2016 AAR SBL
Upper Midwest Regional Meeting
Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, MN
April 1-2, 2016

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 1, 2016

9:00-11:15 AAR/SBL Pre-Conference Workshop (NH 232)

11:00-1:00 pm SBL/AAR Graduate Student Seminar (NH Room 231)

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

1:00-2:30 SBL Plenary Session (NH Auditorium)
Ferdinand Segovia, Vanderbilt University

2:45-4:15: Response to Segovia Plenary:
Eric Barreto, Luther Seminary
Cory Dickson, University of Winnipeg
Bernard Brady, University of St. Thomas

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

4:45-6:15: First Sessions

Friday evening: Graduate Students, Come Chat it Up! You listen all day to speakers, so come and share your ideas and network. Location TBA. Pick up a flyer at the registration table for more information. First Pitcher of Beer is on us!

FIRST SESSIONS: Friday, 4:45-6:15

*2016 Session 1: Early and Late-Antique Christianity # 1 (Gullixson 103)
Presider: Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
Eusebius of Caesarea's "Fall Narrative" in Demonstratio Evangelica 4.6–10:Demonic Removal of Angelic National Boundaries
Hans Moscicke, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

The Use of John 14:9 by Marcellus of Ancyra, Eusebius of Caesarea, and Athanasius
Jane Sloan, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Everyone Describes His Generation: Isaiah 53:8 in the Early Fourth Century
Jason Hitchcock, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

SATURDAY, April 2, 2016

8:00-9:30 Coffee and Tea (NH Atrium)

9:00-10:00 AAR Plenary Session (NH Auditorium)
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

10:15-11:45 Second 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 Third Sessions

3:15-4:45 Fourth Session

*2016 Session 2: Religion and Science: Relationship and Meaning in Science and Religion Dialogue
(NH Room 230)
Presider: Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

The Authenticity of a Plural Self in Relationship
Miriam Cornell Whitney, Bethel Seminary, St Paul, MN

Making Darwin a Gift to Science and Religion
Michael Berhow, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

A Trinitarian Account of Nature: The New Natural Theology
Lisanne Winslow, University of Northwestern, St Paul, MN
Walter Schultz, University of Northwestern, St Paul, MN
Philip Ziegler, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK

*2016 Session 3: Hebrew Bible #1
(NH Room 231)
Presider:

Cody Eklov, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, OH

Speaking in the Style of Sailors: The use of ב and א in Jonah
Alexander Kirk, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada and Training Leaders International, Minneapolis, MN

“Now Eglon Was a Very Fat Man”: Male Bodies and Complex Masculinities in Judges 3
Jessica Tinklenberg, Morningside College, Sioux City

*2016 Session 4: Undergraduate Research #1: Islam
(NH Room 232)
Presider: Bruce Forbes, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA

Accidental Sufism: Exploring Ibn al-‘Arabi’s Ontology through The Lego Movie
Annie McBay, University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

An Examination of the Virtuous City in Alfarabi’s Selected Aphorisms
Matthew Wells, Central College, Pella, IA

Invoking the Apocalypse: The Islamic State’s Doomsday Message
Jacob McLain, Simpson College, Indianola, IA

*2016 Session 5: Open Session #1
(NH Room 243)
Presider: Courtney Wilder, Midland University, Fremont, Nebraska

White Mothers, Black Mothers, and the Bible
Amy Marga, Luther Seminary, St Paul, MN

Are You In Good Hands? YHWH the Protector and Poetic Intensification in Psalm 121
Rachel Wrenn, Prairie Star Ministries, Heron Lake, MN

A Ray of Light on the Pauline Legacy
Richard Pervo, Saint Paul, MN

*2016 Session 6: Multicultural Perspectives on Theology, Religion, and Biblical Interpretation (NH Room 251)
Presider: Bernon Lee, Bethel University, St. Paul, MN

Korean Protestantism and an Alternative Theology
Yohong Roh, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

The Engagement of Multiculturalism with Evangelical Christianity: Limits and Opportunities
Scott Celsor, Carroll University, Waukesha, WI

2nd Person Pronouns: A Case Study in Translating the Bible into Khmer
Kristofer Coffman, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

*2016 Session 7: Historical Perspectives on Religion
(OCC Upstairs Seminar Room)
*2016 Session 1: Hebrew Bible #3
(NH Auditorium)
Respondents:
Corrine Carvalho
Sean Burt
Emmylou Grosser

*2016 Session 2: Philosophy of Religion and Systematic Theology
(NH Room 230)
Presider: Joshua Miller, Augsburg College

The Body of Christ in a Suffering World
Deanna Thompson, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN

Love, Politics and Religion: How the Three Issues are Connected in the Thought of Roberto Mangabeira Unger
Andres Roberto Albertsen, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

Hegel's Speculative-Dialectic and the Refiguration of Transcendence and Immanence
Spencer Moffatt, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

*2016 Session 3: Early and Late-Antique Christianity #3
(NH Room 231)
Presider: Mark DelCogliano, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

Virtus et Maiestas Christi: A Substantially Moral Unity in Lactantius
Jason Gehrke, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Sacrifice as Communion in Augustine of Hippo's Theology
Eugene R. Schlesinger, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Contestatio Eusebii: The Christology of Eusebius of Dorylaeum in the 'Nestorian' Controversy
Vasilije Vranic, Saint Xavier University, Chicago, IL

*2016 Session 4: World Religions: Asian Religions
(NH Room 232)
Presider:
Shocking Grace, Sudden Enlightenment: O’Connor and the Koans of Zen Buddhism
Scott Forschler, Independent Scholar, St. Cloud, MN

Shrouded in Dreams: the Practice of Asceticism and the Production of Visions and Dreams in Early Medieval Japan
Kyle Bond, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

* 2016 Session 5: Ethics #1
(NH Room 243)
Presider:
Along the “Third Way” with Castoriadis and Callon: Continental Explorations in Catholic Theological Economics
D. Glenn Butner, Marquette University, Milwaukee WI

Whitney Harper, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN

* 2016 Session 6: Teaching Religion, Theology, and the Bible
(NH Room 251)

Teaching with Lady Parts: Monologues that inspire Dialogue
Janet Everhart, Simpson College, Indianola, IA

In the Bosom of Abraham: The Discourse of ‘Abrahamic Traditions’ in the Religious Studies Classroom
Diane Segroves, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud MN

* 2016 Session 7: Jewish Studies
(Stub Second Floor Lounge)
Presider: Joshua Ezra Burns, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
Performing Religion: Jewish Approaches to Religion and Culture
Cia Sautter, GTU, Berkeley, CA

Invisible Neighbours: Demonology between Jews and Muslims in North Africa
Noam Sienna, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Responding: Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

* 2016 Session 8: Undergraduate Research # 3: Ethics
(OCC Lecture Room)
Presider: Amanda Morrow, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Duty to a ‘Supreme Being’: Religious Character and the Boy Scouts of America
Brian Williams, Simpson College, Indianola, IA

Beyond Annulment: Rethinking Pastoral Care for Divorced Catholics
Jane Wolfgram, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN

Political Zionism: Tragedy, Triumph and Change
Sarah Purdy, Central College, Pella, Iowa

* 2016 Session 9: Pauline Studies
(NH Chapel)
Presider:

An Inversion of Injustice? The Corinthians, the Courts, and Socrates.
Joshua Reno, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

‘Plowing in Hope’: Paul’s ‘Quotation’ in 1 Corinthians 9.10
Alex Madlinger, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

PAULINE ΘΕΟΣ ΠΑΤΗΡ IN THE HAUPTBRIEFE AND THE ROMAN PATERFAMILIAS : A COMPARATIVE STUDY
Kirby Applegate, University of Oxford, Oxford

* 2016 Session 10: Open Session #2
(OCC Upstairs Seminar Room)
Presider:
Interreligious Dialogue and the Death of God
Peter Huff, University of Mary, Bismarck, ND

Pluralism and Power: The Instrumentalization of Religion in International Development
Kristy Bergman Schroeder, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB, Canada and University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada

Cooperation in Crisis: Using Interfaith Methods and Transgressive Relationships to Address Environmental Concerns
Robyn Adams, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota

THIRD SESSIONS: Saturday, 1:30-3:00

*2016 Session 1: Early Judaism: Dead Sea Scrolls
(NH Room 231)

Presider:
Becoming One Bone in the Qahal: 4QMMT’s Re-categorization of Impure Marriages
James Wykes, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

The Eschatological Ethics of 1QS 3:13-4:26 in Light of the Melchizedek-Melchiresha Traditions
Paul M Pasquesi, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Qumran Polemic on Marital Law: CD 4:20-5:11 and Its Mytho-Theological Background
Gary P. Klump, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

*2016 Session 2: Early and Late-Antique Christianity # 2
(NH Room 230)

Presider:
The Interpretation of Gen 1:2b (LXX) From Theophilus to Chrysostom
Michel R. Barnes
Response by Mark DelCogliano
Discussion

*2016 Session 3: Religion and Science: Evolutionary Issues in Religion and Science Dialogue
(NH Auditorium)

Presider:
Evolution and the Problem of Evil: Coming to Terms with Terms
Kenneth Reynhout, Bethel Seminary, Sr. Paul, MN

Sovereignty, Divine Action, and Evolution: Classical Theism and the Challenge of an Evolving World
Christopher Lilley, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Four Challenges of Evolution--and Their Theological Advantages
Philip Rolnick, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

*2016 Session 4: Hebrew Bible #2
(NH Room 232)

Presider:
Allusions to the Cain and Abel Narrative in 1 Samuel
Meredith Nyberg, University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham, UK

Mourning the Dead in Ugarit: Self-Laceration and the Hebrew Bible
Jordan Brown, Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL and Crown College, St. Bonifacius, MN

Genesis 22: Abraham’s "only son" Isaac...and Ishmael?
Michael Donahou, Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI

*2016 Session 5: Religion, Theology, and the Arts
(NH Room 243)

Presider: Jennifer Awes-Freeman, Ph.D., Visiting Instructor, University of St. Thomas

The Disruption of Christian Patriarchy in The Gospel of Carol and other Comic Books
Mitchell Alfson, Sioux Falls Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD

Sarah Coakley and The Distorted Self in Walker Percy's Lancelot
Rachel Toombs, Baylor University, Waco, TX

Flannery O'Connor: The Grotesque in Fiction as an Invitation to Theological Reflection
Madison Lindquist, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

*2016 Session 6: World Religions: Islam
(BH 116)
Presider:
ReVision: Contemporary Voices for an Islamic Reformation
Abe Haak, New York University, New York, NY

Roots, and 'New School's Thought: Islam in Vietnam and Cambodia, 1946 - 1975
William Noseworthy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Al-Fārābī on Poetry
Terence Kleven, Central College, Pella, IA

*2016 Session 7: Open Session #2: Religious Texts and Popular Culture
(NH Chapel)
Presider:
By the Rivers of Babylon: The use of Psalm 137 in Reggae Music
Amanda Morrow, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Qoheleth's First Person Puzzle Game: Reading Qoheleth through the Lens of Video Games
Corrine Carvalho, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

Music in Irish Christian Liturgy from the Medieval to Modern Era
Lauren Gilstrap, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI

*2016 Session 8: Religions in North America
(Auxiliary Dining Room in OCC)
Presider: Presider: Murphy Pizza, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, St. Catherine University
Reconciliation, Public Religion and Canadian Secularity
Carlos Colorado, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Indigenous Spiritual Biography as the Matrix for Truth and Reconciliation
Mark Ruml, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Within the American Cultus, Do Black Lives Matter?
Torin Alexander, Independent Scholar, Dundas, MN

*2016 Session 9: Women in the Bible
[location]
Presider: Susan Meyers, St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN

The Words of David's Wives: Speech and Strategy in the Michal, Abigail, and Bathsheba Narratives
Ryan Higgins, The Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY

The Failed Temptress: Deconstructing the Strange Woman in Genesis 39
Anna Grunner, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY

The Warrior Wife: Exploring the Context of Chayil in Proverbs 31
Ashley Rosa, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA

*2016 Session 10: Undergraduate Session #2: Bible
(Location TBA)
Presider: Jessica Tinklenberg, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA
Psalm 88 and the Importance of Individual Experience
Carolyn Wilson, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Finding Solace in Despair: Dystopic Themes in Jeremiah and Dark Souls
Michael Best, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

Μακαριος and Honor: A Word with Olympic Implications in the Scriptures
Noah Dwyer, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA

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

* 2016 Session 1: Religion and Ecology
Presider:
Climate Change and Climate Refugees: A Theology of Hospitality for the World and for All the World's Peoples
Rachel Crippen, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

Conversion and Preservation: The Reintegration of Cities in Laudato Si’
Christopher Brenna, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
Andrew Kuzma, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Religious Belief and Customs and the Interpretation of Environmental Policy: A Case Study of the Sheyenne Valley Grazing Association Community
Alice Maung-Mercurio, Sustainable Communities Projects, Minneapolis, MN

* 2016 Session 2: Early and Late-Antique Christianity #4
(NH Room 231)
Presider:
Christians, Jews, and Socio-Communal Identity in Ancient Smyrna
Paul Hartog, Faith Baptist Seminary, Ankeny, IA

Angelic Cult: Pseudo-Dionysius between Academy and Temple
Luke Togni, Marquette University, Milwaukee WI

Secrecy and Revelation: A Theology of Writing in the Cologne Mani-Codex
Anthony Thomas, The University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

*2015 Session 3: Hebrew Bible #4: Twin Cities Bible Colloquium Workshop Session
(NH Room 232)
Presider: TBA

Attack with Fresh Fruit: Satire in Genesis 1
Abby Pelham, Independent Scholar

*2016 Session 4: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality #2
(NH Room 243)
Presider:
Shakers, Mormons, and Oneida Perfectionists: Gender Roles, Familial Relationships, and Group Loyalty in Nineteenth Century Outsider Religious Communities.
Jennifer Wojciechowski, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

A Coakleyian Reading of Hans Urs von Balthasar: Reading Balthasar Against Himself
Lance Green, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

Gender Confinement: Judith Butler, Marcella Althaus-Reid and American Evangelicalism
Robert Shell, Bethel University, Arden Hills, MN, The Masters Institute, White Bear Lake, MN, and The Seeds Community (ECC Church Plant), Minneapolis, MN

*2016 Session 5: Undergraduate Session # 4: Open Session
(NH Room 251)
Presider: Janet Everhart, Simpson College, Indianola, IA

Jonathan Edwards: Relevance in His Time and Ours
Benjamin Cooper, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
God, Science, and Eco-Feminism: Sallie McFague’s Sustainable Theological Response to Global Climate Change
Karley Petersen, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

Queering the Climate: Climate Change and Queer Theology
Luke Papenfuss, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

*Session 6: Ethics #2
(NH Chapel)
Presider:
The Franciscan Value of Minority: Ethical Praxis
Michelle Gilgannon, Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI

Applying the Moral Vision of Laudato Si’ Through Naturalist Literature
Andrew Kuzma, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Disorienting Solidarity: Engaging Difference and Developing “Fluidarity”
Matthew Maruggi, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN

*Session 7: Religion in North American #2
(OCC Downstairs Lecture Room)
Presider: Murphy Pizza
Tending the Generation Gaps in Missional Suburban Congregations
Steven Thomasonm, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

From Anglo-Saxon Nativism to Executive Order
Ryan O’Leary, University of Wisconsin Colleges, Marathon County, WI

Negotiating the Sacred in Philadelphia: Competing Sufisms at the Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Shrine
William Rory Dickson, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

*Session 8: Open Session
(NH Chapel)
Presider:
Satisfaction Theory in Christian History: Anselm and his Patristic Forerunners
George Tsakiridis, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

Paul in Arabia: Damascus to Sinai on The King’s Highway
Colin Gulling, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN

Gathered Together in One Place: Pentecost and Food Justice as a Common Language in Post-Modernity
Marsha Thrall, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL

* Session 9: Early Judaism #2
(location)
Presider:
Ancestry vs. Virtue?: Nobility in the Thought of Philo of Alexandria
Nathan A. Lunsford, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Divine Providence and Eschatological Hope in the Birth of Noah (1 Enoch 106-107)
Christopher Brenna, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Enochic Trajectories in Creation Care
Nathaniel Kidd, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, and Lahore College of Theology, Lahore, Pakistan

* Session 10: New Testament: Gospels
[location]
Presider:
Receptions of the gospel (euangelion) and the Gospels (euangelia) in Early Christian Memory
Nicholas Elder, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Mark’s Gerasene Demoniac Narrative in Light of the Yom Kippur Tradition
Hans Moscicke, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

The Nature of True Worship: Reading Acts 17 with Seneca, Epistle 95
Brian Tabb, Bethlehem College & Seminary, Minneapolis, MN

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