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AAR-SW – American Academy of Religion SW

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ASSR – Association for the Scientific Study of Religion

**NABPR – National Association of Baptist Professors
of Religion, SW Region**

SBL-SW – Society of Biblical Literature SW

RELIGION, MEDICINE AND HEALTH- SWCRS 2019

The March 2019 meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies will incorporate the theme of "Religion, Medicine and Health" into several of its sessions. Participants will hear and present scholarly papers on this theme, as well as a variety of other discipline-specific topics within the fields of archaeology, biblical studies and religious studies. We invite you to preview the sessions on these pages and participate in them at SWCRS 2019. 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 8-10, 2019

Hotel Reservations: Reservations must be made by **February 15, 2019**. Room rates are \$122 (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 9, 2019**. Registration through **Eventbrite** is available online at www.swcrs-online.org and will remain open through the end of the meeting. Mail-in registration must be received by March 2, 2019. 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 8, 5:30-7:00; Saturday, March 9, 8:30-6:30; Sunday, March 10, 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.

REGIONAL MEETING BOOK EXHIBIT

Please visit the publishers' displays in Salon A-D

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

Sunday, March 10, 8:30-12:30

Friday, March 8

3:00-5:00: **AAR REGIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP, ARLINGTON**
(All interested conference attendees should contact Rebecca Huskey
(rhuskey@ou.edu) for details on the workshop.)

Friday Evening, March 8 (7:00-9:00)

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

7:00-9:00: **AAR: BLACK THEOLOGY, Fort Worth**
"African-American Faith-Based Mental Health Education and
Awareness Initiative: Evaluation Report on Lessons Learned"
Presiding: Gary Green, Brite Divinity School, TCU

- Katina Harris, Prairie View A&M University
- Ariel McField, Prairie View A&M University
- Jerron Wray, Prairie View A&M University
- Pamela Martin, Prairie View A&M University

AAR: BLACK THEOLOGY, Grand Prairie
"Youth and Emerging Adults: Faith-Based Programming for
Millennials and Generation Z"
Presiding: Leah Jordan, Brite Divinity School, TCU

- Jameisha Brown, Windsor Village UMC
- Nicole Traphan, God's Way Christian Bapt. Church
- Misty Wilder, Greater Mount Tabor Christian Ctr.

Saturday Morning, March 9 (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 9 (10:30-Noon)

Association for the Scientific Study of Religion (ASSR), Grapevine

Presiding: David Holcomb, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Theme: Consumer Religion, New Eschatology, Artificial Intelligence, and Catholic Religious Studies

- 10:30 J.B. Watson, Jr., Stephen F. Austin State University,
Jesus at Starbucks and Disneyland: Consumer Religion as a Transformational Influence on the Changing U.S. Religious Landscape
- 11:00 Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University
The New Eschatology in the Anthropocene Age
- 11:30 Ben D. Craver, Wayland Baptist University
Morality and Artificial Intelligence: What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

Saturday Morning, March 9 (10:30-Noon)

American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR), Westlake

- 10:30 Chad Spigel, Trinity University
Synagogue Seating, Lived Space, and Jewish Demography in the Diaspora
- 11:00 Jeffrey W. Prager, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
A Reassessment of Iron Age Edom in Light of the Archaeology of the Southern Arabah
- 11:30 Kaz Hayashi, Baylor University
The Enticing Cross: The Apotropaic Lure of the Cross during the 2nd-4th Cent. CE

SBL: Hebrew Bible, Fort Worth

Theme: Deuteronomistic History (II)

Presiding: James Nogalski, Baylor University

- 10:30 Matthew Adams, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (RS)
Songs of Samuel as themes of Torah: Deuteronomy
- 11:00 Tyler Mowry, Baylor University
"Find Him Eyeless in Gaza": Compositional History as Theological Interpretation in Judges 13-16
- 11:30 Jo Ann Hackett, University of Texas at Austin
Surprising Oaths

SBL: Second Temple Judaism, Irving I

Theme: Birth, Death, and Memory

Presiding: Caryn Tamber-Rosenau, University of Houston

- 10:30 Daniel R. Streett, Houston Baptist University
Moses's Birth Date: A Minority Report in Exodus Rabbah with Roots in the Book of Jubilees
- 11:00 Adam Dodd, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Rewriting the Rewritten Tradition: The Recall of Genesis 6 and 1 Enoch 6–11 in the Composition of Jubilees 5
- 11:30 Jay Caballero, University of Texas at Austin
Treason as Capital Offense in the Temple Scroll: Is Absalom the Referent?

SBL: New Testament I, Salon I

Theme: Health, Medicine, and the Body in Early Christian Literature

Presiding: Shelly Matthews, Brite Divinity School

- 11:00 Kim Bauser McBrien, Trinity University
Attempted Ascension in the Apocryphon of James
- 11:30 Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez, Brite Divinity School
Be Careful What You Ask For: Healing of Blind Bartimaeus From a Perspective of Beggars in the Roman Empire (Mark 10:46-52)

SBL: New Testament II, Lone Star

Theme: Reading the New Testament through Prisms of Politics, Race, and Sex

Presiding: Jeff Peterson, Austin Graduate School of Theology

10:30 Acacia Chan, University of Texas
 A Quest for Credibility: Luke's Anti-Autopsy Rhetoric of Perception

11:00 Warren Carter, Brite Divinity School
 Jesus the Good Shepherd: John 10 as Political Rhetoric

11:30 Marcus Jerkins, Baylor University
 The Dynamism of Blackness in An Ethiopian Story and Acts

AAR: Class Studies in Religion, Grand Prairie

Theme: #MeToo and Teaching Religion

Presiding: Susanne Scholz, SMU Perkins School of Theology

- Tiffany Robinson, Texas Christian University
- Jennifer Veninga, St. Edward's University
- Santiago Piñón, Texas Christian University
- Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, SMU, Perkins School of Theology

Respondent: Rannfrid Thelle, Wichita State University

AAR: History of Christianity, Irving II

Theme: Moving from the Margins in Modern Christianity

Presiding: Ryan Fitzgerald, University of Texas at Austin

10:30 Kendra Weddle, Texas Wesleyan University
 100 Years in the Making: Working for Ecclesial Suffrage, M. Madeline Southard and Letha Dawson Scanzoni

11:00 Joshua Ulrich, The University of Texas at Austin
 No Humbugs: One Lutheran Minister's War on Mesmerism, Phrenology, and Mermaids

11:30 Yvette Garcia, Baylor University
 Divine Healing and a Dead Baby in an Ice Chest

AAR: Black Theology, Irving III

Theme: Diagnosis Murder: Black Theology in the Age of Dehumanization

Presiding: Gary Green

- Richard Thomas, Texas Christian University
- Rodney Thomas, Independent Researcher
- Leah Jordan, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
- Hue Woodson, Tarrant County College North West

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion, Salon H

Theme: Exploring Narrative in Prose and Verse

Presider: Rebecca Poe Hays, Baylor University

- 10:30 Catherine Burris, University of Central Missouri
"Why is Febronias Sick? Illness as Virginal, Virtuous Weakness"
- 11:00 Cody Strecker, Baylor University
"Lyric Order: Reimagining Creation's Relation to Other Divine Actions ad extra"
- 11:30 Charles Talar, University of Saint Thomas, Houston
"Naturalizing the Miraculous: Emile Zola's Lourdes"

AAR: Ethics, Society, and Culture Analysis, Salon G

Theme: Women's Health and Religion

Presider: Katina Harris, Prairie View A&M University

- 10:30 Kandace Geldmeier, El Centro College
From Talmud to Texas Border Town: Discourse on Fetal Loss Across Time and Space
- 11:00 I Sil Yoon, Graduate Theological Union
Physical and Spiritual Healthcare: Their Interconnection in the Recovery of Trafficked Women and the Complementary Roles of Medical Professionals and Chaplains
- 11:30 Shakyla Yasin, Prairie View A&M University
Voiceless Victims: The Controversy of Marital Rape

AAR: Theology, Salon J

Theme: Creation: Peoples, Animals, and other Bodies

Presiding: Elise Edwards, Baylor University

- 10:30 Victor Austin, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas
Genesis 2: Human Friendship and Animals, Creation and Political Rule
- 11:00 Natalya Cherry, Brite Divinity School
Primitive Physic and Life Abundant: Creation, Medicine, and Economy In the Healing of the Body and of the World as God's Body
- 11:30 Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas-Austin
Migration & Sacrifice: Stories of Creation in Colonial Mesoamerica

AAR: Professional Development Session, Southlake

Theme: Careers Beyond the Professoriate

Presiding: Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University

- Jennifer Hancock, grant writer and consultant
- Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life
- Lauren Horn Griffin, University of Oklahoma

Saturday, March 9, 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, 2019. Space is limited to the first 40 guests. Lunch will be served in *Crosswinds*.**

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AAR Women's Wellness Lunch

In the **Arlington Room**

Boxed lunches available

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, speaker
Of Perkins School of Theology, SMU

Saturday Afternoon, March 9 (1:30-3:30)

ASSR, Westlake

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

Theme: Herod, Health, and Hate

- 1:30 Patrick Scott Smith, Independent Researcher, Nixa, Missouri
A More Accurate Rendering of Herod's Harbor: Hydrodynamic and Meteorological Factors
- 2:00 David Holcomb, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Nonprofit Nonpartisanship: Examining the Constitutional and Political Debate over the Johnson Amendment
- 2:30 Dennis Horton, Baylor University
The Potential Impact of Faith-based International Partnerships on Community Health
- 3:00 Dianne E. Dentice, Stephen F. Austin State University
Hate Speech, Prejudice, and the Bible

ASOR, Grapevine

- 1:30 Jennifer Cowlishaw (Co-authors: Thomas Davis, Laura Swantek, and Lucas Grimsley), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Kourion Urban Space Project: 2018 Season
- 2:00 John A. Harmon, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Four Seasons on the Citadel: a preliminary summary of excavations on the Upper City of Abel Beth Maacah
- 2:30 David Vila, John Brown University
Excavating Abila of the Decapolis: the 2018 Season
- 3:00 **SW Region ASOR Business Meeting**

SBL: Hebrew Bible I, Salon I

Theme: Deuteronomistic History (II)

Presiding: Jo Ann Hackett, University of Texas at Austin

- 1:30 Zac Poppen, Brite Divinity School (Texas Christian University)
Prophecy in a New Key: An Examination of Hannah's Intermediary Folk Song in 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- 2:00 Kimberlee Bryson, George W. Truett Theological Seminary
Look at Me!: Uncovering and Healthy Correction in II Samuel 6
- 2:30 Stuart Lasine, Wichita State University
Samuel-Kings as a Mirror for Princes: Parental Education and Judean Royal Families
- 3:00 Roy Ellis Garton, Baylor University
Prophets and Children and Bears, Oh My! Reading נערים קטנים as Dysphemism in 2 Kgs 2:23-24

SBL: Hebrew Bible II, Irving I

Theme: Psalms and Lamentations

Presiding: Timothy J. Sandoval, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University

- 1:30 Brent Nessler, Truett Theological Seminary – Baylor University
Out of the Silent Land: Post-Traumatic Resilience in Psalm 115
- 2:00 Nicholas R. Werse, Baylor University (RS)
Parallelism, Memory, and the Impetus for Worship in Psalm 136
- 2:30 Rebecca Poe Hays, Baylor University
Singing, Storytelling, and Sustaining Wellbeing: The Psalms as a Resource for Resilience
- 3:00 Mayer I. Gruber, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Pellagra in Lamentations 5:10

SBL: Second Temple Judaism, Fort Worth

Theme: Texts in Relationship: Influence and Response

Presiding: Joseph McDonald, Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University

- 1:30 Amy Smith Carman, Brite Divinity School
The Continuing Quest for the Corinthian Women Prophets in Light of the Daughters in the Testament of Job

- 2:00 Marcus Hayes, Brite Divinity School
*Similarity in Difference: Reading the Wisdom of Qohelet with the
 Apocalypse of The Book of the Watchers*
- 2:30 Jon-Michael Carman, Baylor University
Adam and the Angels: Angelic Jealousy in Second Temple Judaism

SBL: New Testament, Salon G

Theme: *The Museum of the Bible: A Critical Introduction* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019)

Presiding: Brent Landau, University of Texas

- 1:30 Mark Chancey, Southern Methodist University
Museum of the Bible's Politicized Holy Land Trip for Students
- 1:45 Jill Hicks-Keeton, University of Oklahoma
Christian Supersessionism and the Museum of the Bible
- 2:00 Cavan Concannon, University of Southern California
The Uses and Abuses of Archaeology at the Museum of the Bible
- Respondents:
- 2:15 Michael W. Holmes, Bethel University
- 2:30 Steve Friesen, University of Texas
- 2:45 Shelly Matthews, Brite Divinity School
- 3:00 Discussion (30 minutes)

AAR: Black Theology, Salon H

Theme: Examining the Racial Politics of Health/Care

Presiding: Gary Green, Brite Divinity School Texas Christian University

- 1:30 Andrea Horton, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL
*Rewriting Herstory: Narrative and Storytelling as Vehicles for
 Cultivating Healthy Self-Objects in African American Women*
- 2:00 Benjamin Robinson, Southern Methodist University
*"White People are the Police:" Black Study Beyond the Theo-religious
 Epistemology of Policing*
- 2:30 Michael Royster, Prairie View A&M University
*Faith, Black Theology and Realpolitik within the Context of Total
 Degradation*

AAR: Philosophy of Religion, Irving III

Theme: **Human Health, Human Nature, Human Existence**

Presiding: Kandace Geldmeier

- 1:30 Dan Stiver, Hardin-Simmons University
"Are You in Your Right Mind?": Embodied Epistemology and Health
- 2:00 Jack Hill, Texas Christian University
Demonic and Salvific Implications of Heidegger's Concept of Technology for Health and Spirituality
- 2:30 Jacob Cook, Friends University
The Dangers of Misplacing the Concreteness of Idealist Anthropologies

AAR: Theta Alpha Kappa, Lone Star

Theme: Topics in Undergraduate Research

Presiding: Jennifer Veninga, St. Edward's University

- 1:30 Jenny Johnson, Oklahoma City University
"Woman in Genesis: Secondary Helper or Equal Partner?"
- 2:00 Michael McCluskey, Texas Christian University
"Evangelizing the Vote: Family Values in the Political Rhetoric of the Midterm Elections"
- 2:30 Anita Salazar, Wayland Baptist University
"Notable Women in Joshua and Judges"
- 3:00 Maddie Smith, St. Edward's University
"The Cappadocian Sister: The Lost Theology of Macrina"

AAR: Class Studies in Religion, Grand Prairie

Theme: Health, Religion, and Class

Presiding: Susanne Scholz, SMU Perkins School of Theology

- 1:30 Michael Royster, Prairie View A&M University
Ancient Wisdom, Holistic Health, and Healing in the Syncretic Religious Traditions of the African Diaspora
- 2:00 Anthony Mansueto, El Centro College
The Social Basis and Political Valence of the New Age

- 2:30 Benjamin Robinson, Southern Methodist University
Land Enclosure, the Racializing and Gendering of Religion in the Transition to Capitalism
- 3:00 Laulie Eckeberger, University of Winchester
To Embody Healing: Body Image, Health Practices and Wellness in Theological Perspective

AAR: History of Christianity, Dallas

Theme: Innovations in the Study of Ancient Christians

Presider: Ryan Fitzgerald, University of Texas at Austin

- 1:30 Ethan Laster, Abilene Christian University
John the Solitary's Epistle to Marcianus: An Introduction and Analysis
- 2:00 Eric Wickman, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Why Read Scripture Allegorically? The Exegesis of Hilary of Poitiers

AAR: Ethics, Society, and Culture Analysis, Irving II

Theme: Religion and Mental Health

- 1:30 Ashton Sorrels, Brite Divinity School
Visions of the Autpocalypse: Religious Meaning-Making and Autistic Embodiment
- 2:00 MiSchelle Edwards, Prairie View A&M University
A Generation of Black Girls on a Pathless Journey
- 2:30 Katina Harris & Pamela Martin, Prairie View A&M University
The Relationship Between Theological Orientations and Mental Health Symptoms"
- 3:00 Jerron Wray, Prairie View A&M University
African American Faith Leaders and Mental Health: A Qualitative Analysis

AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion, Salon F

Theme: Assorted Papers

Presiding: Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University

- 1:30 Yushau Sodiq, Texas Christian University
African American Muslims (the Nation of Islam) and their Perception of Other Muslim Groups in the USA

- 2:00 Ivette Vargas, Austin College
The Tibetan Dilemma: Healing, Identity and Political Resistance
- 2:30 Donnalee Dox, Texas A&M University
Energy, Entropy and the Question of Life in Medieval Ayurveda
- 3:00 **Discussion and business meeting**

AAR: Theology, Salon J

Theme: Creation: New Lines of Thought for an Old Doctrine

Presiding: Elise Edwards, Baylor University

- 1:30 C. David Grant, Texas Christian University
Creation as Serendipitous Creativity: Toward a Naturanistic Doctrine of Creatio
- 2:00 Thomas Estes, Independent Scholar
Creatio Ex Amore: Michael Lodhal on Creation and the Theological Priority of Love
- 2:30 **Discussion and business meeting**

Saturday Afternoon, March 9, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK, BOOK EXHIBIT, SALON A-D

Complimentary coffee and tea

Saturday, March 9, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

AAR Plenary Session, Irving I-III

“Tibetan Mind-body Practices in the Texas Medical Center”

Dr. Alejandro Chaoul, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Palliative, Rehabilitation, and Integrative Medicine, Division of Cancer Medicine, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

ASSR, Salon G

Presiding: Michael D. Royster, Prairie View A&M University

Theme: Postmodernism and Mediumship

- 4:00 Jon K. Loessin, Wharton County Junior College
Mysticism, Crypticism, and the Matrices of Mental Health: Baudrillard, Cioran, and the Quest of Postmodern Ecstasy
- 4:30 Todd Jay Leonard, Fukuoka University of Education, Japan, and J. P. Hall, Ball State University
The Fabulous...and Notorious Bangs Sisters: An Historical Examination of their Mediumship and Gift of "Precipitated Spirit Art"
- 5:00 Business Meeting

ASOR, Salon H

- 4:00 Kristen Flake, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Four Seasons Motif: An Analysis of Mosaics across Jewish and Greco-Roman Spaces
- 4:30 Chris McKinny, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Tel Burna after a Decade of Work - the Late Bronze and Iron Ages
- 5:00 Philip Webb, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Seeing the Kingdom: Visibility, Territoriality, and the Iron Age Sanctuaries of Cyprus

SBL: Hebrew Bible I, Salon I

Theme: Proverbs and Historiography

Presiding: Rebecca Poe Hays, Baylor University

- 4:00 William Luther Martin, Jr., Independent Scholar
Sociological Impact of a Constant Cyclical Fluctuation of Occupation and Dispersion among Competing Levantine Groups in the Longue Durée
- 4:30 Glenn Pemberton, Abilene Christian University
Framing Devices in Proverbs: Trust and the Fear of the Lord
- 5:00 Timothy J. Sandoval, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University
I am Weary, O God: A Proposal for Understanding Prov 30:1-3

SBL: Hebrew Bible II, Westlake

Theme: Prophets

Presiding: Adam Dodd, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

- 4:00 Kipp Swinney, Baylor University
Bringing God to Bear: The Theological Claims about Yahweh as the Divine Warrior in Prophetic Rhetoric
- 4:30 Cara Forney, Baylor University
Woman Jerusalem, Temple Jerusalem: The Priestly Concerns of Ezekiel in the Structure and Message of Ezekiel 16
- 5:00 Nathan Hays, Baylor University (RS)
Prideful Ninevites, Boastful Jerusalemites: The Characterization of Assyria and the Aim of Zephaniah 3:1-7 in Inculcating Scribal Humility

SBL: New Testament, Salon J

Theme: Colonial and Carceral Readings of Early Christian Texts

Presiding: Cavan Concannon, University of Southern California

- 4:00 Donald Kim, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Enduring God's Punishment: A Punitive Reading of 'Discipline' in Korean Translations of Heb 12:5-11
- 4:30 Mazieli Barreto Dani, Brite Divinity School
God's Colonizing Presence and the Salvation of Land in Matthew's Gospel
- 5:00 Charles Schmidt, Rice University
Bodily Discipline and Care of the Christian Self: Clement of Alexandria and Foucault

Saturday Evening, March 9 (5:30-6:30), Salon A-E

RECEPTION

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

Announcement of 2019 Awards

Presiding: Stacy Patty, Lubbock Christian University,
SWCRS President

Saturday Evening, March 9 (6:30-10:00)

SBL: Presidential Address, Ballroom F (6:30-8:00)

Presiding: Rannfrid Thelle, Wichita State University

Mark W. Hamilton, Abilene Christian University,
President, SBL-SW

*God and Empire: Israelite Theology
in the Shadow of the Long Sixth
Century*

ASSR, Salon G

Presiding: Dianne E. Dentice, Stephen F. Austin State University

Theme: Politics, the Demonized, Deep Time

- 6:30 Nick Hadsell, Houston Baptist University
Religious Convictions & Politics: A Defense of the Consocial Position from Alternatives
- 7:00 Christopher M Babits, The University of Texas at Austin
The Diseased and the Demonized: Kent Philpott and Ex-Gay Ministering in the San Francisco Bay Area, 1968-1980
- 7:30 Jesse Hoover, Baylor University
Of Floods and Fossils: The Early Christian Encounter with Deep Time

ASSR, Salon G

Presiding: Karol A. Chandler-Ezell, Stephen F. Austin State University

Theme: Letters after Death, Legends and Environment, Biopiracy, Intercourse Based Rituals

- 8:00 Nicholas Elliott, University of St Thomas
The Author and the Letter Symbolically Bonded by Death and Grief: A Symbolic Examination of Authored Letters Written After One's Death
- 8:30 Kathleen Osborn, Stephen F. Austin State University
Legends and Environment
- 9:00 Noel M. Faure, Stephen F. Austin State University
A Study of Women's Roles in a Culture and How these Roles Influence their Intercourse Based Rituals



***Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour:
DST begins March 10, 2019***

Sunday Morning, March 10 (7:30-8:30)

7:30-8:15 **AAR: Business Meeting, Grand Prairie**
Presiding: Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma

7:30 **SBL-SW: Business Meeting, Fort Worth**

BOOK EXHIBITS OPEN IN SALON A-D

Sunday, March 10, 8:30-12:30

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

ASSR, Irving I

Theme: First Peoples, Bob Marley, Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy, Gender Issues

Presiding: Patrick Scott Smith, Independent Researcher, Nixa, Missouri

8:30 James Douglass Williams and Sandra Dutreau Williams, Independent
Researchers, Perkins, Oklahoma
The Religion of the First Peoples and its Influence on Western Religions

9:00 Darren J. N. Middleton, Texas Christian University
Bob Marley, Inc.

9:30 Jerry Summers, East Texas Baptist University
A Meditation on The Multifirmity of Man by Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy

10:00 Revenendo R. Vargas, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines
The Gender Issue: Sexual Liberation or 'Hardness of the Heart'?

SBL: Hebrew Bible, Irving II

Theme: Pentateuch

Presiding: Rannfrid Thelle, Wichita State

8:30 Chwi-Woon Kim, Baylor University
*A Priestly Narrative Framework of Protecting Sacred Space in the Garden
of Eden Story (Gen 2:4b-3:24)*

9:00 Bruce Wells, University of Texas at Austin
Sexual Rules and Social Cohesion in Leviticus

9:30 Stephen Breck Reid, George W. Truett Theological Seminary/Baylor
Freedom Narratives to the Civil Rights Preaching and Beyond: The Book of Deuteronomy

10:00 Adam Dodd, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Rewriting from Memory: The Reception of the Hebrew Scriptures in the Book of Jubilees

SBL: New Testament, Salon G

Theme: Place, Matter, and Ritual in Early Christianity

Presiding: Jill Hicks-Keeton, University of Oklahoma

8:30 Jason Whitlark, Baylor University
'Anchoring' the Audience of Hebrews in Rome

9:00 David A Flood, II, Dallas Theological Seminary
New Readings in P45: Luke

9:30 Brent Landau, University of Texas at Austin
What Does a 'Conspiracy Theory' About the Historical Jesus Look Like?

10:00 Annelies Moeser, Brite Divinity School
The Aroma of Christ as a Healing Performance (2 Cor 2:14-16)

AAR: Black Theology, Westlake

Theme: Go Tell It on the Mountain: Faith-Based Communities Promoting Mental Health

Presiding: Richard Thomas, Texas Christian University

- Vicky Coffee, God's Way Christian Baptist Church
- Sonya Hosey, God's Way Christian Baptist Church
- Sherrye Willis, God's Way Christian Baptist Church

AAR: Philosophy of Religion, Fort Worth

Theme: Classic Topics across Philosophy of Religion

Presiding: Kandace Geldmeier

8:30 Rebecca Huskey, University of Oklahoma
"Is joking about (or even laughing at) God the best theological medicine? Considering possible comedic responses to evil and theodicy"

9:00 McKenzie Brown, Texas Wesleyan University
"The Problem of the Problem of Evil: How Accessible Are Philosophical Solutions to the Problem of Evil?"

- 9:30 Zachary Akin, Independent Scholar
"The Reformed Agnosticism of David Hume"
- 10:00 Chris Baca, Southwestern Assemblies of God University
"Kierkegaard's Religious Epistemology"

AAR: Theology, Salon I

Theme: Theological Perspectives on Healing

Presiding: Elise Edwards, Baylor University

- 8:30 Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Perkins School of Theology
"Physicians of the Soul"
- 9:00 Alden Smith, Baylor University
"'Of course... He heals women also...': Chrysostom's Feministic Homily on Healing (Homily 31 on Matthew)"
- 9:30 Nathan Garcia, Oblate School of Theology
"Toward a Theological Consciousness of Health Care in the Catholic Faithful"
- 10:00 Tara Flanagan, Maria College
"The Theology of Cicely Saunders: Examining the Religious Dimensions of Clinical Practice in Hospice and Palliative Care"

AAR: Study of Islam, Grand Prairie

Theme: Approaches to Islamic Scripture

Presiding: Sajida Jalalzai, Trinity University

- 8:30 David Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma
"Psalms of the Muslim Prophet David: Rewritten Bible in a Qur'anic Idiom"
- 9:00 Ali Ataie, Zaytuna College
"Authenticating the Johannine Injil: A Sunnite Theo-Mystical 'Polemirenic' Hermeneutic of the Gospel of John"
- 9:30 Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University
"Is the Bible an Islamic 'Scripture?' Expanding the Interpretive 'Canon' in Modern Tafsir"
- 10:00 Hina Azam, The University of Texas at Austin
"An Ethics-Oriented Pedagogy of the Qur'an for the College Classroom"

AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion, Salon H

Theme: Roundtable discussion: Religion, Medicine, and Health

Presiding: Andy Fort, Texas Christian University

- Bill Barnard, Southern Methodist University
- Alejandro Chaoul, Jung Center's Mind Body Spirit Institute
- Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University
- Donnalee Dox, Texas A&M University
- Chad Pevateaux, Texas Wesleyan University

AAR: Religion, Gender and Sexuality, Salon J

Theme: Objectification, Exclusion, and Intersectionality

Presiding: Whitney Cox, Rowan University

- 8:30 Amy Smith Carman, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
"Recovering" the Corinthian Women Prophets: A Feminist Interpretation of Shaved Heads in 1 Cor 11:2-16
- 9:00 Marcella Clinard, Texas Woman's University
Using Intersectionality to Teach Religion in the Women's and Gender Studies Classroom
- 9:30 Discussion

AAR: Ethics, Society, and Cultural Analysis, Irving III

Theme: Human Rights

Presiding: Katina Harris, Prairie View A&M University

- 8:30 Matthew Anderson, Baylor University
Finding the Right to Found a (Natural?) Family
- 9:00 Gregory Bock, University of Texas at Tyler
The End of Religious Exemptions from Measles Vaccination Requirements
- 9:30 Gary Slater, St. Edward's University
Toward a Religious Ethics of Brain Emulation and End-of-Life Care

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

COFFEE BREAK, BOOK EXHIBIT SALON A-D

Complimentary coffee and tea

Sunday Morning, March 10 (11:00-12:30)

SBL: Plenary Address, Salon F

Presiding: Mark Hamilton, Abilene Christian University

Jonathan Klawans, Boston University

***Heresy, Forgery, Novelty: Revealing Jewish
Origins of Christian Heresy***

ASOR, Salon J

- 11:00 Rebekah Ross, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Good China: The Glass from Kourion
- 11:30 Charissa Wilson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
A Segmented Dwelling at Gezer: its Context and Interpretation
- 12:00 Clay Carpenter, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Marking the Second Death: Ossuaries, the Nefesh, and Hybridization

ASSR, Salon G

Presiding: J.B. Watson, Jr., Stephen F. Austin State University
Theme: Love, Politics, Medicine, Hitler

- 10:30 Derek de la Peña, Wharton County Junior College
Loving thyself and well-being: What does God have to do with it?

11:00 Karol A. Chandler-Ezell, Stephen F. Austin State University
Hide-Bound Medicine and Local Religious Interpretation in Understanding Culture Bound Syndromes

11:30 Alisa Hardy, Wichita State University
The German Messiah: Hitler Cast as Germany's Savior

12:00 Discussion

AAR: Arts, Literature, and Religion, Salon H

Theme: The Art of Meditation and Meaning-Making

Presiding: J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University

11:00 Ching-wei Wang, Institute of Chinese Buddhism, Singapore
"The Healing Power of the Lotus Sutra --The Effects of the Lotus Samadhi Practice and Meditative Artistic Creations"

11:30 Ronald Lorenzo, Prairie View A&M University
"Religious Meaning of Blood and Hair in Japanese Anime Series"

12:00 Saman Fazeli, University of Colorado, Boulder
"A Reflection on Siāh-Qalam's Paintings; A Problem of Authenticity in the Intersection of Two Traditions: Shiwang and Šāh-nāma"

AAR: Ethics, Society, and Culture Analysis, Irving III

Theme: Culture and Environment

11:00 Shawn Varghese, University of Texas at Dallas
"Dallas Seminary Is Where It's At": The National Negro Evangelical Association, Dallas Theological Seminary and Black Ministers

11:30 Justin Davis, Avila University
"God is Lost in the Crowd: Kierkegaard and the Retreat from the Mob to Find God in Isolation"

AAR: Liberation Theology, Grapevine

Theme: Liberation and Nature in Latin America

Presiding: Joao Chaves, Baylor University

11:00 Andrew Venson, St. Edward's University
"Mary the Mother and Mother Nature"

11:30 Creighton Chandler, Our Lady of the Lake University
"Whose despierta?: The Education in Faith of Early Catholic Liberation in Guatemala's Highlands"

12:00 Yolanda Santiago Correa, Southern Methodist University
"¿Que Será de Puerto Rico Cuando Venga el Temporal?": A Liberationist Response to the Question Academia has yet to Answer"

AAR: Study of Islam, Fort Worth

Theme: Issues in Contemporary Islam

Presiding: Sajida Jalalzai, Trinity University

11:00 Clara Hecht, University of Texas at Austin
"Opening the Gates: An Analysis of Palestinian Islamic Feminist Activism within a Multiple Critique Framework"

11:30 Saman Fazeli, University of Colorado Boulder
"A Reflection on Two Modern Categories: Fundamentalism and the Medicine of Ahl al-Bayt"

12:00 Destiny Mundy, University of Texas at Austin
"Reproductive Health Services in Iran: Unmarried Women's Access to Contraception"

AAR: Comparative and Asian Studies in Religion, Salon I

Theme: Roundtable discussion: Contemplative Studies Programs in the Southwest

Presiding: Chad Pevateaux, Texas Wesleyan University

- Bill Barnard, Southern Methodist University
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- Donnalee Dox, Texas A&M University
- Andy Fort, Texas Christian University
- Chad Pevateaux, Texas Wesleyan University
- Ivette Vargas, Austin College

AAR: Theology, Grand Prairie

Theme: Creation and the Presence of God

Presiding: Elise Edwards, Baylor University

- 11:00 Alex Fogleman, Baylor University
"Patron Saint of Science? Basil of Caesarea's Critique of Materialism and its Vices"
- 11:30 Josh Mobley, Durham University
"An 'Accidental' Account of Creation"
- 12:00 Chance Juliano, Abilene Christian University
"Divine Simplicity as a Necessary Condition for Affirming Creatio Ex Nihilo"

AAR: Special Session, Irving II

Theme: Literary and Religious Studies Scholars Read Together – Dostoevsky's The Brothers Karamazov, Challenging Received Wisdom

Presiding: Katherine Downey, AAR Regions Director

- Loreta Peebles, Dallas County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program
- Tom Millay, Baylor University
- Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University

Sunday Afternoon, March 10 (12:30), Salon G**SWCRS 2020 Meeting: Planning Session**

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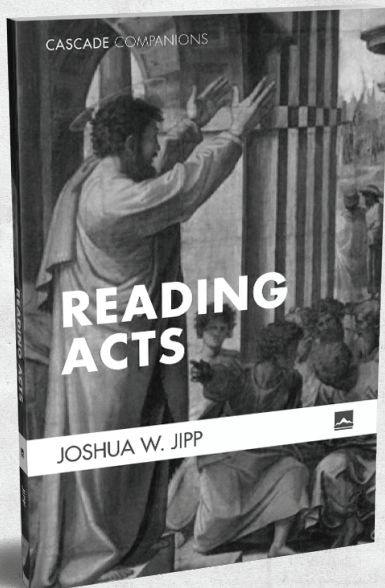
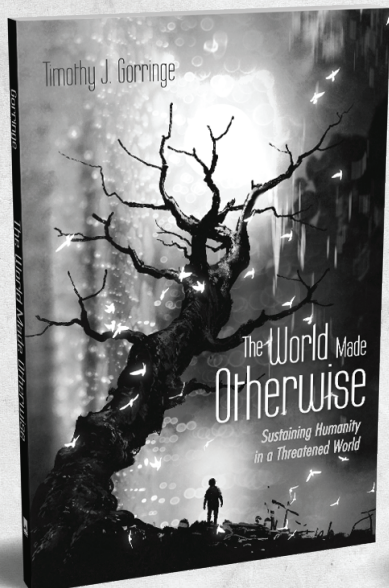
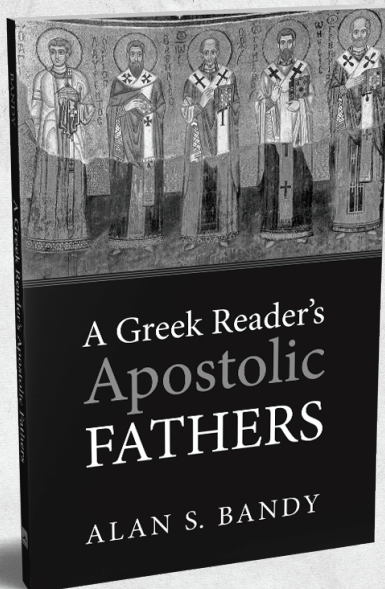
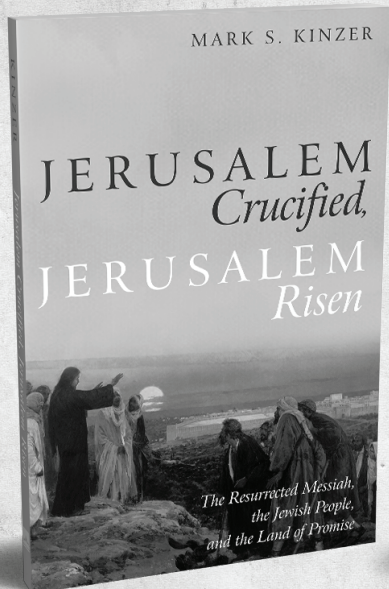
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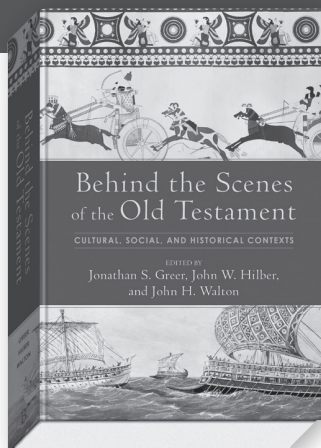
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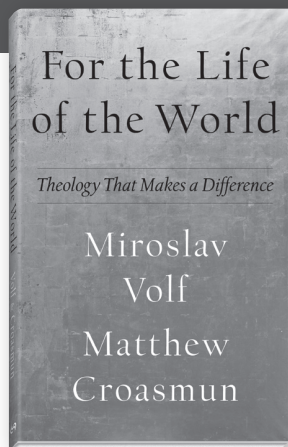


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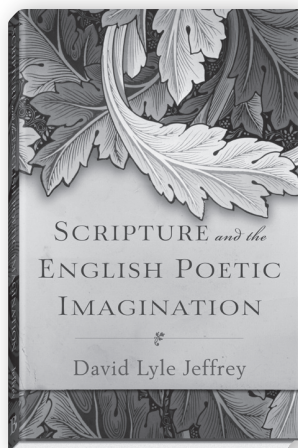
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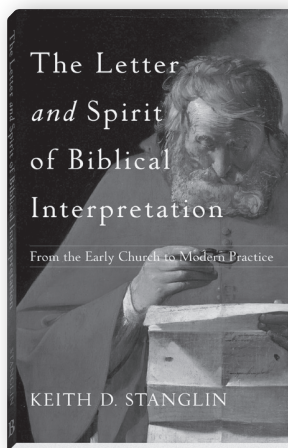


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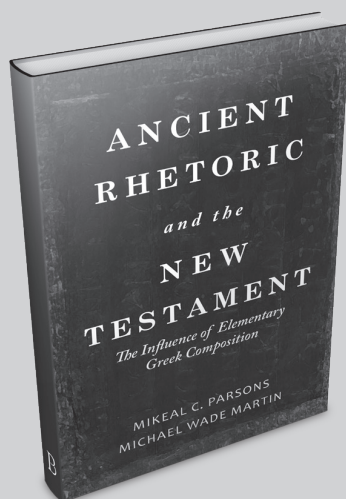
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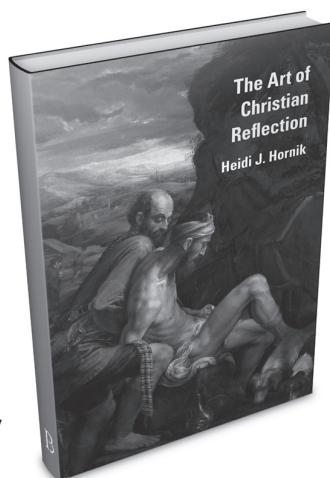


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