination of Community Formation on Wiccan
Websites

Pearl Wright, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh
WI

*2015 Session 5: Undergraduate Session # 5: Open
   Session
   (NH Room 251)

Presider: Bruce Forbes, Morningside College, Sioux City,
IA

"Issues in Interdisciplinarity: The Collapse of the Consciou
Pariah"

Thomas C. Dankers, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities,
Minneapolis, MN

Reproductive Science and the Birth of Christ

Morgan DePerno, Elisa Berndt, Emily Wehde, Augustana
College, Sioux Falls, SD

*Session 6: Philosophy of Religion/Systematic
   Theology # 3 (NH Chapel)

Presider: Courtney Wilder, Midland University
Sartre, Consciousness, and God: Schematic of a Latent Sartrean Theology

Chris Calvert-Minor, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI

Theology without (Trinitarian) Metaphysics? An Appraisal of Kevin Hector’s Pneumatological Theory of Language Use

D Glenn Butner, Jr., Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

How to Love the Other: The Phenomenological Problem and a Sacramental Solution

Dan Wright, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

*2015 Session 7: World Religions #3: Sufism (NH Auditorium)

Presider: Michael Baltutis, University of Wisconsin-Oshkos

Ibn al-‘Arabī in Verse: The Mystical Poetry of Hamza Fansuri

Verena Meyer, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Sufism without Islam? The New Age and Tradition in the Golden Sufi Center

William Rory Dickson, South Dakota State, Brookings SD

Al-Ghazālī’s Account of Sūfism and Philosophy in The Niche of Lights (Mishkāt al-Anwār)

Terry Kleven, Central College

*Session 9: Religion, Theology, and the Arts #2: Art, Politics and Culture (OCC Downstairs Lecture Room)

Presider: Kim Vrudny, University of St Thomas, St Paul, MN

Not All Terrorists are Created Evil: An Analysis of the Portrayal of Terrorists in Modern Film

Wesley Kimball, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

Art and Social Transformation: Making God Visible in Asian Contexts

Su-Chi Lin, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

“Mother of the Unborn”: A New Political Representation of Our Lady of Guadalupe and its Implications

Karen Park, St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin

* 2015 Session 10: Early and Late-Antique Christianity #4 (OCC Upstairs Seminar Room)

Presider: Michael Harris, Marquette University

For Our Sins: Vicarious Suffering in Early Patristic Quotations of Isaiah 53

Ian Nelson, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

The Word from Silence: Ignatius of Antioch in John of Apamea’s Christology

David Kiger, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Thomas Aquinas’ Reception of Origen in Super Iohannem

Stephen Waers, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

2015 Plenary Speakers

AAR: Dr. Willie James Jennings is currently Associate Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies at Duke University and Divinity School. For many years, Dr. Jennings served as the Academic Dean of the Divinity School. Dr. Jennings was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Jennings received his B.A. in Religion and Theological Studies from Calvin College (1984), his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena California, and his Ph.D. degree from Duke University. Dr. Jennings, who is a systematic theologian, teaches in the areas of theology, black church and cultural studies, as well as post-colonial and race theory. The author of numerous articles, Dr. Jenning’s recent work, The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race, published by Yale University Press, won the 2011 American Academy of Religion award for best book and is now becoming a standard text read in colleges, seminaries, and universities. Dr. Jennings is also the recipient of the 2014 Grawemeyer Award in Religion for his groundbreaking work on race and Christianity. Dr. Jennings is a regular consultant for the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, and for the Association of Theological Schools. He serves along
with his wife, the Reverend Joanne L. Browne as an associate minister at the Mount Level Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. They are the parents of two wonderful daughters, Njerei and Safiya Jennings.


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