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**Southwest Regional Meeting
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March 7-9, 2014

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IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: The Marriott Hotel-DFW Airport North
8440 Freeport Parkway
Irving, Texas 75063
972-929-8800; 888-489-2647

Date: Friday-Sunday, March 7-9, 2014

Key This Year:
40th Anniversary Celebration with Fireside Chat



Book Exhibit \$5 Voucher for Booked Hotel

Room For each confirmed room night in the hotel, participants will receive a complimentary voucher for use onsite. A “sleeping room” is defined as one night’s stay. In order to receive a voucher, all registration costs must be paid.

Discount available in the Marriott restaurant for buffet lunch on Saturday

Hotel Reservations: Reservations must be made by **February 14, 2014**. Room rates are \$122 (prior to Feb. 14), but much higher if reserved after the priority deadline. The easiest way to make hotel reservations is online using the Marriott link at **www.swcrs-online.org** If you make reservations by phone, please mention that you are with the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies. The Marriott Hotel-DFW Airport North provides complimentary DFW Airport pickup. For directions to the hotel, see www.swcrs-online.org

Meeting Pre-registration and Schedule: Participants (as listed in this program) must pre-register by **February 7, 2014**.

Participants and all others may pre-register online through **March 7, 2014** at **www.swcrs-online.org** Mail-in registration must be received by March 6, 2014. For mail-in registration, please copy and complete the meeting registration form at the end of this program and send it to the address printed on the form with the appropriate registration fee. Your registration includes coffee and tea breaks, and a reception at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, at which time awards will be presented.

On-Site Registration: Friday, March 7, 5:30-7:00; Saturday, March 8, 8:30-6:30; Sunday, March 9, 8:30-11:00.

Memorial Report: The Southwest Commission on Religious Studies would like to pay tribute at our meeting to those members of our participating societies who are recently deceased. Please send memorial notices to Richard Bautch, SWCRS Executive Secretary, at mail@swcrs-online.org.

REGIONAL MEETING BOOK EXHIBIT

Please visit the publishers' displays in the Ballroom

Saturday, March 8, 9:00-6:30

Sunday, March 9, 8:30-12:30

Friday Evening, March 7 (6:00-10:00)

6:00-7:00: AAR BUSINESS MEETING

7:00-9:00: NABPR, SW REGION

7:30-11:00: AAR FILM SCREENING

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion

A Screening and Discussion of the film *Priest* (1994)

Presiding: Mark DiPaolo, Oklahoma City University

Written by Jimmy McGovern and directed by Antonia Bird, rated R, *Priest* was boycotted by some Roman Catholics for its treatment of chastity, homosexuality, Liberation Theology, and incest; defended by others as sensitive, intelligent, and theologically intriguing. Come watch the film and then discuss the merits and limitations of both views.

Saturday Morning, March 8 (7:45-10:00)

7:45-10:00: SWCRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8:30-10:00: NABPR, SW REGION

Saturday Morning, March 8 (10:30-Noon)

SBL: Second Temple Judaism

Theme: Texts and Contexts

Presiding: Annelies Moeser, Brite Divinity School

- 10:30 Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward's University
Inviting Non-Specialists to the Study of the Pseudepigrapha
- 10:50 Ron Serino, Brite Divinity School
Propaganda of Resistance: An Imperial-Critical Reading of Daniel 10-12
- 11:10 Ariel Feldman, Brite Divinity School
Former Prophets in Early Jewish Literature
- 11:30 Jason Ford, Rice University
Adapting the Abraham Narrative: Theological Interpretations in Jubilees and the Apocalypse of Abraham

ASOR

Theme: Looking Back: Decades of ASOR and Archaeology

Presiding: Cameron Coyle, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary



- 10:30 James Moyer, Missouri State University
A History of the Southwest Region of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 11:00 David H. Vila, John Brown University
Excavating Abila: an Overview of the Past Thirty Years
- 11:30 Brian Stachowski, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Tell es-Safi/Gath: A Contextual Overview

ASSR

Theme: Consumer Culture, Existential Anthropology, and Evangelicalism

Presiding: Todd Jay Leonard, Fukuoka University of Education, Japan

- 10:30 J.B. Watson Jr., Stephen F. Austin State University
Let Us Bow Our Heads & Pay: Consumer Culture, Contemporary Religion, & the Search for Theoretical Meaning
- 11:00 Patrick Scott Smith, Independent Scholar, Republic, Missouri
Existential Anthropology and the Rise and Similarities of Religion and the Arts

11:30 Michael Clawson, Baylor University
A New Evangelicalism?: The Politics of Christianity Today: 1989-2012

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion

Theme: Fictive Representations of Struggle

Presiding: Allen H. Redmon, Texas A&M University, Central Texas

10:30 Courtney Bailey Parker, Baylor University
Why the Church Should Read The Feminine Mystique: Popular Books by Christian Woman Writers and the Resurgence of Betty Friedan's 'Mystique'

11:00 Ashlie M. Contos, University of Texas at Dallas
I Just Want to Believe: Modern Myths and the Double-Bind of Meta-Modernism

11:30 Richmond B. Adams, Eastern Oklahoma State College
Identifying the Center that Holds in Rilla Askew's Kind of Kin

AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion

Theme: Worlds Seen and Unseen

Presiding: Andrew Fort, Texas Christian University

10:30 Sravana Varma, Rice University
Interlocutor of the Two Worlds: an Ethnographic Study of Siddhis, Mediums and Mystics

11:00 Claire Villarreal, Rice University
Jamgön Kongtrül's Previous Incarnations: Visionary Experience and Philosophy in Tibet

11:30 Lili Zhang, Texas Wesleyan University
On the Mao Cult: How Did Mao Zedong Become a God in China Today?

AAR: Ethics, Society and Cultural Analysis

Theme: Barth and Yoder

10:30 Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee, Baylor University
The Fall of the Grenzvall and the Victory of the Lamb

11:00 David C. Cramer, Baylor University
The Gift of the Grenzfall: Revisiting Barth's Near Pacifism in Light of Contemporary Anabaptist Ethics

11:30 Myles Werntz, Baylor University
Barth, Yoder, and War: The Evolution of a Critique

AAR: History of Christianity

Theme: Spiritual Circuits of the Americas

Presiding: Angela Tarango, Trinity University

10:30 Amelia Hall, Georgetown University
American Women, Writing Religiously: How the Contemporary Crush-Name-Writing Act Can Be Understood As a Religious Ritual

11:00 Susan Moudry, Baylor University
Before There Were Charismatics: Charles Hamilton Pridgeon and Pittsburgh Pentecostalism

11:30 Justin Doran, University of Texas at Austin
On a Wing and a Prayer: The Canadian Origins of Brazilian Neopentecostalism

AAR: Philosophy of Religion and Theology

Theme: Continuity and Change: A Discussion on the Emerging Pontificate of Francis

10:30 James Ball, St. Mary's University
Pope Francis' Church in the Postmodern World

11:00 William D. Buhrman, St. Mary's University
Faith, Grace, and Community

11:30 Andrew Getz, St. Mary's University
Is Pope Francis Putting Moral Theologians Out of a Job?

Saturday, March 8, 12:00-1:30

Lunch (On Your Own); Specials available in the Marriott restaurant

A lunch session for those interested in women's studies will take place adjacent to the dining room; bring a lunch from the restaurant

Please visit the publishers' displays in the Ballroom.

Saturday 12:15-1:15



AAR: Plenary Address: John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

“Religion, Politics and the Public Square: Desecularization and the Academy”

Presiding: Allen H. Redmon, Texas A&M University, Central Texas, President, AAR-SW

John L. Esposito is University Professor, Professor of Religion, International Affairs and Islamic Studies, and Founding Director of the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. He is past president of the American Academy of Religion and recipient of the American Academy of Religion’s Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion.

Saturday Afternoon, March 8 (1:30-3:30)

SBL: Hebrew Bible

Theme: Portrayals of Women in the Hebrew Bible

Presiding: Robert R. Williamson, Jr., Hendrix College

- 1:30 Ron M. Serino, Brite Divinity School
A Sign in the Dark: Moses’s Cushite Wife and Boundary Setting in the Book of Numbers
- 2:00 Ginny Brewer-Boydston, Baylor University
Biblical Reimagining of the Historical Queen Mother Maacah (1 Kings 15)
- 2:30 Nick Wense, Baylor University
Where Did She Come From? The Quest for YHWH’s Wife in Hosea 2
- 3:00 Rannfrid Thelle, Wichita State University
Israel’s Self-Designation as Adulterous Wife: A Self-Reflective Perspective on a Prophetic Metaphor

SBL: New Testament I

Theme: Gospels

Presiding: Jeffrey Peterson, Austin Graduate School of Theology

- 1:30 Lindsey M. Trozzo, Baylor University
Why Genre Matters for the Study of the Fourth Gospel (and the Search for Johannine Ethics)

- 2:00 Scott C. Ryan, Baylor University
APXH TOY EYATEΛIOY: New Creation in Mark's Prologue
- 2:30 Timothy Milinovich, University of the Incarnate Word
The Parable of the Storm: Literary Coherence in Mark 4:1-41
- 3:00 Warren Carter, Brite Divinity School
Empowering and Author-izing the Gospel of Mark

SBL: New Testament II

Theme: Hebrews and Johannine Traditions

Presiding: James Thompson, Abilene Christian University

- 1:30 Michael Martin and Ron Guzman, Lubbock Christian University
Is Hebrews 5:11-6:20 Really a Digression?
- 2:00 Warren Johnson, East Texas Baptist University
A Disciplinary Theodicy in the Epistle to the Hebrews: A Window into the Homiletical Purpose
- 2:30 Doug Kennard, Houston Graduate School of Theology
Present Propitiation as a Paraklyton Role in 1 John
- 3:00 M. Tyler Gillett, Independent Scholar
The Book of Revelation and Ritual Power

ASOR

Theme: Field Excavations

Presiding: Jared Chatfield, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

- 1:30 Michael Homan, Melissa Nguyen, and Alexis Parker, Xavier University of Louisiana
The Chalcolithic Galilee: The 2013 Field Season at Marj Rabba
- 2:00 Tom Davis, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Search for the Shasu: New Evidence from Sinai
- 2:30 Stephen Humphreys, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
A Spatial Analysis of the Tel Gezer Regional Survey Project
- 3:00 Lucas Grimsley, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Kourion Urban Space Project 2013 Excavation Results

ASSR

Theme: Anti-Evolution, the Protestant Ethic, Exceptionalism, and Vitalism

Presiding: Jeter Basden, Baylor University

- 1:30 Andrew Kim, Baylor University
Anti-Evolution, Bryan, and Chautauqua
- 2:00 Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University
The Risk of the Protestant Ethic to Peace and Social Order
- 2:30 John D. Wilsey, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Houston
Separating Wheat from Chaff in the Concept of American Exceptionalism
- 3:00 Michael Thompson, University of North Texas
Tragic Reason: Vitalism in Kant's Critical Philosophy and Religion

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion

Theme: Experience and Exploration in Practice and Art

Presiding: Marc DiPaolo, Oklahoma City University

- 1:30 Taylor Jackson, Houston Baptist University
Verbal Poetics: The Language of Presence in Calvin's Doctrine and Practice of Preaching
- 2:00 Jesse Hoover, Baylor University
A Love Wrapped in Razor Wire: Kierkegaard and O'Connor on Love's Self-Sacrifice
- 2:30 Ada Hunter, University of Oklahoma
Art as Spiritual Experience
- 3:00 Marc DiPaolo, Oklahoma City University
The Unknown C.S. Lewis? Surprising Asides of Homosexuality, Feminism and Animal Rights in His Late Autobiographical Writings

AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion

Theme: Gender and Religion

Presiding: Claire Villarreal, Rice University

- 1:30 C. Mackenzie Brown and Nupur Agrawal, Trinity University
The Rape that Woke India Up: Rape Attitudes among Indians in the U.S. and India in the Aftermath of the Gang-Rape and Murder of Jyoti Singh Pandey
- 2:00 Saadia Faruqi, Baker University
Feminism and the Politics of Hijab

- 2:30 Crystal Silva-McCormick, University of Texas at El Paso
Male Exemplars, Female Devotees and Followers? What it Means for Muslim and Christian Women to “Follow in the Footsteps” of a Male Prophet and Male Savior
- 3:00 Hsin-Li Lin, Columbia University
Reconsidering Blood Pollution from Buddhist Gynecology

AAR: Ethics, Society and Cultural Analysis

Theme: Theology and Ethics

- 1:30 Daniel Larson, University of Colorado Boulder
Theology and False Consciousness: A Christian Appropriation of Adorno’s Aesthetic Theology
- 2:00 Rachel Toombs, Baylor University
Reinhold Niebuhr and the Old Testament
- 2:30 Natalie Webb, Baylor University
Toward Communal Virtue: How the Practices of the Church Shape Christian Ethics – a Case Study in Corinth
- 3:00 Joao Chaves, Baptist University of the Americas
Redeemed and Fallen Cultures as Mediators of Natural Impulses: The Ethics of James McClendon Jr.: Church and World as Bridges to Potential Sinlessness or Sin

AAR: History of Christianity

Theme: Elizabeth Flower’s *Into the Pulpit: Southern Baptist Women and Power Since World War II* (University of North Carolina Press, 2012)

Presiding: Katharine Batlan, University of Texas at Austin

Panelists: Courtney Lyons, Baylor University
Katie McCoy, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Jennifer Graber, University of Texas at Austin

Responding: Elizabeth Flowers, Texas Christian University

- 3:00 History of Christianity Business Meeting

AAR: Philosophy of Religion & Theology

Theme: Catholic Thought, Ancient and Modern

Presiding: Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma

- 1:30 Sr. Anne Frances Ai Le, University of St. Thomas
What's in a Name? Saint Thomas Aquinas on Knowledge of God through God's Name
- 1:50 Catherine A. Levri, Catholic University of America
This is Eternal Life: Thomas Aquinas and Bonaventure on Divine Eternity
- 2:10 Brandon Morgan, Baylor University
Subjects in Exile: The Self and its "Home" in Augustine's Confessions and Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations
- 2:40 Emily Edmondson, Baylor University:
Pope Francis and the Nation: A Heritage of Social Justice Needs
- 3:00 Discussion

Saturday Afternoon, March 8 (3:30-4:00)

COFFEE BREAK, BOOK EXHIBIT HALL

Complimentary coffee and tea

Saturday Afternoon, March 8 (4:00-5:30)

SBL: Hebrew Bible I

Theme: Solomon and His Affairs

Presiding: Charles Rix, Oklahoma Christian University

- 4:00 Jan Jaynes Quesada, Texas Christian University
King David's "Last Lecture": A Closer Look at David's Deathbed Instructions to Solomon (1 Kings 2:1-12)
- 4:30 Ryan Conrad Davis, University of Texas at Austin
The Shulammitte in the Window?: A Comparative "Look" at an Ancient Near Eastern Type-Scene
- 5:00 David Sobey, University of Texas at Austin
Overcome by Love: Pleas for Restraint in the Song of Songs

SBL Hebrew Bible II

Theme: Psalms Commentaries

Presiding: Steve Reid, George W. Truett Theological Seminary/Baylor University

- 4:00 B. J. Parker, Baylor University
Traditio and Traditum: Divining the Approaches of Two Recent Psalms Commentaries
- 4:30 W. H. Bellinger, Jr., Baylor University
Commenting on the Psalms: Conventional Monotony and Confusing Variety
- 5:00 W. Dennis Tucker, George W. Truett Theological Seminary/Baylor University
Commenting on the Psalms: Reading Texts, Hearing Stories

SBL: New Testament I

Theme: Meals in Early Christianity

Presiding: Richard A. Wright, Oklahoma Christian University

- 4:00 Dennis E. Smith, Phillips Theological Seminary
From Symposium to Eucharist
- 4:20 Wendell Willis, Abilene Christian University
Response
- 4:35 Jeffrey Peterson, Austin Graduate School of Theology
Response
- 4:50 Discussion

SBL: New Testament II

Theme: Paul – Issues of Ethnicity and Identity

Presiding: Tim Brookins, Houston Baptist University

- 4:00 Chad Chambers, London School of Theology/Houston Baptist University
No Longer A Slave: “Son, Slave, and Heir” and Conceptual Metaphors in Galatians 4:1-7
- 4:30 Andrew Benko, Brite Divinity School
The God Who Grafts: Genos and Genealogy in Romans 11:16-24
- 5:00 Ross P. Ponder, University of Texas at Austin
The Usable Pasts of Corinth and Israel: Hearing Paul’s Rhetoric in the Splash of the Glauke Fountain



ASOR and SBL: Joint Session Commemorating 40 Years of SWCRS

Speakers: Vivian Bull, Drew University, and Jo Ann Hackett, University of Texas at Austin

Theme: A Biblical Generation: 40 Years of SWCRS and Developments in Archaeology and Textual Studies

Presiding: Eric Mitchell, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, President ASOR SW Region, and Mark Hamilton, Abilene Christian University, Secretary-Treasurer, SBL SW Region

Continuing the tradition of a joint ASOR and SBL session at SWCRS, Vivian Bull, President of Drew University, and Jo Ann Hackett, Professor of Middle Eastern Studies and Religious Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, speak to developments in our respective fields—archaeology and text studies—in this interactive panel discussion. Dr. Vivian Bull, an expert on international economics with a focus on the West Bank and Gaza, has a storied career in excavating Israel/Palestine. Dr. Bull joined the Drew-McCormick dig at Shechem in 1960 and completed her last season with the Joint Expedition at Caesarea in 1996. She managed the finances of the digs and also served as registrar at Caesarea. Dr. Hackett is an expert on the Hebrew Bible and epigraphy, and her research interests include women's lives in the ancient Near East and the study of myths and mythology. She is the author of several monographs including *The Balaam Text from Deir Alla* and the textbook *A Basic Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*. Prof. Hackett was a graduate student and then taught in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University, a program at the forefront of generating significant trends in biblical studies.

4:00 Vivian Bull, Drew University
Jo Ann Hackett, University of Texas at Austin

ASSR

Theme: A Respite from the Ordinary

Presiding: J.B. Watson, Jr., Stephen F. Austin State University

4:00 Todd Jay Leonard, Fukuoka University of Education, Japan
Historic Camp Chesterfield: A Hoosier Spiritualist Camp Since 1886

4:30 Jon K. Loessin, Wharton County Junior College
A Postmodern Pilgrimage: Theology and Deconstruction in Thomas Mann's Death in Venice

5:00 Business Meeting

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion

Theme: Revelation in Poetry

Presiding: Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma

- 4:00 Leanna Rippey, Radford University
Psychoanalytic Study of Dualistic Factors in William Blake
- 4:30 Daniel Larson, University of Colorado Boulder
Silence and the Resurrection: the Crisis of History in William Wordsworth's The Excursion
- 5:00 Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma
"We had the experience but missed the meaning": Approaching an Understanding of Kairos via T.S. Eliot's "Dry Salvages"

AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion

Theme: The Arab Spring

Presiding: Sravana Varma, Rice University

- 4:00 Stephanie Wheatley, Oklahoma State University
Sharing the Blame: The Muslim Brotherhood and the Failure of Islamist Governance in Egypt
- 4:30 Walt Wright, University of Arkansas
Phantom Cause: Martyrdom and Jihad in the Arab Spring
- 5:00 Discussion

AAR: Ethics, Society and Cultural Analysis

Theme: Humans and Human Rights (with business meeting)

- 4:00 Mike Skinner, Houston Baptist University
Autism & the Trinity: Theological Anthropology and Disability Ethics
- 4:30 Andrew Getz, St. Mary's University
Health Care Mandates and Religious "Cooperation with Evil"
- 5:00 Business Meeting

AAR: History of Christianity

Theme: Religious Economies Reconsidered: Critical Reflections on the Work of R. Andrew Chesnut and the Study of Religion in the Americas

Presiding: Chad Seales, University of Texas at Austin

Panelists: Felipe Hinojosa, Texas A&M University, College Station
Phillip Sinitiere, College of Biblical Studies – Houston
Virginia Garrard Burnett, University of Texas at Austin

Responding:

R. Andrew Chesnut, Virginia Commonwealth University

AAR: Philosophy of Religion & Theology

Theme: Ecclesial *Farrago*

Presiding: Dan Stiver, Hardin-Simmons University

4:00 Benjamin H. Arbour, University of Bristol
Preserving Anselmian Monotheism: A Reply to Nagasawa

4:20 Scott Rushing, Baylor University
Re-examining the “Constantinian Fall” in the Church Histories of Eusebius and Theodoret

4:40 Cole Starr, Schreiner University
The Use and Abuse of Probabilistic Reasoning in Religious Polemic

5:00 Discussion

Saturday Evening, March 8 (5:30-6:30)

RECEPTION

Registrants will receive a ticket for the reception.
Complimentary food and beverage will be served.

Announcement of 2014 Awards

Presiding: Steve Ortiz, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Vice President, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies

Saturday Evening, March 8 (6:30-8:00) Ballroom F

A Fireside Chat with Members Past and Present of the SWCRS



To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, members past and present will reminisce and suggest future directions of the commission. Featured speakers include some of the first leaders of SWCRS. Honoring the legacy and continuing the tradition, this plenary session is not to be missed.

In Salon F (Ballroom) 6:30-8:00

Saturday Evening, March 8 (8:00-9:30)

SBL: Hebrew Bible

Theme: Scriptures, Genesis and Ezra-Nehemiah

Presiding: Brandon Fredenburg, Lubbock Christian University

- 8:00 Ryan Stokes, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
When the Devil Entered Eden
- 8:30 Charles Rix, Oklahoma Christian University
Who is Watching the Children? Ethics of Responsibility in the Story of Cain and Abel
- 9:00 Andrew G. Benko, Brite Divinity School
Negotiating Empire by Mail: The Letter in Yehud

Institute for Biblical Research, Southwest Region

Presiding: Rodney Reeves, Southwest Baptist University

8:00 C. Gene Wilkes, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute
Devotional

8:15 J. Daniel Hays, Ouachita Baptist University
The Persecuted Prophet and Judgment on Jerusalem: the Role of LXX Jeremiah in Luke-Acts

8:45 Bruce Corley, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute
A Paul Question: What's Wrong with Wright?

ASSR

Theme: Islam and Atheism, Digital Deities, and Religious Literacy

Presiding: Jon K. Loessin, Wharton County Junior College

8:00 Derek Walker, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
The Logical Standpoint of Islam and Atheism

8:30 Karol Chandler-Ezell, Stephen F. Austin State University
Digital Deities and a Religion Reboot: Religious Symbols, Arcana, Rituals, and Supernatural Creatures in Role-playing Game Worlds

9:00 Tiffany Puett, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
What We Ought to Know About Religion: Religious Literacy and Governmentality

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion

Theme: From Underground to Kairos

Presiding: Joshua C. Coleman, St. Michael's Catholic Academy

8:00 Matthew Crawford, Baylor University
Twice Two is Five: Rowan Williams, Dostoyevsky, and the Truth of the Underground Man

8:30 Kathleen Reeves, St. Michael's Catholic Academy
Unearthing the Body: the Incarnation of Meaning in Early DeLillo

9:00 Joshua C. Coleman, St. Michael's Catholic Academy
Sacrament as Mistake: Metaphor as a Bridge to Kairos in the Works of Walker Percy

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 9
at **2:00 AM** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour

Sunday Morning, March 9 (7:30-8:30)

7:30 Business Meetings (ASOR and SBL)

BOOK EXHIBITS OPEN

Sunday, 8:30-12:30

Please visit the publishers' displays in the Ballroom

Sunday Morning, March 9 (8:30-10:30)

SBL: Hebrew Bible

Theme: Prophetic Literature

Presiding: Robert R. Williamson, Jr. Hendrix College

- 8:30 Stuart Lasine, Wichita State University
Psychological Approaches to the Hebrew Bible and their Discontents: The Case of Jonah
- 9:00 Chuck Pitts, Houston Graduate School of Theology
רַעַה as Paradigm in the Book of Jeremiah
- 9:30 Libby Ballard, Baylor University
Accusation of Reconciliation in Micah 6:1-8: The Contribution of Intertextual Analyses with Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomistic Literature
- 10:00 Moon Kwon Chae, Baylor University
Redactional Intentions of Jeremiah MT Concerning the Oracles against the Nations

SBL New Testament I

Theme: Pauline Literature

Presiding: Wendell Willis, Abilene Christian University

- 8:30 Matthew Solomon, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Apologetic Discourse and Philippians: How Valid is Kannaday's Thesis Regarding Paul's Letter to the Philippians?
- 9:00 Tim Brookins, Houston Baptist University
Paul, Φύσις, and the Growth of Hair: A "New Rhetorical" Assessment of 1 Cor 11:14-15
- 9:30 Ben Blackwell, Houston Baptist University
Reflecting the Glory of Adam? Reading Romans 8 in Light of the Greek Life of Adam and Eve
- 10:00 Discussion

SBL New Testament II

Theme: Gospels (Emerging Scholars)

Presiding: Lindsey Trozzo, Baylor University

- 8:30 Brian Gamel, Baylor University
"In Accord with the Gospel"?: Contrasting Theologies of Death in the Martyrdom of Polycarp and the Gospel of Mark
- 9:00 Alissa Hardy, Brite Divinity School
The Significance of St. Peter in the Shadow of St. Paul
- 9:30 John M. Duncan, Baylor University
"All the People Were Beating Their Breasts": Post-Crucifixion Mourning in the Gospel of Peter and the Gospel of Luke and the Question of Anti-Judaism
- 10:00 Maziel Barreto Dani, Brite Divinity School
Disrupting Concealment, Defying Flavian Propaganda, and Outhonoring Vespasian: An Analysis of Mark 5:1-20

ASOR

Theme: Greco-Roman Archeological Evidence and Early Christianity

Presiding: Seung Ho Bang, Baylor University

- 8:30 Lourdes Rincón, Xavier University of Louisiana
Interpreting a Parable In Light of The Archaeological Evidence on Roman Economy

9:00 Paul J. Martin, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Proto-Orthodox Christianity and Voluntary Associations: A Comparison of Social Paradigms

9:30 Stephen Humphreys, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
A Diachronic Analysis of Commerce and the Church in Late Antique Cyprus

ASSR

Theme: Church Leaders, International Students, Eastern Medicine, Systematic Theology
Presiding: Andrew Parker, Belhaven University

8:30 Jerry Hopkins, East Texas Baptist University
J. Carroll Chadwick: A Study in East Texas Church Leadership

9:00 Jenny McGill, Dallas Theological Seminary
Identities in Motion: International Students as Return Migrants

9:30 Lamar Hallford, Stephen F. Austin State University
The Role of the Supernatural in Eastern Medicine

10:00 Ben D. Craver, Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio
A (Not So) Tender History: Systematic Theology since Origen

AAR: Theta Alpha Kappa

Theme: Student Papers from Theta Alpha Kappa Chapters in the Region
Presiding: Derek Dodson, Baylor University

8:30 Chad Moore, Hardin-Simmons University
Which god is our God? An Analysis of the Characters of YHWH and Elohim in the Hagar and Ishmael Narratives

8:55 Molly Kate Been, Oklahoma City University
Male Jealousy and the Power of Female Sexuality: An Interpretation of Numbers 5:11-31

9:20 Mark Harris, John Brown University
Exegesis and Hermeneutics: Romans 14:14 – 15:3

9:45 Harley Roberts, St. Edward's University
Elizabeth Johnson and Thomas Aquinas: Analogical Names for God

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion

Theme: Artistic Negotiations

Presiding: Allen H. Redmon, Texas A&M University, Central Texas

- 8:30 B.J. Parker, Baylor University
Visualizing the Feminine in Psalms 90, 91, and 92
- 9:00 Matthew Solomon, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
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Theme: International Transformations

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Theme: Cutting Edge Theology

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- 9:40 Joao Chaves, Baptist University of the Americas
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Prayer as Historiography: Another Look at Daniel 9

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Theme: Things People Made: Seals, Pillars, and Locks

Presiding: Adam Dodd, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

- 11:00 Seung Ho Bang, Baylor University
From Finger Impressions to the LMLK Seal Impression: an Evidence of Ancient Israelite Scribal Presence from an Archaeological Perspective

11:30 Jared Chatfield, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Pillared Buildings and City Planning in the Iron II

12:00 Tommas Pace, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
A Typology of Locks and Keys from the Roman Period

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Theme: Corinthian Christians, Magic, Medicine, and Mystery

Presiding: Ben D. Craver, Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio

11:00 Lawrence DiPaolo, Jr., University of St. Thomas School of Theology
"Not many of you were wise": St. Paul and the Philosophical Acumen of the Corinthian Christians

11:30 Karol Chandler-Ezell, Darrel McDonald, Jessica Garza, and Michael Bushee, Stephen F. Austin State University
Magic, Medicine, and Mystery: Anthropology and Geography Students' Investigations into the Scientific Study of Religion

AAR Arts, Literature, and Religion

Theme: Writing Revelation: Exploring the Moment of Creation in Poetry and Prose

Presiding: Ryan Bayless, Texas A&M University, Central Texas

This panel of creative writers—poets and short story writers—will read and discuss their original works through the lens of the creative moment for both writer and reader alike. Detailing the inspiration for the moment of creation in their own works, these writers will also speak about sparking revelation in the minds of their readers.

11:00 Kira Cuipek, Texas A&M University Central Texas

11:30 Dwight A. Gray, Texas A&M University Central Texas

12:00 Ryan Bayless, Texas A&M University Central Texas

AAR: Ethics, Society and Cultural Analysis

Theme: Environmental Ethics

11:00 Giovanni Frigo, University of North Texas
St Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis the First: Recent Implications of Franciscan Thought in Environmental Ethics

11:30 Bidisha Kumar, University of North Texas
Crucial Roles of Mira Behn and Sarala Behn in the Emergence of the Chipko Movement in Uttarakhand Himalaya

12:00 George James, University of North Texas
Environmentalism in the Himalayas: The Activism of Sunderlal Bahuguna

AAR: History of Christianity

Theme: Contested Historical Narratives

- 11:00 Chris Moore, Baylor University
Christ in the Confederacy: Lost Cause Religion in the Works of William W. Bennett and J. William Jones
- 11:30 Michelle Williams, Southern Methodist University
Is Justification Possible When the Sword and the Cross Merge: The Valladolid Debate
- 12:00 Larry McAndrews, St. Norbert College
Before Roe: Richard Nixon, Catholics, and Birth Control

AAR: Philosophy of Religion & Theology

Panel Discussion: Ecumenical Engagement with Aquinas on Charity: Catholic, Lutheran, and Anabaptist Perspectives

John Bishop, Baylor University
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Sam Davidson, Baylor University
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David C. Cramer, Baylor University
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