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AAR-SW – American Academy of Religion SW
ASOR-SW – American Schools of Oriental Research SW
ASSR – Association for the Scientific Study of Religion
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SBL-SW – Society of Biblical Literature SW
DIVERSITY @SWCRS2016

As scholars of religion and of related fields, we raise questions of diversity. We discuss and debate these questions, and we often frame our next study in terms of diversity.

In an intentional way, the 2016 meeting reflects our ongoing scholarly engagement with questions of diversity. Each of the four societies in SWCRS has crafted its program with special sessions that explore diversity issues in that particular discipline. In some cases, “diversity” is in the title, and in others diversity is implicit and rooted deeply.

We invite you to preview the sessions on these pages and participate in them at the SWCRS 2016 meeting. See you there!

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

Date: Friday-Sunday, March 11-13, 2016

Hotel Reservations: Reservations must be made by February 15, 2016. Room rates are $119 (prior to Feb. 15), but much higher if reserved after the deadline. Please make your hotel reservations online using the Marriott link at www.swcrs-online.org. If you make reservations by phone, please mention that you are with SWCRS. The Marriott Hotel-DFW Airport North provides complimentary DFW Airport pickup. For directions to the hotel, see www.swcrs-online.org.

Meeting Registration: All participants (as listed in this program) must register for the meeting by February 11, 2016. Registration through Eventbrite is available online at www.swcrs-online.org and will remain open through the end of the meeting. 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. Mail-in registration must be received by March 6, 2016. Your registration includes coffee and tea breaks, and a reception at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

On-Site Registration: Friday, March 11, 5:30-7:00; Saturday, March 12, 8:30-6:30; Sunday, March 13, 8:30-11:00. On-site and “day-of” registration will be completed online with the assistance of SWCRS staff.

Vouchers: $5 Voucher for Marriott guests to use at the Book Exhibit. With a confirmed stay in the Marriott Hotel-DFW Airport North, participants will receive a complimentary voucher for use onsite. One voucher per guest, regardless of nights stayed. To receive a voucher, all registration costs must be paid.
Friday, March 11

AAR: Regional Development Workshop  BY INVITATION
11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Re-Imagining Our Time Together During and Between Annual Meetings
Presiding: Katherine Downey, Regional Coordinator

Friday Evening, March 11 (7:00-11:00)

7:00-10:00  AAR LEADERSHIP TEAM DINNER  BY INVITATION
Presiding: Katherine Downey, Regional Coordinator

7:00-9:00: NABPR SW Region

8:30-11:00: AAR FILM SCREENING
A Screening and Discussion of “Amazing Grace”
Moderator: Marc DiPaolo, Oklahoma City University

Saturday Morning, March 12 (7:00-10:00)

8:00-10:00: SWCRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

AAR: Gallery Exhibit:
Graven Faith: Visual Explorations in the Theology of Ezekiel and Isaiah
The AAR invites you to explore in the SWCRS hallway the artistic research of B.J. Parker, Baylor University, on the complex theology of two prophets central to the Hebrew Bible.
Saturday Morning, March 12 (10:30-Noon)
(Note ASOR session begins at 10:00)

**SBL: Hebrew Bible I**
Theme: The Construction of Gender
Presiding: Cheryl Strimple, Southern Methodist University

10:30 Sigrid K. Kjaer, The University of Texas at Austin
*Liminal Eunuchs: Structure in the Book of Esther*

11:00 Jillian Nelson, Brite Divinity School
*Killing Cozbi: Gender, Identity, and Violence in Numbers 25*

11:30 Rannfrid Thelle, Wichita State University
*Matrices of Motherhood in Judges 5*

**SBL: Hebrew Bible II**
Theme: The Sages
Presiding: Johnny Miles, Texas Christian University

10:30 Oeyvind Bjoeru, The University of Texas at Austin
*The Ghost of Sages Past*

11:00 Glenn Pemberton, Abilene Christian University
*A Speech about all the Speech about Speech in the book of Proverbs*

11:30 Jack L. Weinbender, The University of Texas at Austin
*Memory and Continuity: Ezra’s Role in Persian Period Yehud*

**SBL: New Testament I**
Theme: Economy and Material Culture
Presiding: Sharon Betsworth, Oklahoma City University

10:30 John Duncan, Baylor University
“No Little Disturbance”: Reading Acts 19:23–27 alongside the Material
Remains from Ephesus and Pompeii

11:00 Ross Ponder, University of Texas at Austin
*Blood, Sweat, and Jeers: A Reexamination of Papyrus 69 (Papyrus Oxyrhynchus 2383)*

11:30 Gilberto Ruiz, Loyola University, New Orleans
*Reading John 2:13–22 in Light of the Jerusalem Temple’s Sacred Economy*
SBL: New Testament II
Theme: Literary Readings of the New Testament
Presiding: Derek Dodson, Baylor University

10:30  Andrew Benko, Brite Divinity School
Pater Impotestas: The Humbled Human Father in Matthew

11:00  Rebecca W. Poe Hays, Baylor University
A Few New Faces: A Study of Characterization in the Song of the Vineyard (Isa 5:1–7) and the Parable of the Wicked Tenants (Mark 12:1–12)

11:30  Warren Carter, Brite Divinity School
Writing A/The Book on God: Constructions of God in the New Testament

ASOR
Theme: Field Reports
Presiding: Tom Davis, Tandy Institute for Archaeology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

10:00  Cameron Coyle, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
The 2015 Season at Tel Gezer

10:30  David Vila, John Brown University
Excavating Abila of the Decapolis: the 2015 Season

11:00  Lucas Grimsley, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
A Preliminary Synthesis of the First Four Seasons of the Kourion Urban Space Project

11:30  Scott Stripling, Wharton County Junior College
Khirbet el-Maqatir: A View from 2015

ASSR
Theme: Consumer Religion, State Endorsed Religion, Origen and Dualism
Presiding: Jon K. Loessin, Wharton County Junior College

10:30  J.B. Watson Jr., Stephen F. Austin State University
The “Divine” Conspiracy or Dining With the Devil: Emerging Countermovements to Consumer Religion Among Evangelicals

11:00  J. David Holcomb, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Legislative Prayers or State Endorsed Religion?: An Analysis of Town of Greece v. Galloway (2014)
11:30  Ben D. Craver, Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio
The Substance of the Matter: Was Origen a Dualist?

**AAR: Art, Literature, and Religion**
Theme: Jewish Identit(ies)
Presiding: Maria Rethelyi, Louisiana State University

10:30  Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma
*So very different, yet not at all: the Juxtaposition of Jewish and Native American Genocides in Sherman Alexie’s Poetry*

11:00  Maria Rethelyi, Louisiana State University
*The Urban Landscape and the Jew: Making of Identity in the Early 20th Century Hungarian Jewish Literature*

11:30  Business Meeting

**AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion**
Theme: Islam in the Modern World
Presiding: Andrew Fort, Texas Christian University

10:30  Yushau Sodiq, Texas Christian University
*Boko Haram: A Byproduct of the War on Terror and Globalization*

11:00  Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University
*Free Speech and the Controversy over the Cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad*

11:30  Discussion

**AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis**
Theme: Pluralism, Multiculturalism, and Diversity in America
Presiding: Paul Martens, Baylor University

10:30  Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University
*Symbolic Multiculturalism in the American Congregation*

10:50  Mary Leah Friedline, Southern Methodist University
*Pluralism as an Approach to Religious Diversity: Defining and Expanding a Familiar Concept*
11:10 Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Mainline Protestant Churches and Resistance to Diversity: Two Case Studies

11:30 Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University
Studying Patanjali’s Yoga Sutras like the Bible in Sunday School: An Analysis of
(Neo)Colonial Reading Strategies in Western Yoga Practice

AAR: History of Christianity
Theme: Church Politics – Christian Engagements with the State
Presiding: Nadia Lahutsky, Texas Christian University

10:30 Paul A. Anthony, Abilene Christian University
“Drenched With Evolution”: The Role of Reuel Lemmons and the Churches of
Christ in the Texas Textbook Controversy of 1964

11:00 Lawrence J. McAndrews, St. Norbert College
Promoting the Poor: Catholics and the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964

11:30 Mary Nickel, Princeton Theological Seminary
Against Rulers and Authorities? A Survey of Various Cuban Conceptions of the
Political Responsibility of the Church

AAR: Philosophy of Religion and Theology
Theme: Grotesque Encounters: An Exploration of African American Religious Experiences
Presiding: Richard Thomas, Texas Christian University

Panelists:
Paul Fucile, Texas Christian University
Gerald Parks, Texas Christian University

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

Lunch specials are available in the Marriott restaurant for SWCRS registrants.

Students are invited to a luncheon featuring speakers on how to maximize
one’s time and energy at a scholarly meeting. The luncheon session is designed
to provide information and orientation for graduate students as well as any
undergraduates attending the meeting. This complimentary luncheon is
hosted by SWCRS in collaboration with your regional AAR, SBL, ASOR and
ASSR. You must select this option on the meeting’s Eventbrite website as
part of your student registration. The last day to register for the luncheon is
March 1, 2016. Space is limited to the first 50 guests.
Saturday Afternoon, March 12 (1:30-3:30)

SBL: Hebrew Bible & Second Temple Judaism (Joint Session)
Theme: On Writing a Feminist Commentary: Authors from the Wisdom Commentary Series
Presiding: Barbara Reid, Catholic Theological Union

1:30 Barbara Reid, Catholic Theological Union
   Introduction

1:40-3:00
The authors on this panel discuss the experience of writing a feminist commentary paired with samples of their work.

1:40 Susanne Scholz, Perkins School of Theology
   1 Samuel

1:55 Wil Gafney, Brite Divinity School
   Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah

2:10 Harold Washington, Saint Paul School of Theology, and Lisa Wolfe, Oklahoma City University
   Ecclesiastes

   5 minute break

2:30 Kelley Coblentz Bautch, St. Edward’s University, and Richard Bautch, St. Edward’s University
   1,2 Maccabees

2:45 Warren Carter, Brite Divinity School
   Mark

3:00 Discussion

SBL: New Testament I
Theme: Pauline Epistles
Presiding: James Thompson, Abilene Christian University

1:30 Christina Bryant, Brite Divinity School
   “Shall I Come at You with a Rod of Discipline or in Love and with a Gentle Spirit?” Violence and Pedagogy in I Corinthians 4:15–21
2:00  Tim Brookins, Houston Baptist University
One Metaphor, Many Voices: Paul, Hierocles, and the Ancient Body Metaphor

2:30  Trevor Thompson, University of Chicago
Intentional Ambiguity: The Rhetoric of 2 Thessalonians

3:00  M. Scott Robertson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Chiastic Structure of 2 Timothy’s Faithful Saying

SBL: New Testament II
Theme: The Gospel According to Matthew
Presiding: Gilberto Ruiz, Loyola University, New Orleans

1:30  Kendra Mohn, Brite Divinity School
A Righteous Man: Joseph’s Masculinity in Matthew’s Gospel

2:00  William Briggs, Baylor University

2:30  Doug Kennard, Houston Graduate School of Theology
Matthew 19:16–20:16 Standard and Poor

3:00  Derek Dodson, Baylor University
The Encomiastic Function of the “Formula Quotations” in Matthew 1–2

ASOR
Theme: Archaeology and Biblical Issues
Presiding: Scott Stripling, Wharton County Junior College

1:30  Charissa Wilson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Iron Age Aphek of 1 Kings 20

2:00  Bruno Soltic, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Revisiting Biblical Bamah/Bamoth: Recent Trends in Biblical Archaeology

2:30  Kristan Foust Ewin, University of North Texas
Crucifixion Terminology among the Early Greeks, Persians, and Local Cultures from 1600 BCE to 330 BCE

3:00  Charles Wilson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Four-room House at Gezer
3:30  *Roundtable Discussion: Engaging Diversity in Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology*
Convener: Tom Davis, Tandy Institute of Archaeology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

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

1:30  John Francis Burke, St. Edward’s University  
*Building Bridges, Not Walls Between Cultures in Congregations*

2:00  Michael Royster, Prairie View A&M University  
*Human Mastery Over Nature*

2:30  Patrick Scott Smith, Independent Scholar, Nixa, Missouri  
*An Inclination Toward the Above and the Architecture of the Ancients*

3:00  Jerry Hopkins, East Texas Baptist University  
*Indian Spiritual Life in Louis L’Amour’s Works*

**AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion**
Theme: Buddhism, Daoism, and Jainism
Presiding: Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

1:30  Jay Valentine, Troy University  
*Translation in Context: Tulku (Nirmāṇakāya) Magical Emanation or Steadfast Incarnation*

2:00  Renée Ford, Rice University  
*The Role of Purification in the Foundational Practices (ngondro) of the Longchen Nyingthig Lineage*

2:30  David A. Schones, Southern Methodist University  
*The Dao of Woman Wisdom: Rereading Femininity at the Intertext of the Book of Proverbs and the* *Dao De Jing*

3:00  Clarissa Pulley, University of North Texas  
*Ecofeminist Care in the Tattvartha Sutra*
AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis
Theme: Hegel’s Dialectic and the Possibility of Social Difference
Presiding: Paul Martens, Baylor University

1:30 Nicholas Krause, Baylor University
Politics and Dispossession: Rowan Williams on Hegel, Pluralism, and Public Life

1:50 Thomas J. Millay, Baylor University
Future of Ethics, Future of Hegel: Reflections on Willis Jenkins and Catharine Malabou

2:10 Laura Lysen, Baylor University
Losing and Finding (and Losing?) the Finite: Hegel, Kierkegaard, and Integrity before the Infinite

2:30 Tyler Davis, Baylor University
Spirit(s) Stripped of Flesh: The Overrepresentation of Transparency in Hegel’s Human

2:50 Cody Strecker, Baylor University
The Mystery of Unity: Communities of Reason, Certainty, and Faith in Hegel and Newman

3:10 Discussion

AAR: History of Christianity
Presiding: Elizabeth Flowers, Texas Christian University

1:30 Panelists: Lisa Barnett, Texas Christian University
Aimee Villarreal, Our Lady of the Lake University
Doug Weaver, Baylor University

Responding: Angela Tarango, Trinity University

3:15 Business Meeting

AAR: Philosophy of Religion & Theology
Theme: Ecclesial Farrago
Presiding: Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma

1:30 Emem Agbiji, University of South Africa
Thinking Outside the Box: Engaging Religion in the African Hospital Space
1:50  Jennifer A. Glancy, Le Moyne College

*What Does Prayer Do?*

2:10  Sam Davidson, Truett Theological Seminary

*In the Quality of a Detective-Inspector: Reflections on Francis Schaeffer’s Critique(s) of Karl Barth*

2:30  Aracely Alcalá, St. Mary's University

*Illustrating the Trajectories Emerging from Hispanic Theologies of Liberation*

3:00  Discussion

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**AAR: Religion & Class**

Theme: Class, Feminism, and Religious Discourse: Responses to *God Loves Diversity and Justice* (edited by Susanne Scholz; Lexington Books, 2013)

Presiding: Katherine Downey, Regional Coordinator

1:30  Susanne Scholz, Perkins School of Theology

*Interdisciplinarity, Feminist Hebrew Bible Hermeneutics, and Class Discussions*

2:00  Joerg Rieger, Perkins School of Theology

*Celebrating Diversity is Not What It’s All About: Intersectionality and Deep Solidarity*

2:30  Jeremy Posadas, Austin College

*A Church for the Working Class? Theological and Practical Perspectives*

3:00  Susanne Johnson, Perkins School of Theology

*Class Dismissed: Gender, Race, Class, and the Retreat from Radical Justice*

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**Saturday Afternoon, March 12 (3:30-4:00)**

**COFFEE BREAK, BOOK EXHIBIT, BALLROOM E**

*Complimentary coffee and tea*
Saturday Afternoon, March 12 (4:00-5:30)

AAR: Presidential Address
Presiding: Katherine Downey, Regional Coordinator
Jens Kreinath, AAR-SW President

Engaging with Diversity in Antioch/Antakya: Shared Pilgrimage Sites and the Veneration of Saints among Jews, Christians, and Muslims

SBL: Hebrew Bible
Theme: The Pedagogy of Teaching Wisdom Literature: From Text (Books) to Class Session and Structure
Presiding: Stephen Reid, George W. Truett Theological Seminary

4:00 Lisa M. Wolfe, Oklahoma City University
Teaching Tips for Wisdom Lit: I-Spy; Imagine the Author; How do you relate?

4:20 Respondent: Claudia Camp, Texas Christian University

4:30 Robert Williamson Jr., Hendrix College
Teaching Job through Literature and Film

4:50 Respondent: Mark W. Hamilton, Abilene Christian University

5:00 Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University
Teaching Wisdom Literature Contextually to Undergraduate Bible Majors

5:20 Respondent: Jan Quesada, Texas Christian University
**SBL: New Testament**
Presiding: Doug Kennard, Houston Graduate School of Theology

4:00 Amanda Brobst-Renaud, Baylor University  
*The Scoundrel, the Miser, and their Patron (Luke 15:11–32)*

4:30 Christopher Graham, Criswell College  
*Luke’s Paradise of Today: Expectation and Fulfillment of an Apocalyptic Return to Paradise*

5:00 Sharon Betsworth, Oklahoma City University  
*Doulē and Paidiskē: Female Servants and Slaves in the Writings of Luke*

**ASSR**
Theme: Postmodern Prophets, Spiritualism Revisited
Presiding: Ben D. Craver, Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio

4:00 Jon K. Loessin, Wharton County Junior College  
*A New Theory of Everything: The Postmodern Prophets and the Paradox of Freedom*

4:30 Todd Jay Leonard, Fukuoka University of Education, Japan  
*Spiritualism Revisited: A Report on the Status of Spiritualist Camps and Churches throughout the United States*

5:00 Business Meeting

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**Saturday Evening, March 12 (5:30-6:30)**

**RECEPTION**
Registrants will receive a ticket for the reception; complimentary food and beverage will be served.

Announcement of 2015 Awards

Presiding: James Thompson, Abilene Christian University  
SWCRS President
Saturday Evening, March 12 (6:30-8:30)

**SBL: Plenary Address**

Presiding: Jo Ann Hackett, University of Texas at Austin  
President, SBL-SW  
Margaret M. Mitchell, University of Chicago

*Tiny Text, Great Benefit: John Chrysostom’s Two Homilies on Romans 16:3 and the Defense of the Trivial in Scripture*

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**ASSR**  
Theme: Religious Ethnomineralogy, God and Intimacy, Billy Graham, Evolution at Dartmouth, Neuroethicism  
Presiding: Todd Jay Leonard, Fukuoka University of Education, Japan

6:30 Karol Chandler-Ezell, Stephen F. Austin State University  
*The Magic and Mystery of Jewels and Charms: A Look at Religious Ethnomineralogy*

7:00 Meagan M. Mosier, University of Arkansas  
*Married to God: Intimacy Between Creator and Created*

7:30 Elliot Berger, Rice University  
*My Answer: Billy Graham’s Role in 1950’s Gender Politics*

8:00 Andrew Kim, Baylor University  
*A Test of Wills: William Patten’s Teaching of Evolution at Dartmouth and the Response of William Jennings Bryan*

8:30 Taylor Lawson, St. Edward's University  
*Neuroethicism within Pauline Dualism*
AAR: Special Session
Theme: Literary and Religious Studies Scholars Read Together -- Faulkner’s “That Evening Sun,” A Socratic Seminar
Presiding: Katherine Downey, Regional Coordinator, and B.J. Parker, Student Director

The session features panels of literary studies scholars, all from the Hockaday School, and religious studies scholars, all from Baylor University, in dialogue.

AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis
Theme: Diversity and the Other
Presiding: Whitney Cox

6:30 Elizabeth Kincaid, University of Notre Dame
**Resistance of Obedience: Seeking New Modes for Legal Engagement in a Diverse World**

7:00 Jack Hill, Texas Christian University
**Diversity and the Enlightenment: Adam Ferguson’s Engagement with the Moral Ethos of “the Other”**

7:30 Clarissa Pulley, University of North Texas
**Ecofeminist Care in the Tattvartha Sutra**

8:00 Discussion

AAR: History of Christianity
Theme: Christian Hate – The Dynamics of Condemnation in Reformation Christianity
Presiding: Justin Michael Doran, University of Texas

6:30 Christopher Moore, Baylor University
**For Queen and Congregation: Robert Browne’s Hate-Love Relationship with the Established Church**

7:00 Joshua Caleb Smith, Baylor University
**The Providence in our Stars: John Calvin on Astrology**

7:30 James Weatherford, The University of Texas at Dallas
**The De-Judaization of Saint Paul in Martin Luther’s On the Jews and their Lies**

8:00 Discussion
**AAR: Philosophy of Religion and Theology**  
Theme: Issues of Epistemology  
Presiding: Jennifer Glancy, Le Moyne College

6:30 M Derek Estes, Abilene Christian University  
*Moral Virtue and Knowledge of God: Recent Developments in Epistemology and their Impact on Interdisciplinary Possibilities in the Philosophy of Religion*

7:00 Doug Kennard, Houston Graduate School of Theology  
*Lukan Historiography and the Epistemology of Gospel Proclamation*

7:30 Discussion

**AAR: Ritual Studies**  
Theme: Engaging in the Diversity of Religious Traditions  
Presiding: Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

6:30 Christina Wood, University of Arkansas  
*“O God, Can You Love Me and My Freedom Both”: Women in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*

6:50 Meagan M. Mosier, University of Arkansas  
*My Blood, My Brother, My Rival, My Ruin*

7:10 Jacob McCrary, University of Arkansas  
*A Walk in the Fires of Love: Show Love to All, Love Only One*

7:30 Peyton Watts, University of Arkansas  
*Jihad: For the Qur’an Tells Me So: The Mystical Journey of Jihad al-Akbar*

7:50 Discussion

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**Saturday Evening, March 12 (8:00-9:30)**

IBR: Institute for Biblical Research  
Research Papers and Discussion
Saturday Evening, March 12 (8:30-10:00)

SBL: Hebrew Bible
Theme: Psalms and Solomon
Presiding: Dustin Naegle, Texas Christian University

8:30 Meigs Turgeon, St. Edward’s University
Revisiting the Psalms of Lament: How Disability Hermeneutics Inform a Faith Response to Depression

9:00 Bryan Bogue, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Sowing Seeds of Doubt: A Literary Examination of Solomon's Succession in 1 Kings 1.

9:30 Lacy K. Crocker, Baylor University
A Violent Invitation to Zion: Psalm 76

Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour:
DST begins March 13, 2016

Sunday Morning, March 13 (7:30-8:30)

7:30 Business Meetings (ASOR and SBL)

AAR: Business Meeting
Presiding: Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
Regional Coordinator: Katherine Downey

BOOK EXHIBITS OPEN
Sunday, 8:30-12:30
Please visit the publishers’ displays in Ballroom E
Sunday Morning, March 13 (8:30-10:30)

**SBL: Second Temple Judaism**
Presiding: Annelies Moeser and Ariel Feldman, Brite Divinity School

8:30  Ryan E. Stokes, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
*The Origin of Evil in the Dead Sea Scrolls*

9:00  Anna M. Bowden, Brite Divinity School  
*“Your Penal Code is Showing: Queer Fear in 1QS”*

10:00 Daniel R. Streett, Houston Baptist University  
*“The Ways of Paradise”: Pseudo-Philo’s Reception of the Biblical Festivals*

10:30  G. Anthony Keddie, The University of Texas at Austin  
*The Lives of the Prophets and the Burials of Jewish Elites: Class Distinctions at the Intersection of Text and Archaeology*

**SBL: Hebrew Bible**
Theme: The Prophets  
Presiding: Rannfrid Thelle, Wichita State University

8:30  John T. Willis, Abilene Christian University  
*Hosea’s Strange Similes and Metaphors of Yahweh*

9:00  David L. Sobey, The University of Texas at Austin  
*Nothings of the Earth: A Case for Paronomasia in Isaiah 45*

9:30  Nicholas R. Werse, Baylor University  
*Intertextuality and the Problematic Tripartite Structure of the Book of Zephaniah*

10:00 Stuart Lasine, Wichita State University  
*At Sea in Yahweh’s World: Life as a Voyage in Jonah and the Psalms*

**SBL: New Testament**
Theme: Israelite Symbolism and the New Testament  
Presiding: Trevor Thompson, University of Chicago

8:30  David Ritsema, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute  
*The Divine Messiah: Does John’s Portrait of a Son of God, Messiah in John 20:30–31 Draw on a Jewish Messianic Expectation of a Supernatural Figure?*
9:00  Jeremiah Bailey, Baylor University  
*The Light of the World: Jesus as Eschatological High Priest in the Gospel of John*

9:30  Nathan Hays, Baylor University  
*Greater than Jacob: The Johannine Community and the Samaritans in Dialogue*

10:00  David Burnett, Criswell College  
*A Neglected Deuteronomic Scriptural Matrix to the Nature of the Resurrection Body in 1 Cor 15:39–42?*

**ASOR**  
Theme: Historiography  
Presiding: Lucas Grimsley, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

8:30  Rannfrid Thelle, Wichita State University  
*Archaeology in Jerusalem: the Challenge of Inclusive Historiography*

9:00  Benjamin Ioset, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  

10:00  Tom Davis, Tandy Institute of Archaeology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
*George McFadden at Kourion: The Golden Age of “Amateur Archaeology”*

**ASSR**  
Theme: “Gypsy” Religious Marginalization, Stormfront, Double Standard of Women of Faith, Mother-Father God  
Presiding: Jeter Basden, Baylor University

8:30  Michael Andrews, Stephen F. Austin State University  
*“Gypsy” Religious Marginalization in the United States*

9:00  Dianne Dentice, Stephen F. Austin State University  
*Stormfront Goes To War with the Book of Esther*

9:30  Claire E. Williamson, University of Arkansas  
*Cover Yourself and Cover Your Feelings: The Double Standard of Women of Faith*

10:00  James Douglass Williams and Sandra Dutreau Williams, Independent Scholars, Perkins, Oklahoma  
*The Rise and Fall of Mother-Father God*
AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion
Theme: Roundtable Discussion of Evan Thompson’s *Waking, Dreaming, Being: Self and Consciousness in Neuroscience, Meditation, and Philosophy* (Columbia University Press, 2014)
Presiding: Yushau Sodiq, Texas Christian University

Panelists:
Bill Barnard, Southern Methodist University
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Renee Ford, Rice University
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AAR: History of Christianity
Theme: Innovative Approaches to the History of Christianity
Presiding: Scott Langston, Texas Christian University

9:00 Michel Sunhae Lee, University of Texas
*Cooking for the Sabbath: Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbatarianism and Health Reform (1863-1915)*

9:30 Jeffrey Scott McIlwain, San Diego State University
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10:00 Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University
*An Iconic Identity: the Contested Role of Duke University Chapel in a Secular and Interreligious Community*

AAR: Philosophy of Religion and Theology
Theme: Feminist Theologies and Religious Experience
Presiding: Daniel W. Houck, Southern Methodist University

8:30 David Mahfood, Southern Methodist University
*Justice for the Wronged in Satisfaction Accounts of Atonement*

9:00 Daniel W. Houck, Southern Methodist University
*Sin Sans Superbia: Aquinas as a Resource for Feminist Hamartiology*

9:30 Mary Leah Friedline, Southern Methodist University
*Approaching Religious Difference: Considerations for a Feminist Theology of Religion*
**AAR Special Session**
Theme: SWCRS Junior Scholar Presentations & Senior Scholar Response
Presiding: Katherine Downey, Regional Coordinator

8:30 Marc DiPaolo, Oklahoma City University
*Religion and Ecology in Climate Fiction from the Inklings to Game of Thrones*

9:00 Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma
*Response*

9:30 Santiago Piñón, Texas Christian University
*Illusions of Equality: Augustine and Donatus Insinuations in Ferguson*

10:00 Stacy Patty, Lubbock Christian University
*Response*

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

8:30 Brady Schuh, St. Edward’s University
*Queering the Eschaton: An Exploration of the Pauline and Deutero-Pauline Eschatology through the Lens of Queer Theology*

8:55 John Hiller, Oklahoma City University
*Depravity and Prevenient Grace: John Wesley’s Understanding of Original Sin*

9:20 Raymond Huerta, University of Texas at Austin
*Church under the Bridge: The Transformation of Public Space from Secular to Sacred*

9:45 Ana Avalos, St. Edward’s University
*Tlecuahtlacupeuh: Mother of All*

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**Sunday Morning, March 13 (10:30-11:00)**

**COFFEE BREAK, BOOK EXHIBIT, BALLROOM E**

Complimentary coffee and tea
Sunday Morning, March 13 (11-12:30)

SBL: Presidential Address
Presiding: David Moessner, Texas Christian University
Jo Ann Hackett, University of Texas at Austin

_Wheels within Wheels: The Book of Ruth_

ASSR
Theme: _Jihad and the Qur’an, Prayer and Quality of Life_
Presiding: J. David Holcomb, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

11:00  Peyton Watts, University of Arkansas
  _Jihad: For the Qur’an Tells Me So. The Mystical Journey of Jihad al-Akbar_

11:30  Ann Reed Wilder, Stephen F. Austin State University; Lucas Enrique Espinoza, Texas Woman's University
  _Influence of Prayer on Depression and Quality of Life in Later Adulthood; Respondent Diversity Based on Age, Gender, Race and Socio-economic Factors_

AAR: Art, Literature, and Religion
Theme: Visualizing Diversity
Presiding: J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University

11:00  J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University
  _Knights of Faith: Religion as Creativity in the Thought of Kierkegaard and the Art of Jim Harvey_

11:30  Darren Middleton, Texas Christian University
  _Visualizing Rastafari History_

12:00  B.J. Parker, Baylor University
  _Re-membering Lady Zion: A Visual Reading of Isaiah 49: 14-26_
AAR: History of Christianity
Theme: Diverse Engagements in Ancient and Medieval Christianity
Presiding: Ross Ponder, University of Texas

11:00 Andrew Benko, Brite Divinity School
Reading Ignatius in the City of Artemis

11:30 Jesse Hoover, Baylor University
The Bishop and the Renegade: Augustine’s Perception of Tyconius the Donatist

12:00 Laura Locke Estes, Abilene Christian University
Angels and Kings: Reworking Revelation 9:13-16 in a Syriac Christian Apocalyptic Response to Islam

AAR: Philosophy of Religion and Theology
Theme: Topics in 21st Century Philosophy of Religion
Presiding: Dan Stiver, Hardin Simmons University

11:00 Dan Stiver, Hardin Simmons University
Naming the Whirlwind—Again: Langdon Gilkey Redivivus

11:20 Jenny Veninga, St. Edward’s University
Loving the Ones We See: Kierkegaard’s Neighbor-Love and the Politics of Pluralism

11:40 Mathew Crawford, Baylor University
Stanley Hauerwas and Stanley Cavell: Community and Isolation

12:00 Discussion

AAR: Ritual Studies
Theme: Ethnographic Research on Religious Diversity
Presiding: Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

11:00 Spencer L. Allen, University of Arkansas
The Rise of the Benton County Interfaith Alliance

11:20 John Arierhi Ottuh
Engaging With Diversity in Nigeria for Peaceful Coexistence: Diverse Religious Engagements

11:40 Bryant Jacobs, Wichita State University
(Counter) Discursive Frame of Rituals: The Continuity, Innovations, and Inventions of Ritual Practice during the Gezi Park Uprising

12:00 Discussion
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