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March 9-11, 2018
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ASSR – Association for the Scientific Study of Religion
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The phenomenon of religious experience in its many varieties has given rise to a proliferation of diverse and methodologically innovative studies over the past decade. Drawing on insights from anthropology, sociology, social memory theory, and cognitive science, scholars are exploring a range of religious phenomena including worship, public reading, ritual, ecstasy, mystical ascent, and the transformation of gender and of emotions. This year’s meeting highlights the role of experience in constructions of religion. We invite you to preview the sessions on these pages and participate in them at SWCRS 2018. 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 9-11, 2018

**Hotel Reservations:** Reservations must be made by **February 14, 2018**. Room rates are $122 (prior to Feb. 14), but much higher if reserved after the deadline. Please make your hotel reservations online using the Marriott link at [www.swcrs-online.org](http://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](http://www.swcrs-online.org).

**Meeting Registration:** All participants (as listed in this program) must register for the meeting by **February 9, 2018**. Registration through Eventbrite is available online at [www.swcrs-online.org](http://www.swcrs-online.org) and will remain open through the end of the meeting. Mail-in registration must be received by March 2, 2018. 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, as well as a reception at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

**On-Site Registration:** Friday, March 9, 5:30-7:00; Saturday, March 10, 8:30-6:30; Sunday, March 11, 8:30-11:00. On-site and “day-of” registration will be completed online with the assistance of SWCRS staff.

**Vouchers:** There is a $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 9

1:00-5:00: AAR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP, ARLINGTON

Friday Evening, March 9 (7:00-9:00)

7:00-9:00: NABPR SW REGION, IRVING II-III

7:00-8:30: AAR: SONIC RELIGION! SALON CD
Join us for an evening of roots and rap as TCU religion graduates Keegan McInroe and Ben Taylor showcase their Texas-based music and writing, followed by an audience Q&A, moderated by Darren J. N. Middleton.

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

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

8:30-10:00: NABPR SW REGION, SALON F
Saturday Morning, March 10 (10:30-Noon)

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Salon B
Theme: Studies in Kings
Presiding: Timothy J. Sandoval, Brite Divinity School

10:30 J. Daniel Hays, Ouachita Baptist University
*An Inter-textual, Narrative Comparison of Solomon’s Construction of the Temple in 1 Kings 6-7 with Moses’ Construction of the Tabernacle in Exodus 35-40*

11:00 Doug Durham, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
*Ahab’s Judgment against Himself in 1 Kings 20*

Theme: Gospels
Presiding: Andy Arterbury, Truett Seminary, Baylor University

10:30 Gregory M. Barnhill, Baylor University
*Jesus as Spirit-Filled Warrior and Mark’s Functional Pneumatology*

11:00 Bill Heroman, St. Mary’s University, Twickenham
*Not Yet an Ethnarch: Temporal Context and Dramatic Irony in Matthew 2:22*

11:30 S. Matthew Solomon, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
*The Sermon on the Mount and Q: An Exploration into Orality and Written Documents*

SBL: New Testament II, Salon D
Theme: Second Century Christianity
Presiding: Warren Carter, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University

10:30 Jeremiah Bailey, Baylor University
*1 Clement and the New Testament Canon: A Call to Reassess the Evidence*

11:00 Christopher Redmon, Ouachita Baptist University
*Remembering Barnabas: Paul’s Associate in the Pseudo-Clementines and “Orthodox” Church*

11:30 Ken Holder, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
*Tertullian and Women*
ASOR, Salon A
Theme: Iron Age
Presiding: Chad Spigel, Trinity University

10:30 Clay Carpenter, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
*Chariots at the Gates? A Re-examination of Chambered Gates in the Southern Levant*

11:00 Kaz Hayashi, Baylor University
*Lions and Cattle and Cherubim Oh My! The Three Creatures Adorning the Solomonic Temple’s Bronze Stands*

11:30 Cameron Coyle, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
*So Solomon Rebuilt Gezer: The Rise and Fall of Solomon’s Gezer*

ASSR, Salon C
Theme: Religion of All Kinds
Presiding: Jon K. Loessin, Wharton County Junior College

10:30 J.B. Watson, Jr., Stephen F. Austin State University
*Civil Religion and the Schism Among Evangelicals Regarding Political Action in U.S. Politics: “Idolatry of the State” Versus “God and Country”*

11:00 Claire E. Williamson, University of Arkansas
*The Church and The State: Islam and The Cultures Surrounding It*

11:30 Chuck Pitts, Houston Graduate School of Theology
*From Jim Crow to Bonhoeffer to Holocaust: Lynching, Harlem Renaissance, Holocaust, and Racial Healing*

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion, Salon H
Theme: Contemporary Issues in the African American Church
Presiding: Nadria Robinson, Prairie View A&M University

10:30 Lauren Smith-Carter, Prairie View A&M University
*Getting Back to the Basics: The Effects of Religious Hip Hop in African American Youth Subcultures*

11:00 Nadria Robinson, Prairie View A&M University
*Come As You Are: The Intergeneration Divider within the African American Church and Community*
11:30 Shyquinshala Walker, Prairie View A&M University
The Efficacy of Spirituality and Faith-Based Resources in Treating Clinical Depression within the African American Context

\AAR: Class Studies in Religion, Fort Worth
Theme: Intersections of Religion, Class, and Reproductive Rights
Presiding: Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University

10:30 Michael Royster, Prairie View A&M University
Political Disenfranchisement as a Breach in American Civil Religion: The Unfinished Business of the Civil Rights Movement

11:00 Laulie Eckeberger, University of Winchester
Throwing Off the Yoke: Women’s Bodies and Economic Justice

11:30 Julie Morris, Duke Divinity School
Christian Supremacy, Capitalism, and the Idolization of the Married Couple

\AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion, Southlake
Theme: Roundtable Discussion of Jeffrey Kripal’s Comparing Religions
Presiding: Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

Panelists:
Bill Barnard, Southern Methodist University
Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University
Chad Pevateaux, Texas Wesleyan University
Jeffrey Kripal, Rice University

\AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis, Salon G
Theme: Say No More: A Theological Response to Harmful Rhetoric, Past and Present
Presiding: Paul Martens, Baylor University

Panelists:
Gary Green, Brite Divinity School
Kamilah Hall Sharp, Brite Divinity School
Richard Thomas, Texas Christian University
Rodney A. Thomas Jr., Independent Researcher
AAR: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality, Westlake
Theme: Ancient Understandings, Modern Contexts
Presiding: Whitney Cox, University of Houston

10:30 Stephanie Townes, Brazosport College
Singleness and Theology: How to Not Make God in Our Own (married) Image

11:00 Yanchao Zhang, University of Florida
Confucian Construction of the Goddess, Mazu

AAR: Theology, Irving II
Theme: The Art of Theology
Presiding: Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

10:30 Victor Austin Lee, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas
Theology for Christian People: Using Herbert McCabe

11:00 Andrew Hay, Denver Seminary
The Culture of Christian Theology

11:30 Rachel Toombs, Baylor University
The Naked Voice and the Wounded Word: Jean-Louis Chrétien on the Vulnerability of Prayer

Saturday, March 10, 12:00-1:30
Lunch is available in the Marriott restaurant for SWCRS registrants

Luncheon for Students - Students are invited to a luncheon featuring speakers who will suggest ways to maximize one's time and energy at a scholarly meeting. This luncheon is hosted by SWCRS in collaboration with your regional AAR, SBL, ASOR and ASSR. These organizations subsidize the lunch so that the cost to the student is $8. To attend, 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, 2018. Space is limited to the first 40 guests.

Please visit the publishers’ displays in Ballroom E
Saturday Afternoon, March 10 (1:30-3:30)

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament I, Salon I
Theme: Judges and Samuel
Presiding: Mark W. Hamilton, Abilene Christian University

1:30    Chwi Woon Kim, Baylor University
        *Victimized Women in the Book of Judges: an Intertextual Reading of Sisera’s Mother and Abimelech’s Mother*

2:00    Joshua Heavin, Trinity College, Bristol
        *Covenant Participation in Deuteronomy and Covenant Renewal in Israel’s Scriptures*

2:30    Jan Quesada, Texas Christian University
        *Is David, Too, among the Prophets? A Study of 2 Samuel 23:1-7*

3:00    Lacy Crocker, Baylor University
        *The Story of Endor: A Tense Disruption and a Downward Spiral*

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament II, Irving I
Theme: Psalms and Wisdom
Presiding: W.H. Bellinger, Baylor University

1:30    John T. Willis, Abilene Christian University
        *Metaphors of Gold and Silver in the Psalms*

2:00    Kipp Swinney, Baylor University
        *Bending the Bow of Bronze: Understanding Psalm 18:35 [34] from the Perspective of Yahweh as a Warrior and the Royal Hero as a Divinely Empowered Agent*

2:30    Yong Hyun Cho, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
        *The Characterization of the Rich (ʿāšîr) as Moral Agents in the Book of Proverbs*

3:00    Marcus Hayes, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
        *“Who Knows If the Spirit of Humans Goes Upward...?”: Death and Hellenistic Individualism in Qohelet*
SBL: New Testament, Salon G
Theme: History of Interpretation
Presiding: Daniel R. Streett, Houston Baptist University

1:30  Warren Carter, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
      *The Call of Matthew according to... A History of Interpretation Approach*

2:00  Trevor Thompson, University of Chicago and Calvin College
      *When Paul Had a Wife: Patristic Interpretation and Interpretative Imagination*

2:30  Viktor Roudkovski, LeTourneau University
      *Teaching the Life of Christ with Orthodox Iconography*

3:00  Werner Kelber, Rice University
      *The “Gutenberg Galaxy” and the Historical Study of the New Testament*

Theme: Jewish, Christian, Other — Discerning Religious Identities in the Second Century and Beyond
Presiding: Shelly Matthews, Texas Christian University

1:30  Jill Hicks-Keeton, University of Oklahoma
      *Joseph and Aseneth*

2:00  Kelley Coblentz Bautch, St. Edward’s University
      *The Parables of Enoch*

2:30  Shira Lander, Southern Methodist University
      *Identifying Artifacts from North Africa*

3:00  Cavan Concannon, University of Southern California, Respondent

ASOR, Salon A
Theme: Eastern Mediterranean Cities in the Roman Period
Presiding: Clay Carpenter, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

1:30  Rebecca Leavell-Kizzia, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
      *The Role of the Christian Church in the Reconstruction of Kourion*

2:00  Ann Morgan, Parish Episcopal School
      *Holding out for a Hero: Competitive Gift-giving on the Sacred Way of Ephesus*

2:30  Terrence Nichols, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
      *Herodium— The Likely Resting Place of Herod: A Reply to Patrich and Arubas*
ASSR, Salon C
Theme: Social Themes, John, and Satan
Presiding: J.B. Watson, Jr., Stephen F. Austin State University

1:30  Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University
      Poverty in the Midst of Affluence in the Twenty-first Century U.S.: A Social
      Scientific Critique of the Theodicy of Suffering

2:00  Karol A. Chandler-Ezell, Stephen F. Austin State University
      Environmental Warnings or Coded Morality and Religious Fears? The Adaptive
      Function of Tales Told to Children

2:30  Jerry Summers, East Texas Baptist University
      Intimations of Neo-Copernicanism in the Johannine Christianity of the New
      Thinkers

3:00  Dianne E. Dentice, Stephen F. Austin State University
      The Synagogue of Satan: A Case Study in Anti-Semitism

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion, Salon D
Theme: Review of Erin A. Smith, What Would Jesus Read?: Popular Religious Books and
       Everyday Life in Twentieth-Century America
Presiding: Darren J. N. Middleton, Texas Christian University

1:30  Elesha Coffman, Baylor University
1:50  Katharine Batlan, University of Texas at Austin
2:10  Courtney Pace, Memphis Theological Seminary
2:30  Erin A. Smith, University of Texas at Dallas
2:50  Discussion

AAR: Class Studies in Religion, Arlington
Theme: Teaching Identity Politics in Religion during an Age of Authoritarianism
Presider: Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University

Panelists:  Wil Gafney, Brite Divinity School
           Rannfrid I. Thelle, Wichita State University
           Tamara Lewis, Southern Methodist University
           Stephen Reid, George W. Truett Seminary, Baylor University
AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion, Fort Worth
Theme: Women and Islam
Presiding: Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

1:30 Abla Hasan, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
*The Queen of Sheba: Would Rethinking the Qur’anic Story Support Female Public Leadership in Islam?*

1:45 Rima Abunasser, Texas Christian University
*Gender, Faith, and the Syrian Refugee Crisis*

2:00 Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University
*Rethinking Women in the Qur’an After the Biblical Turn*

2:15 Yushau Sodiq, Texas Christian University
*Muslim Women: Their Neglected Contributions*

2:30 Discussion

AAR: Philosophy of Religion, Irving II
Theme: Epistemology, Piety, and Perspective
Presiding: Kandace Geldmeier, Syracuse University

1:30 Brooks Morton, Butler Community College
*Epistemology of Combat: Krishna’s Imperatives that Re-Conceptualize a Warrior’s Perception of Killing on the Battlefield*

2:00 Michael Reardon, University of Toronto
*Glimpses of the Divine: Exploring Pietistic Motivations in Leibniz’s Theodicy*

2:30 Jacob Brunton, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
*First-person Discernability, Desideratum, and the Epistemologist’s Perspective*

3:00 Dorris Carcamo, St. Edward’s University
*Our Lady of Guadalupe and Mexican Culture*

AAR: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality, Salon H
Theme: Christianity Today
Presiding: Whitney Cox, University of Houston

1:30 Julie Morris, Duke Divinity School
*Jesus the White Male Hetero-patriarch: Representations of Pop-Culture Jesus in Cinema*
2:00  Danielle Theiss Dion, University of St. Mary  
Unity’s “Motherhood Department”: A Monthly Religious Magazine Advice Column on Sexuality, Maternity, and Childbirth

2:30  Ronald Lorenzo, Prairie View A&M  
The McDonaldization of Sainthood: The Standardization of the Canonization Process in the Roman Catholic Church

3:00  Whitney Cox, University of Houston  
Trouble at the ‘Crossroads’: Divisions Over the Use of Religious Symbols as AIDS Memorials in Houston, 1991

AAR: Theta Alpha Kappa, Irving III  
Theme: Topics in Undergraduate Research  
Presider: Jenny Veninga, St. Edward’s University

1:30  Bailey Allegro, St. Edward’s University  
The Trimurti of Hanuman: God, Mediator, and Hero in Epic and Temple Traditions of Banaras, India

2:00  Christine Lockridge, Wayland Baptist University  
Genesis 1:26-30: Rhetoric that Formed the Identity of a Nation: Breaking the Slave Mentality

2:30  Madeline Smith, St. Edward’s University  
The Company of St. Ursula and Female Religious Engagement in the Pre-Tridentine Church

3:00  Christopher Walker, St. Edward’s University  
Deciphering Psalm 1: Understanding Jerome’s Translations

Saturday Afternoon, March 10 (4:00-5:30)

Coffee Break, Book Exhibit Ballroom E

Complimentary coffee and tea
Saturday Afternoon, March 10 (4:00-5:30)

AAR Plenary Panel: Reflections on Retirement, Ballroom F

Presiding: Paul Martens, Baylor University
Moderator: C. Mackenzie Brown, Trinity University (almost retired)
Panelists:
Paula Cooey, Macalester College (retired 2015)
Joseph B. Tyson, Southern Methodist University (retired 1998)
William O. Walker, Jr., Trinity University (retired 2002)
Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University (retired 2017)

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament I, Salon I
Theme: Prophets and Prophecy
Presiding: Wil Gafney, Brite Divinity School

4:00 Mark W. Hamilton, Abilene Christian University
History Among the Cedars: Hosea 14:2-9 as Metahistoriography

4:30 Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University
Why the Sages’ Interest in Prophecy in Sirach (e.g., 39:1) Is Not New

5:00 Nicholas R. Werse and Kevin Scott, Baylor University
Prophets in Dialogue: Echoes of Joel in Amos 4:6-11

SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament II, Salon J
Theme: Material and Conceptual Studies
Presiding: J. Daniel Hays, Ouachita Baptist University

4:00 Lisa Wolfe, Oklahoma City University
Dead Sea Scroll Fragment of Psalm 11:1-4: A Pedagogical Research Project

4:30 Adam Harger, Houston Baptist University
Comparative Studies and the Problem of Significance

5:00 Joey Woo, Dallas Theological Seminary
Paronomastic Infinitive Absolute in Ugaritic: Revisiting Its Form and Function (in Comparison with Hebrew)
Presiding: Curt Niccum, Abilene Christian University

4:00  Jin-Young Kim, University of Texas at Austin
      *The Literary Role of “God-Fearers” in Acts: God-Fearers as a Lukan Device for Stressing the Non-Ethnic Communal Identity*

4:30  Andy Arterbury, Truett Seminary, Baylor University
      *Recalling the Mount of Olives: Sleeping and Praying in Acts 12:1–17*

5:00  James C. Henriques, University of Texas at Austin
      *Pay No Attention to that Man Behind the Curtain: Magic and Miracle as Religious Propaganda in Luke-Acts and the Second Sophistic*

SBL: New Testament II, Irving II
Theme: Topics in and around New Testament Studies
Presiding: Mark Goodwin, University of Dallas

4:00  David B. Capes, Wheaton College
      *The Place of Jesus in Biblical Exegesis*

4:30  R. Warren Johnson, East Texas Baptist University
      *Hearing the Gospel in the Hinterlands*

5:00  Ryan Austin Fitzgerald, University of Texas at Austin
      *Synagogues and Symbiosis: The Synagogue Community of Acmonia*

ASSR, Irving III
Theme: The Postmodern Gospel and the Heritage of Spiritualism
Presiding: Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University

4:00  Jon K. Loessin, Wharton County Junior College
      *Parables in the Book of Malcolm: Lowry’s Under the Volcano as a Postmodern Gospel*

4:30  Todd Jay Leonard, Fukuoka University of Education, Japan, and J. P. Hall, Ball State University
      *Safeguarding America’s Religious Past through Active Preservation Efforts: Sustaining and Maintaining Spiritualism’s Rich Heritage through the Brick and Mortar Conservation of Historic Camp Chesterfield--A Case Study*

5:00  Business Meeting
ASOR, Salon H
Theme: Interpreting Stone Reliefs and Inscriptions
Presiding: Marcella Barbosa, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

4:00 Lauren King, Southern Methodist University
An Alternative View on the Roll-Brimmed Hat

4:30 Steve Ortiz and Steve Gilbert, Tandy Institute for Archaeology
Christianity on the Silk Road: The Tandy Excavations at Ushural Ilyn Balik

Saturday Evening, March 10 (5:30-6:30), Ballroom E

RECEPTION

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

Announcement of 2018 Awards

Presiding: Renate Viveen Hood, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
SWCRS President

Saturday Evening, March 10 (6:30-8:30)

SBL: Plenary Address, Ballroom F

Presiding: Todd Still, Truett Seminary, Baylor University
President, SBL-SW

Laura Salah Nasrallah, Harvard Divinity School

Rethinking History: Obelisks, Statues, and the Letter to the Romans
ASSR, Irving III
Theme: Creation and Evolution, Grandparenting, and Dual Identity
Presiding: Claire E. Williamson, University of Arkansas

6:30 Ann Reed Wilder, Stephen F. Austin State University
Grandparenting: Intergenerational Stories of Religion, Wisdom and Gerotranscendence

7:00 Nicholas Elliott, Stephen F. Austin State University
Pokémon and Astro Boy: The Formation of a Religious Dual Identity Through Japanese Manga

AAR: Gatherings for Conversation

Theme 1: Welcoming Scholars to the Region and Telling Our Story/ies
Facilitator (and guide to South Indian Food): Mark Dennis (m.dennis@tcu.edu)
Venue: Pasand Indian Cuisine, Irving (http://www.pasandrestaurant.com/)

Theme 2: Neoliberalism in Religious Studies and Higher Education
Facilitator (and guide to what’s cool in Dallas): Susanne Scholz (sscholz@mail.smu.edu)
Venue: The Skellig, Dallas (https://www.theskelligdallas.com/)

Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour:
DST begins March 11, 2018

Sunday Morning, March 11 (7:30-8:30)

7:00-8:15 AAR: Business Meeting, Salon D
Presiding: Paul Martens, Baylor University

7:30 ASOR: Business Meeting, Irving III

7:30 SBL-SW: Business Meeting, Salon B
SBL: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Salon I
Theme: Torah: Law and Instruction
Presiding: Jan Quesada, Texas Christian University

8:30 Andrew Giorgetti, Fuller Theological Seminary
*Constructing Rhetoric in the Priestly Creation Story: Genesis 1-2:4a in Light of ANE Building Ideology*

9:00 Tyler Mowry, Baylor University
*Job 9 in Light of Ancient Near Eastern Juridical Practices*

9:30 Kerry Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary
*May Your Children Be Like Isaac: Reading Isaac on the Autistic Spectrum*

SBL: Second Temple Judaism, Irving II
Presiding: Joseph McDonald, Texas Christian University

8:30 Ryan Stokes, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
*How Satan Became the Accuser*

9:00 Joshua Heavin, Trinity College, Bristol
*Covenant Participation in Deuteronomy and Second Temple Judaism*

9:30 Jill Hicks-Keeton, University of Oklahoma
*From Maccabees to Paul: Diasporic Imaginaries in Hellenistic Judaism*

10:00 Nathan Hays, Baylor University
*The Josephan Daniel and the Jewish Food Laws*

SBL: New Testament I, Salon G
Theme: Pauline Studies
Presiding: Richard A. Wright, Abilene Christian University

8:30 Paul Thomas Sloan, Houston Baptist University
*Rational Worship and the Broken Temple Cultus in Romans*
9:00  Michael Francis, John Brown University
Righteousness from Faith and the Axes of Agency: Paul and Philo in Counterpoint on Deuteronomy 30:11-14

9:30  Robert Matthew Calhoun, Texas Christian University
On the Punctuation of Philippians 2:7

10:00 Cavan Concannon, University of Southern California
Assemblages, Networks, and the Shape of the Pauline Collectives

Theme: General Epistles and Revelation
Presiding: Douglas Kennard, Houston Graduate School of Theology

8:30  Kelly Liebengood, LeTourneau University
The Problem of Reading 1 Peter as Christian Scripture

9:00  Sung Soo Hong, The University of Texas at Austin
Epistolarity in the Ending of the Letter of James

9:30  Paul Hoskins, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Priesthood in the Book of Revelation

10:00 Doug Kennard, Houston Graduate School of Theology
John Calvin’s Novel View of Christ’s Present Personalist Realized Propitiation in 1 John

ASOR, Salon A
Theme: Excavation Reports
Presiding: Chad Spigel, Trinity University

8:30  Marcella Barbosa, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Tel Gezer Excavation Project: 2017 Season

9:00  Steven Ortiz, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Politics and Politics in the Judean Foothills: A Summary of Recent Excavations and Historical Reconstructions in the Shephelah from the LB to IA II

9:30  Jesse Long, Lubbock Christian University
Report on the Archaeological Expedition to Khirbat Iskandar, Jordan
AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion, Salon C
Theme: Spiritual Narratives and Trauma Studies
Presiding: Allen Redmon, Texas A&M University Central Texas

8:30  Tim Basselin and Katie Fisher, Dallas Theological Seminary
      *Lament in Sketches and Poetry*

9:30  Marc DiPaolo, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
      *Is Masters of Horror: Deer Woman John Landis’ Plea for Absolution?*

10:00 Allen Redmon, Texas A&M University Central Texas
      *Autobiography as Adaptation: Understanding Literature and Film through Trauma Studies*

AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion, Salon J
Theme: Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam
Presiding: Chad Pevateaux, Texas Wesleyan University

8:30  Antoinette DeNapoli, Texas Christian University
      *“God Enters Women’s Bodies to Change the World!”: The Feminist Platform of a Female Hindu Guru in North India*

8:50  Gregory L. Bock, University of Texas-Tyler
      *Buddhism, Racism, and Forgiveness*

9:10  D. Mitra Barua, Rice University
      *Buddhists and Muslims in the Chittagong-Rakhine Region*

9:30  Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University
      *Voices of Freedom from Asia and the Middle East*

9:50  Discussion and Business Meeting

AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis, Salon D
Theme: Race and Religion
Presiding: Paul Martens, Baylor University

8:30  Julian Hobdy, Texas Wesleyan University
      *When We Are Weak: Finding the Strength for Racial Harmony in the Theology of John Wesley, James Cone, and Emilie Townes*

8:50  Benjamin Robinson, Southern Methodist University
      *“The Religion of Whiteness on the Shores of our Times”: Anti-blackness and the Category of Religion*
9:10  Pamela Martin, Katina Harris, Adkins Weathersby, Tuere Bowles, and Ariel McField, Prairie View A&M University
Unapologetically Black and Outspoken Christians: The Black Lives Matter Movement within African American Churches

9:30  Salim H. Salim and Pamela Martin, Prairie View A&M University
A Psychometric Investigation of the African American Protestant Faith Communities Scale

9:50  Discussion and Business Meeting

AAR: Philosophy of Religion, Salon B
Theme: Religion and the Modern World
Presiding: Kandace Geldmeier, Syracuse University

8:30  Thomas Estes, Logsdon Seminary
Ghosts of ‘Religious Substance’ in a ‘World Come of Age’: Bonhoeffer, Tillich, and Worldly Christian Experience

9:00  Denise Dupont, Southern Methodist University
St. John of the Cross and Contemporary Readings of Addiction

9:30  Dan Stiver, Logsdon School of Theology
Integrated Experience: Experience as a Source for Theology Then and Now

AAR: Theology, Irving III
Theme: The Community of Theology
Presider: Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

8:30  Daniel P. Strandlund, Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
A Poet’s Word: Language, Theology, and Reading Dante’s Comedy

9:00  Natalya Cherry, Southern Methodist University
Believing Into God: Restoring the Relational Sense of Belief as Constitutive of the Christian Faith

9:30  Carl Hughes, Texas Lutheran University
Mystical Darkness, Revelation, and Race

10:00  Business Meeting
Sunday Morning, March 13 (11:00-12:00)

SBL: Presidential Address, Ballroom F
Presiding: Mark Hamilton, Abilene Christian University

Todd D. Still, Truett Seminary, Baylor University

Paul and “the Good”

ASOR, Salon A
Theme: Temples and Shrines
Presiding: Rebecca Leavell-Kizzia, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

11:00 Terrence Nichols, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Going Digital in an Analog World: The Tandy Karnak Epigraphic Survey Project

11:30 Mark Janzen, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Palimpsests and Propaganda: The Authorship of the War Reliefs on the Western Wall of the Coeur de la Cachette at Karnak Temple

12:00 John Harmon, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Between Akko and Tyre: a Phoenician Border Shrine on Har Mizpe Yammim

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion, Salon H
Theme: Good Times
Presiding: Marc DiPaolo, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

11:00 Darren J. N. Middleton, Texas Christian University
Tarrus Riley’s Rastafari Ras-thetics
11:30  Jesse Hoover, Baylor University  
*A Slave-Holder at the End of the World: J. P. Philpott and the Apocalyptic Confederacy*

12:00  Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma  
*Humor, an Everyday Matter of Life and Death (In Spite of what Some Church Fathers Have Said)*

**AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis, Irving III**  
Theme: Contemporary Issues  
Presiding: Katina Harris, Prairie View A&M University

11:00  Gary Slater, St. Edward's University  
*An Ethics of Sanctuary Cities*

11:20  Kammie Williams, Prairie View A&M University  
*The Hunger for Visual Representation for Disaster Recovery in the News Media*

11:40  Anna Holloway, Philips Theological Seminary, and Susan Adams-Johnson, University of Oklahoma  
*Building Cultural Capital: The Intersection of Social Manners and Religious Liberty*

12:00  Jennifer Hancock, Independent Scholar  
*“What Would Jesus Do?*: The Shaping of a Modern Gospel for Economic Reform in the 1890s—and Today?*

**AAR: History of Christianity, Salon I**  
Theme: Race and Politics in the History of Christianity  
Presiding: Justin Doran, University of Texas at Austin

11:00  João Chaves, Baptist University of the Americas  
*“I Don’t Believe in Borders”: Latin American Baptists and the Theopolitical Challenge of Undocumentation*

11:30  Tal-hi Bitton, George Washington University  
*The Then Religious, New Secularized Experience of Consanguinity and its Relation to Blackness*

12:00  Justin Doran, University of Texas at Austin  
*A Bridge Too Far: Race and Religious Affect in Two Southern, American Churches*
AAR: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality, Salon C
Theme: Flesh and Faith
Presider: Natalya Cherry, Southern Methodist University

11:00 Lisa Hancock, Southern Methodist University
“O Woman’s Nature, Defeating That of Men”: Eschatology, Virginity, and Female Bodies in the Cappadocian Fathers

11:30 Natalya Cherry, Southern Methodist University
Sanitizing the Flesh Out of the Faith that Forms It

12:00 Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University
Unsettling Performance: Gender, Performativity Practices in the Biblical Womanhood Movement

AAR: Theology, Salon B
Theme: Material Speech, Material Silence: Considering Theology’s Material Manifestations
Presider: Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

Panelists: Thomas Millay, Baylor University
Laura Lysen, Baylor University
Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University

Sunday Afternoon, March 11 (12:30), Salon G

SWCRS 2019 Meeting: Planning Session

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