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Registration:
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Exhibitors Hall: Conference JK
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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**Wednesday Evening, March 9**
**Pedagogical Workshop by Wabash Consultant**
**6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Richard Ascough, Ph.D., Queen’s University, rsa@queensu.ca
*Linking Research and Teaching for Student Learning*

This interactive session will focus on the pedagogical benefits of students engaging with our academic research and how doing so contributes to building a learning community in the Religious Studies/Theology classroom while also enhancing our own research agenda. We will give particular attention to how our research can coincide with our teaching, along with overcoming the challenges when it does not.

**Location:** Conference JK

**Evening Reception**

**Thursday, March 10**
**9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
**Breakfast** **Location:** TBA

**10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**
**Session 1**

**Conference A**
**Section:** Undergraduate
**Session:** Moving Towards Peace
**Moderator:** Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, kimpaffenroth@msn.com

*The Connection of the Body and Mind Through Spiritual Pedagogy in Physical Education*
Miles Firestine, Middlesex County College, milesfirestine23@gmail.com

*Theodicy, The Shoah, and Collective Guilt*
Jordan Darling, Iona College, jdarling1@gaels.iona.edu
Before a Sword Has Been Drawn”: Preventive War through the Lens of Christian Ethics
Marie Kalb, Iona College, mkalb1@gaels.iona.edu

Conference D
Wabash Breakout Session
Strategies for Engaging Students in the Classroom
Richard Ascough, Ph.D., Queen’s University, rsa@queensu.ca
This workshop will discuss and illustrate a variety of innovative activities that foster interactive, engaged student learning and build community in the Religious Studies/Theology classroom.

Conference F
Section: Contemporary Theology
Session: Contemporary Theology in American Contexts
Moderator: Rory Misiewicz, Princeton Theological Seminary, rory.misiewicz@ptsem.edu

Theological Whiteness and American Evangelical Christianity
Daniel Scott Ostlund, Drew University, dostlund@drew.edu

“What’s the Hermeneutic?” When Biblical Literalism is not Literally Biblical
Shawn McAvoy, Arizona State University, mcavoysd@gmail.com

Spiritual Formation in a Theologically Polarized Catholic America
Lucas Briola, The Catholic University of America, 66briola@cardinalmail.cua.edu

Respondent:
Paul Molnar, St. John’s University, molnarp@stjohns.edu

Conference G
Section: Religion, Conflict, and Peace
Session: The Impact of Religious Belief and Practice on Peace and Violence
Moderator: Dan Randazzo, Notre Dame of Maryland University, empiezo@gmail.com

Learning from Religiously Motivated Peacemakers in Action: Connecting Local Experience to Transnational Religious Discourse
Janie Dumbleton, Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, jdumbleton@tanenbaum.org

“To Unite What Has Fallen Apart”: Contemporary Peacemaking in the Tradition of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi
Marc DelMonico, Independent Scholar, marc.delmonico@gmail.com

Peacemaking is a Manifest Victory—Inside and Outside; the Quranic Chapter 48
Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, The Catholic University of America, s.h.akhlaq@gmail.com
ISIS Hermeneutics, Rhetoric, and Organizational Fractures: Communicating a Message of (Long-Term) Weakness and the Implications for American Anti-Muslim Sentiment
Brandon Colas, United States Military Academy, Brandon.Colas@usma.edu

Conference H
Section: History and Theology
Session: The Council of Chalcedon and its Reception: Past and Present
Moderator: Matthew Pereira, Loyola Marymount University, matt.j.pereira@gmail.com

Chalcedon as a Liturgical Text
John Anthony McGuckin, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University, jmcguckn@uts.columbia.edu

The Question of Divine Suffering in Chalcedon, the Scythian Monks and Contemporary Theology
Matthew Pereira, Loyola Marymount University, matt.j.pereira@gmail.com

Philozenus of Mabburg and the Reception of Chalcedon in the East
William Bellamy, Union Theological Seminary, wb2283@utsnyc.edu

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

Garden State A
Section: Asian Religions
Session: An Eastern Perspective on Subjectivity
Moderator: Dr. Hyun Choo, SUNY Stony Brook, bhyunchoo@gmail.com

Hindus Acting Like Hindus: An Asian Paradigm of Enacted Religiosity
Vineet Chander, Princeton University, vchander@princeton.edu

Self-immolation: The Most Altruistic Body-centered Ritual
Yohong Roh, University of Kansas, roh@ku.edu

Redefining Religiosity in Buddhist Studies: A Nonlocality-Nonduality-Wholeness Model
Hyun Choo, SUNY Stony Brook, bhyunchoo@gmail.com

A Bear Who Became A Woman: A Korean Ecofeminist Thealogy
Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University, joh@wcupa.edu

Garden State B
Section: SBL
Session: OT Poetry and Wisdom Literature
Moderator: David Lamb, Biblical Theological Seminary, dlamb@biblical.edu

Is Coming Into Existence Always a Harm? Qoheleth in Dialogue with David Benatar
Jesse M. Peterson, University of Durham

*Of Gods and Men: Creation and Divinity in Second Isaiah and Enûma Eliš*

Joseph Riordan, University of Notre Dame

*Physical Distancing or Removal of Sin: Spatial Metaphors of Redemption in the Hebrew Bible*

Leslie DiFransico, Loyola University Maryland

*Sirach 26:28-27:3: The Path to Perdition is Paved with Profit*

Brian Carrier, The Catholic University of America

**Garden State C**
**Section:** SBL
**Session:** NT Gospel and Acts
**Moderator:** Jason Coker, Albertus Magnus College, jason@wiltonbaptist.org

*Jesus, David, Matthew: David Typologies in Matthew’s Passion Narrative.*

Nathan C. Johnson, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Seed and Harvest, to Sow, and to Reap: Apocalyptic Metaphors and Conceptions of Time in the Gospel of Mark and 4 Ezra.*

Lynne Moss Bahr, Fordham University


Brandon D. Crowe, Westminster Theological Seminary

*Bound to Die: Binding, Boundaries, and Bodies in Mark’s Gospel*

Nicole Duran, Presbytery of Philadelphia

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Lunch*

*Location: TBA*

**MAR-AAR Presidential Address**
**Conference I**

**SBL Section Head Meeting**
**Conference A**

1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

*Session 2*

**Conference A**
**Book Review: The Universe is Indifferent: Mad Men, Philosophy, and Theology**
Moderator: Jacob Goodson, Southwestern College, jacob.goodson@sckans.edu

Ann Duncan, Goucher College, ann.duncan@goucher.edu

Howard Pickett, Washington & Lee University, picketthy@wlu.edu

Matthew Vaughan, Union Theological Seminary, matthew@matthewvaughan.net

Conference F
Section: Undergraduate
Session: Religion and Politics
Moderator: Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, kimpaffenroth@msn.com

*Religion in the Public Forum: The Role of Education*
Vivek Shah, Rutgers University, Vs382@scarletmail.rutgers.edu

*Elevating the Value of Theology in Academia Through Liberation Theology*
Jerri Ayn Waradzin, Alvernia University, Jerri.waradzin@alvernia.edu

*Returning Mindfulness to the Spiritual Dimension of Religion*
Bavandeep Singh, Middlesex County College, Singh.bavan@gmail.com

Conference G
Section: Religion and Leadership
Session: Seeking Effective Leadership
Moderator: Gerald S. Vigna, Alvernia University, jerry.vigna@alvernia.edu

*Authentic Leadership: Will the Real Leader Please Stand up?*
Andrey Shirin, John Leland Center for Theological Studies, ashirin@leland.edu

*Herding Cats: Pastoral Leadership in the 21st Century*
Stephen Ohnsman, Alvernia University, ohnsman@comcast.net

Respondent:
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University, eortega@drew.edu

Conference H
Section: Psychology and Religion
Session: Contemporary Methodological Approaches to Religion and Psychology
Moderator: Steven Barnhart, Middlesex County College, SBarnhart@middlesexcc.edu

*Not Just the Object of My Affection: Implications of a Relational God for Clinical Counseling*
Mary Elizabeth Toler, Neumann University, tolerm@neumann.edu

*God Representation, Attachment Theory, and Self-Acceptance*
Melissa P. Lemons, Loyola University Maryland, mplemons@loyola.edu

*Inclusion, Exclusion, and Group Stability in Jewish Rituals: Ancient Israel and Contemporary*
Ilona Rashkow, State University of New York at Stony Brook, Ilona.Rashkow2@gmail.com

**Garden State A**
Section: Religion and Ethics  
**Session: Our Ethical Purpose**  
Moderator: Joshua Mauldin, Center of Theological Inquiry, joshua.mauldin@ctinquiry.org

*Who Owns the Air?*
David A. Larrabee, East Stroudsburg University, dalarrabee@gmail.com

*Can a White Feminist Ethicist Teach Womanist Ethics?*
Donna R. Matteis, Drew University, dmatteis@drew.edu

*In Defense of Moral Teachers: How Ethics Develops*
Ian Clausen, Villanova University, ian.clausen@villanova.edu

**Garden State B**
Section: SBL  
**Session: OT Narrative Literature**  
Moderator: Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, jkoosed@albright.edu

*Edomophobia? The Killing of the Priests of the LORD and the Identity of Doeg as an Edomite in 1 Samuel 21 and 22*
Woo Min Lee, Drew University

*Daughter’s Desire: Reclaiming Ruth for Lesbian Interpretation*
Stephanie Day Powell, Drew University

*Land, Honor, Agency, and Ethics: Ties that Bind Community in the Books of Ruth and Job*
Amy Chase, Drew University

*The Davิดic ‘Heart’ for the Temple in Chronicles*
Troy Cudworth, Independent Scholar

**Garden State C**
Section: SBL  
**Session: NT Epistles**  
Moderator: Lindsy Guy, Drew University, lguy@drew.edu
Matthew Jame Ketchum, Rutgers University

Discerning and Transcending the Spatial Subtext of Romans 8:31-39.
Brian Fox, Princeton Theological Seminary

From Postcolonialism to Globalization in Biblical Studies: Methodological Turn or Eclipse?
Jason Coker, Albertus Magnus College

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Session 3

Conference A
Section: Scriptural Reasoning
Session: Constructing New Tents: Case Studies from Scriptural Reasoning and Interfaith Initiatives in the Liberal Arts Context
Moderator: Jacob L. Goodson, Southwestern College, jacob.goodson@sckans.edu

Undergraduate Students from Kings College and Goucher College
Janice Thompson, Kings College, janicethompson@kings.edu
Ann Duncan, Goucher College, ann.duncan@goucher.edu

Response: Scriptural Reasoning’s Trouble with Context
Kevin Seidel, Eastern Mennonite College and Scriptural Reasoning Network, kevin.seidel@emu.edu

Conference D
Wildcard: Religion in the Americas
Session: Possessing Religious Indigeneity: Translation, Conversion, and Reception of Religious Identity in and by Indigenous America
Moderator: Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University, eortega@drew.edu

From Hispano-Catholicism to Maya Catholicism: A Reception Ethnohistory of a Christianity
Garry Sparks, George Mason University, gsparks@gmu.edu

The Re-Reconquista in Chiapas, Mexico: Muslim Tzotzil Maya
Harold Morales, Morgan State University, harold.morales@morgan.edu

Dreams as Platforms for Ritual and Liminal Experiences: A Psychological Analysis around the Indigenous Hawai’ian Deity, Kane
Tara Bedeau, Union Theological Seminary, tb2558@utsnyc.edu

Respondent:
Conference F
Section: History and Theology
Session: History, Theology, and the Economy of Salvation
Moderator: Chris Ashley, Union Theological Seminary, ca2465@utsnyc.edu

An Eastern Orthodox View of Agape and Law
Brandon Paradise, Rutgers Law School, bparadise@kinoy.rutgers.edu

The Providence of God in the Economy of Salvation: Towards a Theological Understanding of the Market Economy
Michael T. Dempsey, St. John’s University, dempseym@stjohns.edu

In a Perfect World: Pre- and Post-critical Accounts of Life in Eden
Joel C. Daniels, Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion, joelcdaniels@gmail.com

Respondent
Jason Wyman, Union Theological Seminary, wyman.jason@gmail.com

Conference G
Section: Contemporary Theology
Session: Contemporary Theology: Ecclesiology, Revelation, and Knowledge of God
Moderator: Rory Misiewicz

Why are the Laity Here? The Vocation of the Laity in Eucharistic Ecclesiology
JK Melton, Fordham University, jmelton2@fordham.edu

Karl Barth and Objective Knowledge of God
Paul Molnar, St. John’s University, molnarp@stjohns.edu

Dialogue, Deeds, and Person: Revelation as a Key for Understanding the Nature of Theology
Robert J. Ryan, The Catholic University of America, 79Ryan@cardinalmail.cua.edu

Theology as Resistance: Countering the Exclusion of the Marginalized from Church Leadership
Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University, yountm@neumann.edu

Garden State A
Section: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality
Session: Gender and Religious Leadership
Moderator: Kyung-Sun Hong, Union County College, ziakhong@gmail.com

The Role of Culture on the Leadership of Women
Remi Alapo, Institute for Peace and Transformational Leadership (IPTL), remialapo@aol.com

Profiles of Church of God in Christ Women Doing Theology: Their Voices from Yesterday and Today
Cynthia B. Bragg, Morgan State University, cynthia.bragg@morgan.edu

“Tertium Quid”: How Education for Black Ministers Constructed Religious Black Manhood
Nicole Myers, Center/Africana Research Center, Turner nmt16@psu.edu

Same-Sex Marriage and Hospitality: A Pentecostal Response to Obergefell v. Hodges
David Bradnick, Stevenson University, dbradnick@stevenson.edu

Conference H (*Special Note: This panel will run from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
Section: SBL
Session: Archaeology
Moderator: Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education, feinmanp@ihare.org

Influential Inscriptions: a New Perspective on Epigraphic Activity in the Tenth Century BCE
Sarah Melena, Independent Scholar

Egypt and Israel: From Ramses II to Ramses VI
Peter Feinman, Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education

Garden State B (*Special Note: This panel will run from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
Section: SBL
Session: Biblical Reception History
Moderator: Eric Seibert, Messiah College, eseibert@messiah.edu

Elizabeth “Libbie” Schrader, General Theological Seminary

The Living Water That Does Not Die: Early Christian Initiation and the Apostle Peter
Linda Sue Galate, Drew University

Garden State C (*Special Note: This panel will run from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
Section: SBL
Session: Undergraduate Panel
Moderator: Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, NY, kimpaffenroth@msn.com
'Fear of the Lord' in Proverbs, the Book of Job, and the Qur'an
Ashley Hubaykah, Iona College

Elie Wiesel: A Modern Interpretation of Job
Justine (Ellie) Smith, Albright College

4:15 to 5:00 p.m. SBL Presidential Address
Garden State BC
From Blind Samson to Black Samson
Jeremy Schipper, Temple University, schipper@temple.edu

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. MAR-AAR Undergraduate Reception
Garden State Ballroom
Sponsored by Loyola University Chicago and Fordham University

6:30 p.m. MAR-AAR Plenary Address
Garden State Ballroom
Christopher Lehrich, Boston University, chrislehrich@gmail.com

6:30 p.m. MAR-SBL Plenary Address
Garden State BC
Hearing (with) the Enslaved as a Hermeneutical Commitment
Emerson Powery, Messiah College, epowery@messiah.edu

8:00 p.m. MAR-SBL Plenary Reception
Garden State Ballroom

Friday, March 11
8:00 a.m. to 8:45am
Breakfast and MAR-AAR Governance Meeting
(Business Meeting and Section Chair Meeting)
Conference I

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Session 1

Conference B
Section: Postcolonialism and Religious Studies
Session: Exploring Hinduism
**Moderator:** Sabrina D. MisirHiralall, Montclair State University, MisirHiralall.S@gmail.com

*Re-Inventing the Invention of Hinduism Narrative: Hindu Self-Identity in a Sixteenth-Century Vernacular Indian Text*
Vineet Chander, Princeton University, vchander@princeton.edu

*Challenges and Opportunities for the Vedic Renaissance*
David Dillard-Wright, University of South Carolina Aiken, writepage@gmail.com

*Dharma, Pluralism, and Postcoloniality: Reflections on Hindu Thought and the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century*
Jeff Long, Elizabethtown College, longjd@etown.edu

*(Un)Dressing to Unveil a Spiritual Self*
Sabrina D. MisirHiralall, Montclair State University, MisirHiralall.S@gmail.com

**Conference D**
Section: Kierkegaard
Session: Kierkegaard and the Interface of Theology and Philosophy after Postmodernity
Moderator: James Seibert, Eastern Mennonite University

*Kierkegaardian Anxiety as a Sense-Perceptive Faculty for Spiritual Experience*
Brent C. Lyons, Biola University, brent.c.lyons@biola.edu

*Kierkegaard, Derrida, and the Eucharist*
Tekoa Robinson, Lancaster Theological Seminary, trobinson@lancasterseminary.edu

*Kierkegaard, Wittgenstein, and Theodicy*
Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary, lbarrett@ancasterseminary.edu

**Conference F**
Section: History and Theology
Session: History and Social Ethics
Moderator: Brandon Paradise, Rutgers Law School, bparadise@kinoy.rutgers.edu

*Christian Agonistics: Rethinking Sources for Progressive Christian Ethics*
Jason Wyman, Union Theological Seminary, wyman.jason@gmail.com

*Same-Sex Marriage and Hospitality: A Pentecostal Response to Obergefell v. Hodges*
David Bradnick, Stevenson University, dbradnick@stevenson.edu

*Democracy and Theological Scholarship: Dewey, Du Bois, and Davis*
Stanley Talbert, Union Theological Seminary, Stt2117@utsnyc.edu
Respondent
Chris Ashley, Union Theological Seminary, ca2465@utsnyc.edu

Conference G
Prepping Undergraduates for Graduate Study
Dan Randazzo, ABD, Notre Dame of Maryland University, empiezo@gmail.com
This session will focus on preparing undergraduates for graduate study. The discussion will center on the following topics:
- Types of schools: seminaries, state schools, private colleges, etc. - what to expect at each one, and what makes them different.
- The wide range of possible degrees in this huge field
- The application process - challenges, composing your application package, statement of purpose, CV vs. resume, etc.

Conference H
Section: SBL
Session: Reading Biblical Poetry
Moderator: Tod Linafelt, Georgetown University, linafelt@georgetown.edu

Isaiah's Love Song: Some Aspects from a Reading of Isaiah 5:1-7.
Chips Dobbs-Allsopp, Princeton Theological Seminary

How is a Love Poem like the Beloved?
Sarah Zhang, Princeton Theological Seminary

Paint it Black: Job 3 and the Resources of Biblical Poetry
Tod Linafelt, Georgetown University

Conference A
Section: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality
Session: Interfaith Spirituality and Women
Moderator: Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University, joh@wcupa.edu

Gender and Interfaith Parenting: Religious Identity, Communal Anxiety, and the Role of the Mother
Samira Mehta, Albright College, smehta@albright.edu

Qur’anic Exegesis on Gender: the Viability of Feminist Readings of the Qur’an
Hadia Mubarak, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Davidson College, hmubarak@uncc.edu

Reflections on Feminist Steaks in Averroes
Sayed Hassan Akhlaq, The Catholic University of America, s.h.akhalq@gmail.com

Eco-Womanism as Earth-Honoring Faith and Justice: Elemental Roots for an Ecological Methodology
Christopher Fici, Union Theological Seminary, clf2138@utsnyc.edu

Salon D
Section: SBL
Session: NT Johannine Writings and Revelation
Moderator: Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College, rseesengood@albright.edu

The Sheep That Therefore I AM: Jesus as Human-Animal in the Gospel of John.
Brian James Tipton, Drew University

Erasmus and the Comma Johanneum (1 John 5:7b-8a).
Jeffrey T. Riddle, Piedmont Virginia Community College

John 11:45-54: The Key to John’s Chronological and Narrative Structure.
Gary Greenberg, New York, NY

Promiscuous Pornai, Bad Bitches, and Misogynistic Masculinities: A Queer, Imperial-Critical Analysis of Revelation and Rap.
O’neil Van Horn, Drew University

Salon C
Section: Scriptural Reasoning
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Session: Why We Are Here: Aims and Practices in Philosophical Scholarship Today
Moderator: Lindsey Graber, Southwestern College, lindsey.graber@sckans.edu

Strings on the Bow: Kierkegaard and the Purpose of Philosophy
John Carpenter, University of Virginia, jrc3bg@virginia.edu

Reconstructing Religion: Iqbal and the Purpose of Islamic Philosophy
Nauman Faizi, University of Virginia, faizi@virginia.edu

Jürgen Habermas and the Role of the Philosopher
Morgan Alyssa Elbot, Rivier University, morganelbot@gmail.com

Peter Ochs's Pragmatism and the Purpose of Philosophy
Jacob L. Goodson, Southwestern College, jacob.goodson@sckans.edu

10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Session 2

Conference B
Section: Global Religion and Pluralism
Session: Demographic, Professional, and Personal Changes in Contemporary Religion
Moderator: Amy Weiss, New York University, amyweiss@nyu.edu
The Academic Study of American Religion in a Changing Professional Landscape
Samira Mehta, Albright College, smehta@albright.edu

The Modern Self in Indian Religions
Pirvi Parikh, Muhlenberg College, PParikh@muhlenberg.edu

Pablo Is My Neighbor, Hakeem Is My Uncle: The Impact of National Demographic Changes on American Churches
Michael Royster, Prairie View A & M University, mdroyster@pvamu.edu

Conference D
Section: Interreligious and Interfaith Studies
Session: Interreligious and Interfaith Dialogue in Education
Moderator: Robert K. Martin, Wesley Theological Seminary, rmartin@wesleyseminary.edu

Religious Education and the Need for Interreligious Dialogue as a Tool in Resolving Conflict
Remi Alapo, UTS – The Interfaith Seminary, remialapo@aim.com

Hindu M.Divs.: Religious Leadership and Education in America
Viraj Patel, University of Chicago Divinity School, vrp5007@uchicago.edu

Education and Inter-Faith Dialogue in Turkey
Erkan Acar, Suleyman Sah University, eacar@ssu.edu.tr

On a Pedagogy for Interreligious Dialogue
Heon C. Kim, East Stroudsburg University, heonkim@po-box.esu.edu

Conference F
Section: SBL
Session: OT Pentateuch / Former Prophets
Moderator: Alexandria Frisch, Ursinus College, afrisch@ursinus.edu

The Aramaic Transition and the Redaction of the Pentateuch
Mark Leuchter, Temple University

'The Earth Was Higgledy-Piggledy': A Proposal for tohû wabohû as Rhyming Reduplication
John S. Lewis, Princeton Theological Seminary

'I Will Make You the Head and Not the Tail': The Legitimation of Jephthah (Judges 10:6-12:7)
Yvonne Dunne Salazar, Temple University
From Beautiful Spoils to Princely Attire: Clothes and Sexual Violence in Judg 5:30 and 2 Sam 13:18-19
Anne Létourneau, Temple University

Conference H
Section: History and Theology
Session: The Early Christian Theories of Inherence and their Cosmological and Christological Significance: Historical and Theological Reflections
Moderator: Jason Wyman, Union Theological Seminary, wyman.jason@gmail.com

Cyril of Alexandria’s Conceptions of Inherences and their Christological Significance
Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary, st2399@columbia.edu

Leontius’ of Byzantium and the Conception of Enhypostaton: Critical Re-evaluation
Anna Zhyrkova, Jesuit University Ignatianum in Kraków, anna.zhyrkova@ignatianum.edu.pl

Nature in and out of the Logos in Maximus the Confessor
Marcin Podbielski, Jesuit University Ignatianum in Kraków, marcin.podbielski@ignatianum.edu.pl

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Conference C
Section: Contemporary Theology
Session: Reflections on Theological Education, Learning, and Listening
Moderator: Michael Canaris, Loyola University Chicago, mcanaris@luc.edu

Teaching and Learning Religious Symbols in a Scientific Age
Gerard Jacobitz, St. Joseph’s University, gjacobitz@gmail.com

“Why We Are Here”: Theological Education and Urban Ministry Praxis over the Long Haul
Geomon George & Maria Liu Wong, City Seminary of New York, geomon@cityseminaryNY.org; maria@cityseminaryNY.org

Saturated Musical Phenomena and Sacred Music
Christopher C. Rios, Southern Methodist University, crios@smu.edu

Uncomfortable Truths: A Proposal
Adam Wert, Princeton Theological Seminary, adam.wert@ptsem.edu

Conference A
Section: Scriptural Reasoning
Session: The Vocation of Teaching in the Abrahamic Sacred Texts  
Deut 11:16-21; 2 Tim 3:13-17; Al-Alaq (the clot, clinging mass) 96

Moderator: Jacob L. Goodson, Southwestern College, jacob.goodson@sckans.edu

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Amy Weiss, New York University, amyweiss@nyu.edu  
Matthew Vaughan, Union Theological Seminary, matthew@matthewvaughan.net

Salon D
Section: Undergraduate
Session: A Social Science Approach to Religious Studies
Moderator: Steven Barnhart, Middlesex County College, SBarnhart@middlesexcc.edu

Latin American Approaches to Health and Healing: Religious, Indigenous, and Biomedical
Cassandra Calle, Montclair State University, cassandrazarina@gmail.com

Exploring Challenges of Fieldwork in Interreligious Encounters
Elyse Gabel, Montclair State University, Gabele1@montclair.edu

The Society of Saint Paul's Alba House on Staten Island, New York: A Response to Changing Religious and Ethnic Demographics
Christina Dellaventura, Macaulay Honors College at the College of Staten Island, The City University of New York, christina.dellaventura@cix.csi.cuny.edu

Sensible Spaces: Ordering Chaos at the Hindu Temple in Flushing, Queens
Nina Carter, Marymount Manhattan College, ncarter@mmm.edu

Salon C
Section: Religion and Leadership
Session: Seeking Effective Leadership
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The Whole World is My Parish: Wesley's Leadership in Eighteenth-Century England and its Significance to reshaping the Church of England
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Rhetorical Contours: Samuel Hopkins's New Divinity Polemics and the Social Topography of Eighteenth Century Congregationalism
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Special Session: Chairs Roundtable
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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Location: Details will be announced to those who RSVP.
Serving as chair or dean of religious studies programs comes with a number of challenges today. As is true throughout the liberal arts, we are called upon to demonstrate that our discipline is relevant, is marketable, and revenue-generating. But within religious studies, we also have additional considerations to keep in mind: How do we increase enrollments when students are increasingly concerned with the vocational value of their degrees? How do we develop meaningful experiential learning opportunities (particularly at secular institutions) without defaulting to ministry? How do we assess student learning, when so much of what we teach is related to personal growth and moral development? How do we meet the challenge to secure more funding for religious studies research, projects, and programming when 80% of all grant funding is sectarian? This Roundtable discussion session will provide an opportunity to discuss these and other administrative issues for religious studies programs - keeping a problem-solving approach in mind.

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